

**The Covenant of Our  
Congregation  
Adopted in 1962**

*We do hereby set forth the principles of the Christian faith as commonly held among us, believing that no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.*

*It shall be our aim to bring joy to little children, instruction and high ideals to youth, inspiration to men and women in the midst of life, and comfort to those in life's later years; and to labor together for the betterment of humankind.*

*Our fellowship shall not be dependent upon identity of theological opinion, or of outward circumstance, or of denominational concern, but shall grow from a common loyalty to Jesus, a common commitment to serve the world we touch, and a common purpose to do justly, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with God.*

*Our ideal is a church of the open mind, the warm heart, the hopeful spirit, and the social vision which ever seeks to express, in all walks of life, the mind of Jesus.*



Change is difficult. Not changing is fatal.

*October 19, 2014*



***First Reformed Church***  
8 North Church Street  
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## **Welcome to First Reformed Church**

*We are a welcoming and affirming congregation and absolutely everyone is invited to our worship, activities, and service.*

If you are a first time visitor we hope you feel at home here. Please fill out a little white pew card and place it in the offering plate and join us after the service for coffee and refreshments.

### **Non Emergency Number**

Schenectady Police: 518-382-5200

### **Parking**

You may park in **any** of the lots around the church or the Stockade Inn on Sunday mornings.

### **Need Help?**

Large print bulletins and audio receivers are available to assist you. Please ask an usher. Special bulletins for children are also available. Restrooms are located out the front right doorway of the sanctuary; a baby changing station is in the women's bathroom.

### **Elders in Worship**

Past and current leaders we call 'Elders' walk in together at the beginning of worship and sit in the front pew. This is to identify them as servants of the mission of the church and make it easy to see who you might talk to about the life of our congregation.

### **Joining the Congregation**

To become a member of the congregation, there is a one-time orientation, a meeting with the governing board, and a reception in worship. If you are interested in the next orientation please fill out a white pew card.

### **Communion**

Our congregation celebrates the Lord's Supper on the first Sunday of the month. All followers of Christ are invited to share this meal.

### **Hearing Assistance**

We have hearing reinforcement units that will make it easier to hear. Ask an usher.

### **Child Care on Sunday**

Childcare for babies through age four is available from 10am and noon in Kinderwyk, which is located in the building near the church office entry.

### **Church School**

All children in grades K-8 are welcome to join in our Church School activities by leaving immediately after the Children's Message. Parents can pick up their children after worship on the 2nd floor at the top of the stairs.

### **Church School on Communion Sundays**

On Communion Sundays (the first Sunday of the month) youth in grades 3-8 remain in the service to participate in Communion while those in grades K-2 are welcome to go upstairs after the Children's Message for music and crafts.

### **Children's Worship Bulletins**

Special bulletins for children, ages 3-6 and 7-12 are available each Sunday. If the ushers are not handing them out, just ask for one.

### **After Worship**

Typically after worship, people stop for a chat and refreshments in Assembly Hall before going to a learning opportunity that lasts until noon. Visitors are welcome to join in.

### **Service Online**

A recording of each of our worship services is at [1stReformed.com](http://1stReformed.com) one or two days following the service.

### **Lost and Found Basket**

We have a lost and found basket in the Narthex at the Union St. entrance of the church. If you have lost/misplaced an item at church, please check there.

**Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

October 19, 2014

\*The congregation may stand.

PRELUDE in F Kaelan Hansson

10:00 a.m.

GREETING Daniel Carlson

The grace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS & ORIENTATION

CALL TO WORSHIP Stacey Midge

\*HYMN *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* #376

\*OUR NEED FOR GOD (*unison*)

Holy One, we confess that we have made excuses for not following your call. In our laziness, we have avoided and denied you. We do not look for you in the face of others, nor do we let others see your holiness in us. We have doubted your presence and failed to let you change our lives. Help us. Make us more complete and faithful in all that we do, we pray. Amen.

\*GOD'S FORGIVING LOVE

\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

**God welcomes all, strangers and friends;  
God's love is strong and it never ends!**

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*unison*)

*from the Accra Confession*

We believe in God, Creator and Sustainer of all life, who calls us as partners in the creation and redemption of the world. We live under the promise that Jesus Christ came so that all might have life in fullness. Guided and upheld by the Holy Spirit we open ourselves to the reality of our world. We believe that God is sovereign over all creation. "The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof."

\*PASSING THE PEACE

MUSICAL OFFERING

*Organ Concerto Op. 292  
No. 4 in F major  
Allegro  
G.F. Handel*

FIRST LESSON Barbara Walton

Guide us, God, by your Word and Holy Spirit.

**Amen.** *Ecclesiastes 3:1-11 (pg 616)*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SECOND LESSON *Revelation 21:1-6 (pg 259)*

SERMON *All Things New* Stacey Midge

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Andante*

\*DOXOLOGY #555

*Now Thank We All Our God*

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*unison*)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

\*HYMN #455 (vss. 1, 2, 5, 6)

*All Creatures of Our God and King*

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

*Adagio, Allegro and Alleluia*

POSTLUDE Sicilian Mariners  
*Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing*

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**Entered Into Eternal Rest  
Jack Kampf  
October 12, 2014**

**Prayers of the People**

Requests for prayer may be noted on a pew card and placed in the offering plate. We pray regularly for those who are ill, those who serve their country, those who hunger, and those who are our enemies. As part of our prayers this morning, we remember with thanksgiving members of FRC & UPC who entered eternal rest in previous years about this time:

*Loretta Bloomquist, Anne B. Coggeshall, Sara Hollister Linder, Marie Pletenik*

If you are aware of a departed member, whose name has not been noted near the anniversary of their death, please speak with one of our ministers or contact the church office.

**In Memoriam**

The chancel flowers today are placed in the sanctuary to the glory of God and in loving memory of his wife, Jean C. Collins, and their son, David N. Collins, from Bill Collins. We are grateful that these flowers, which represent our prayers and praise, will be taken to church family members to recognize a special need or celebration.

**Celebratory or Memorial Flowers**

A flower calendar is posted on the right side of the Poling House entrance to the sanctuary wherein you can choose a date for donating flowers to remember a loved one or to honor a special event. Please inform the church office of your wishes. The cost of the flowers is \$30 for two bouquets. You may send your check payable to Chancel Guild, c/o Marlene Risseeuw, 2140 Niskayuna Dr., Niskayuna, NY 12309.

**Music Notes:** Today's selections consist of G.F. Handel's Organ Concerto Op. 292, No. 4 in F Major. It is conducted by Corine Salon, Artistic Coordinator. Our guest organist is Kaelan Hansson who is a fourth year student at Union College, a recent winner of the Union concerto competition majoring in mechanical engineering with a minor in French and music.

Our orchestral musicians are: Kaelan Hansson, organ; Ann-Marie Baker-Schwartz, Virginia Travers, Bob Brannon, Violin I; Carol Blom, Ann Seidman, Arlene Koster, Jayne McCann, Violin II; Edith Kliman, Karl Brosch, Viola; Cathie-Jo Brun, Cello; Andrew Tysoe, Bass; Ralph Thomas, Bassoon; Gus Birkhead, Horn 1; Josef Schmee, Horn 2; Kelly Jo Breczka, Oboe; Naphtali Rothrock, rehearsal accompanist.

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**Post Service Refreshments**

Everyone is invited to have refreshments in Assembly Hall right after worship. We are always looking for volunteers to bring in treats of any kind. It can be cookies, cheese and crackers, fruit, or anything you want. Please contact our Taart Baas, Karen Gonda, via email at gonda6@aol.com or at 607-725-4521, to indicate the dates you are available.

**Orff Ensemble**

Members of the Orff Ensemble will gather in the Music Office at 11:15am today for a get acquainted, planning and celebration of all things Orff! If you have an interest in knowing more about our Orff Ensemble, please feel free to join us. We will be cozy and brief.

## **Faith Bookshop**

The Bookshop is open again in full swing: a little before the church service and again until noon. We love browsers as well as buyers. As always, there is a 30% discount on books ordered through the bookshop.

## **October Church School**

**Today:** K-8 Regular Church school

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Kirk Ringers/Singers will meet 11 – 11:30am  
Communion Sundays and 11:15 – noon all other  
Sundays. Any child K-8 is welcome to join us!  
Teachers are still needed for Fall classes: K-2, 3-5, and 6-8.

## **Forum**

After worship most Sundays at 11:15am in Poling Chapel, suggestions for programs are welcome from any committee or member; simply contact Amy Brule 785-8201, Peggy King 370-1885, Olivia Mancuso 381-8860, or Joe Doolittle 384-1700.

**Today:** Worship Talkback with Focus on Music – Rev. Bill Levering

**October 26:** Perspectives on Daniels' Doctoral Process – Rev. Daniel Carlson

**November 2:** Stewardship FRC/UPC "No Nonsense" – Rev. Bill Levering

## **Fall Youth Activities**

Youth group will meet every Sunday at 5pm for dinner, discussion, games, etc. All youth in grades 6 – 12 are welcome, including friends who do not normally attend this church. If you have questions, please contact Stacey.

**Today:** Regular Meeting

**October 26:** Bowlathon at Boulevard Bowl, 1pm

**November 2:** Regular Meeting

## **Jazz Vespers Every Sunday ~ 5pm**

**Today:** Peg Delaney, piano; Bill Delaney; bass, Tom D'Andrea, drums

**October 26:** Paul Mastriani, piano; Linda Brown, bass, Tom D'Andrea, drums

**November 2:** Nat Phipps, piano; Pete Toigo, bass; Tom D'Andrea, drums

## **New Readers Discussion Today**

For a late lunch and lively discussion, come join us today at 12pm in the Mezzanine. We'll be discussing Matthew Vines' book, God and the Gay Christian.

## **Horizons Bible Study Material**

Our study for the fall is "Reconciling Paul: A Contemporary Study of 2 Corinthians." We meet weekly on Tuesdays at 10am in Poling Conference Room. Study guides are available in the church office for \$8 for anyone interested.

## **Midweek Evening Meal**

Each Wednesday, those who appreciate eating with others gather in Assembly Hall at 6pm for a pot-luck dinner and friendly conversation. Bring whatever edibles you enjoy and wish to share; ice water and hot coffee provided. We clean up after ourselves; Midweek Evening Worship follows for those who wish to stay.

## **Midweek Evening Worship**

Gentle singing accompanied by acoustic guitars; contemplative listening for God in scripture; sharing Communion around the Lord's Table; praying our joys and concerns aloud or in silence, extending and receiving Christ's peace... Midweek Evening Worship, 7pm Wednesdays in Poling Chapel. All are welcome.

## **Saturday Worship Service – The Link**

This is a family-friendly opportunity to worship through contemporary music and casual liturgy. All people are welcome, but we especially invite families with Sunday sports activities, those who work Sunday mornings, and anyone who is seeking a supportive Christian community in a modern worship setting. Please contact Stacey with any questions about this new service.

## **What's Your Story?**

Everyone has significant life stories to share and doing so within the context of a small group committed to gently holding such stories in the light of God's love enables us to come to better know and appreciate others--and ourselves! This

fall, two new What's Your Story? groups, will be offered on the **third Monday** of Sept-Dec.

### **Different Way in Reading Fundraiser**

On Tuesday, October 21, the new restaurant Burger 21 is donating 10% of their day's sales to A Different Way in Reading Center. The restaurant is located at 622 Loudon Rd. We would appreciate it if you tried something on their menu that day! Happy eating!

### **Tuesday Ladies**

New place for Tuesday Ladies! Our next meeting is Tuesday, October 21 at 7:30pm at Linda Wards home. Tell all your friends! Hope to see you then. Please call Connie at 393-7061 if you have any questions or for more information.

### **Writers Group**

The FRC Flash Fiction Critique Group is launching a literary anthology! Expert help is needed with editing, formatting, structure, etc. If you can assist in any of these areas please contact James Gonda at jamesgonda63@yahoo.com.

### **Prayer Shawl Knitting Group**

We meet every fourth Thursday of the month unless otherwise noted. Our next meeting will be on Thursday, October 23 at 9:30am at the home of Ronnie Bartholic. We welcome anyone interested in joining us. We will **NOT** be meeting again until January 2015. Please contact Ronnie at 393-7679 with any questions.

### **Stitch Group**

Our church stitch group meets every Thursday at 10am in Poling Conference room. Work on whatever project you have. All are welcome! For more info, contact Joan Lindsay, 399-3153.

### **Interfaith Friendship Celebration**

Interfaith Community of Schenectady is having a celebration on Thursday, October 23 at 7pm at Proctors Theatre to increase awareness on peace and harmony in our community through understanding. There will be a buffet dinner, silent auction, and interfaith entertainment. The

cost is \$25 and seating is limited. For more info or to make a reservation, call 346-5779.

### **Safe House Bowl-a-Thon**

The Justice Action Council will be supporting this upcoming event on Sunday, October 26 from 1-3pm at Boulevard Bowl in Schenectady. All proceeds will directly benefit Safe Inc's programs for at-risk, homeless, and sexually exploited youth in Schenectady. The cost is \$25 per person which includes bowling, 2 slices of pizza, and soda. Participants are encouraged to dress up in Halloween costumes. Prizes will be awarded for costumes. Please contact Jeanne Shoulder at jmsoulder@hotmail.com or 781-724-5030 to sign up.

### **Campus Protestant Ministries Dinners**

Campus Protestant Ministries of Union College will be sponsoring Community Dinners with International Students this fall. All invited are to bring LARGE dishes to share, as well as their families and friends, and their openness to interesting conversation. The dates are Sunday, October 26 in Breazzano Hall, and Monday, December 1 in Old Chapel; all starting at 6pm. RSVP's are appreciated, but not required to Abby Norton-Levering at applekale@gmail.com.

### **Classis Dinner Helpers**

We are hosting a Classis Dinner on October 28. Helpers are needed for setup, cleanup and variants items. If you are interested, please contact George and Kitty Trimarco, 355-7464, or fill out a white pew card.

### **Fellowship Luncheon**

Our monthly pot-luck luncheon will resume on Friday, October 31 at 11:30am. Hostesses are Gay Doolittle and Mary Jewett. Peggy King will be joining us to discuss our program: Casinos? What's the latest? Please bring a dish to share, beverage and dessert are provided. A sign-up sheet is available in Assembly Hall. If you have any questions, please contact Sally Bestgen, 346-0304; or Amy Brule, 785-8201. We encourage

both men and women to join us. We hope to see you there! Our next one will not be until January.

### Vocal Recital

Bass-baritone Nicholas Wiggins will present a concert November 2 at 2:30pm in the sanctuary. Nicholas has toured Europe, the United States, South America, and Asia and has been featured locally with groups including Saratoga Opera, Hubbard Hall Opera, Octavo Singers, and Burnt Hills Oratorio. His program will include music of Mozart, Debussy, and Rachmaninoff. A free will offering will be collected.

### Choirs to Join for Evensong

The choirs of St. George's Episcopal and First Reformed, Schenectady, will come together on Sunday, November 2 at 5pm for a traditional Episcopal service of All Souls Evensong in our church sanctuary. Music will include "And I Saw a New Heaven" by Edgar Bainton, "Stay With Us" by Egil Hovland, and the "Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in B flat." by John Stainer. A

reception will follow the service for those attending the Evensong as well as jazz vespers.

### Prospective Member Class

Interested in a closer relationship with this congregation? Dr. Levering will be leading a membership orientation meeting that includes a tour of the church and a chat about who we are. It lasts 90 minutes and is held in the church office at 3pm on the first Sundays of October through February. Our next class is November 2.

### Harvest for the Pantry

SICM is having a dinner to raise funds for their emergency food pantry on Sunday, November 9 from 4 – 7pm at the First Reformed Church of Scotia. Meal choices are beef bourguignon, rosemary chicken, or vegetarian pasta. Tickets can be purchased from Ellie Rowland for \$30, \$25 is tax deductible. Please join us for an evening of fun and fellowship, and show your support for the Food Pantry!

	<b>This Sunday</b>	<b>Next Sunday</b>
<b>Counting Deacons</b>	Fred Daniels, Joan Lindsay	Kim & Tom Burgoyne
<b>Faith Bookshop</b>	Nancy Wainwright	Bill Clock
<b>Flower Delivery</b>	Mike & Vickie Horan	Bill & Linda Ward, Sandy Moynihan
<b>Greeters</b>		
<b>Kinderwyk</b>	Sarah Bachorik	Sarah Bachorik
<b>Liturgist</b>	Daniel Carlson	Daniel Carlson
<b>Preacher</b>	Stacey Midge	Bill Levering
<b>Processing Elders</b>	Margaret King, Elizabeth Mastriani, Jeanette Davidson, Carolyn Jones-Assini, Joe Lovell, Maria G. Todd, Linda Witkowski, Gene Zeltmann	James Gonda, Joyce Griggs, George Davidson, Phil Falconer, Jerry Griggs, Tom Lindsay, Del Pierce, Margaret Schadler
<b>Reader</b>	Barbara Walton	Marilyn Leach
<b>Refreshments</b>	Ellie Rowland	Joan Crandall, Carol DeLaMarter, Becky Mason
<b>Ushers</b>	Art Schultes (head usher), Jeff Cox, Jim McCullough, Sharron McCullough, Joan Lindsay	Glenn Blinckmann (head usher), Linda Malgieri, Gerry Myers, Crystal Mongillo, Justine Ochal, Ralph Rosenthal
<b>How To Classes</b>	How to Read Music – Julie Panke	How to Read Scriptures in Worship – Rev. Bill Levering

**Sunday, October 19**

- 9:00 am ..... Choir Rehearsal/Sanctuary
- 10:00 am ..... Worship
- 10:15 am ..... Summer Church School for K-8
- 11:00 am ..... Refreshments
- 11:15 am ..... Forum
- 11:15 am ..... Kirk Ringers
- 11:15 am ..... How To Classes
- 5:00 pm ..... JH & HS Youth Group
- 5:00 pm ..... Jazz Vespers

**Monday, October 20**

- 9:00 am ..... Men's Newsgroup
- 10:00 am ..... What's Your Story? AM
- 6:15 pm ..... Yoga
- 7:00 pm ..... Klokken Tower Ringers
- 7:00 pm ..... What's Your Story? PM

**Tuesday, October 21**

- 10:00 am ..... Morning Prayer
- 10:00 am ..... Horizons Bible Study

**Wednesday, October 22**

- 9:30 am ..... Kerygma
- 12:30 pm ..... Thursday Belles
- 6:00 pm ..... Midweek Evening Dinner
- 7:00 pm ..... Midweek Evening Worship
- 7:00 pm ..... Writers Group

**Thursday, October 23**

- 7:30 am ..... Bible Bunch
- 10:00 am ..... Stitch Group
- 7:30 pm ..... Chancel Choir

**Saturday, October 25**

- 5:00 pm ..... Link Service

**Sunday, October 26**

- 9:00 am ..... Choir Rehearsal/Sanctuary
- 10:00 am ..... Worship
- 10:15 am ..... Church School K-8
- 11:00 am ..... Refreshments
- 11:15 am ..... Forum
- 11:15 am ..... Kirk Ringers
- 11:15 am ..... How To Classes
- 1:00 pm ..... Youth Group Boulevard Bowl
- 5:00 pm ..... Jazz Vespers

“Everyone thinks of changing the world, but no one thinks of changing himself.” – Leo Tolstoy

“Grief does not change you, Hazel. It reveals you.” – John Green, *The Fault in Our Stars*

“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.” – Nelson Mandela

“The world as we have created it is a process of our thinking. It cannot be changed without changing our thinking.” – Albert Einstein

“Love can change a person the way a parent can change a baby – awkwardly, and often with a great deal of mess.” – Lemony Snicket, *Horseshoe*

“They always say time changes things, but you actually have to change them yourself.” – Andy Warhol, *The Philosophy of Andy Warhol*

“This is a new year. A new beginning. And things will change.” – Taylor Swift

“The present changes the past. Looking back you do not find what you left behind.” – Kiran Desai, *The Inheritance of Loss*

“Those who cannot change their minds cannot change anything.” – George Bernard Shaw

“I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples.” – Mother Teresa

“Incredible change happens in your life when you decide to take control of what you do have power over instead of craving control over what you don't.” – Steve Maraboli, *Life, the Truth, and Being Free*

“Stepping into a brand-new path is difficult, but not more difficult than remaining in a situation which is not nurturing to the whole woman.” – Maya Angelou