

**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.*



*October 26, 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.

## Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 26, 2014

\*The congregation may stand.

PRELUDE *Three Waltzes in D Major*  
Olivia Mancuso

10:00 a.m.

GREETING Daniel Carlson  
The grace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS & ORIENTATION

CALL TO WORSHIP Bill Levering

INTROIT *Open to Me the Gates* Eric Thiman

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #260  
*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

\*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."

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Lucia Jude Ockerman

PRESENTATION AND PROMISES

David & Laura Ockerman

PRAYER AND BAPTISMAL COVENANT

BLESSING AND WELCOME

Welcome our sister in Christ.

**Joyfully we receive you. Join us to give witness in the world to the good news, for we are all one in Christ Jesus.**

**Alleluia!**

\*PASSING THE PEACE

ANTHEM *Rejoice, Ye Shining Worlds on High*  
William Billings

Rejoice, ye shining worlds on high,  
Behold the King of Glory nigh!  
Who can this King of Glory be?  
The mighty Lord the Saviour's he.

Rais'd from the dead he goes before;  
He opens heavn's eternal door,  
To give his saints a blest abode  
Near their Redeemer and their God.

Isaac Watts

FIRST LESSON

Marilyn Leach

Guide us, God, by your Word and Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.** *Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17 (pg 547)*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SECOND LESSON *Matthew 22:34-46 (pg 25)*

SERMON *Sum of the Law* Bill Levering

\*HYMN *Out of Deep, Unordered Water* #494



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

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

**November 9:** Report on Consistory Retreat – Rev. Bill Levering & Committee Chairs

## **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:** Bowlathon at Boulevard Bowl, 1pm

**November 2:** Regular Meeting

**November 9:** Taking pie orders after worship, regular meeting at 5pm

We'll be starting to take pie orders November 9 to raise money for the Youth Group Mission Trip to Kentucky. The pie choices are Apple and Pumpkin for \$13 each. They will be available for pick-up after worship on November 23.

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

Today, 1-3pm at Boulevard Bowl in Schenectady. All proceeds will directly benefit Safe Inc's program. The cost is \$25 per person. Participants are encouraged to dress up in Halloween costumes. Prizes will be awarded for costumes. Please contact Jeanne Shoulder at [jmshoulder@hotmail.com](mailto:jmshoulder@hotmail.com) or 781-724-5030 to sign up.

## **Campus Protestant Ministries - Today**

Union college is sponsoring a dinner with international students and all are invited to bring LARGE dishes to share, as well as their families and friends, and their openness to interesting conversation. The dates are today 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](mailto:applekale@gmail.com).

## **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.

## **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.

## **Classis Dinner Helpers**

We are hosting a Classis Dinner this Tuesday, 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.

### **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.

### **Group V**

Group V meets the first Monday of the month at 11am in the Dirck Romeyn room. Our next meeting will be Monday, November 3. Any questions, contact Barbara Piper, 399-3620.

### **Evening Circle**

We will meet on Wednesday, November 5, at 6pm at Turf Tavern for an evening of fellowship, good food and conversation. All women of the church are welcome. Please call Sally Clark, 377-2154 if you are interested. We can also arrange transportation if needed.

### **Men's Breakfast**

Our next breakfast will be held on Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup> at 8am in Assembly Hall. We will be welcoming David Gibson, Partner, Adirondack Wild: Friends of the Forest Preserve. Our program will be Reflections on Striving to Safeguard, Educate & Extend the Wild. A sign-up sheet will be available in Assembly Hall.

### **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!

### **Organ Concert**

On Friday, November 14 at 7:30pm, our organist, Naphtali Rothrock, will present a concert on the Schantz organ in our sanctuary. Her program will include music of J.S. Bach, Felix Mendelssohn, and Cesar Franck. The concert is free and open to the public.

## Midnight Run Nov. 14

The next Midnight Run will be on Friday, November 14. We will meet at church to pack bag lunches at 6pm, leave at 7pm, and return in the wee hours of the morning after we deliver food, hygiene items, clothes, and blankets to homeless people in Manhattan. Please contact Stacey if you are interested in going. We need donations of the following items: blankets and sleeping bags, dark sweatshirts, hoodies, sweaters, new underwear (both men's and women's), sturdy shoes, deodorant, travel-sized hygiene products, and juice boxes. Any donations can be brought to the church office.

## 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! We meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday at 10am & 7pm.

## Volunteer Opportunity

The Gift Shops at Ellis Hospital, Ellis Health Center, and Bellevue Women's Center are in need of volunteers. The gift shops are a fun place to spend time and make new friends. Please call Rev. Tony Green at 243-4064 for more information.

## Christmas Offering

The Mission and Benevolence Committee is gathering information about possible recipients for that offering. Please provide the name of the agency/organization and the name of a contact person to Rev. Stacey Midge or Peggy King.

## 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.

	<b>This Sunday</b>	<b>Next Sunday</b>
<b>Counting Deacons</b>	Kim & Tom Burgoyne	Vickie McGowan-Horan, Caroline Welch
<b>Faith Bookshop</b>	Bill Clock	Committee Member
<b>Flower Delivery</b>	Bill & Linda Ward, Sandy Moynihan	
<b>Greeters</b>		
<b>Kinderwyk</b>	Sarah Bachorik	Sarah Bachorik, Inge-Lise Pangburn
<b>Liturgist</b>	Daniel Carlson	Daniel Carlson
<b>Preacher</b>	Bill Levering	Bill Levering
<b>Processing Elders</b>	James Gonda, Joyce Griggs, George Davidson, Phil Falconer, Jerry Griggs, Tom Lindsay, Del Pierce, Margaret Schadler	Adam Mason, Jeanne Shoulder, Margaret King, Mary Jewett, Rob Dickson, Art Casey, George Davidson, Gay Doolittle
<b>Reader</b>	Marilyn Leach	Rev. Peg Miller
<b>Refreshments</b>	Joan Crandall, Carol DeLaMarter, Becky Mason	Peggy Ridgway, Karen Giuzio
<b>Ushers</b>	Glenn Blinckmann (head usher), Linda Malgieri, Gerry Myers, Crystal Mongillo, Justine Ochal, Ralph Rosenthal	Tom Burgoyne (head usher), David Bundy, Joe Gotwals, Chris Langdon, Karen Gonda, Jerry Wergedal, Michael Jablon
<b>How To Classes</b>	How to Read Scriptures in Worship – Rev. Bill Levering	How to Read a Financial Statement

**Sunday, October 26**

- 9:00 am ..... Choir Rehearsal/Sanctuary
- 10:00 am ..... Worship
- 10:15 am ..... Summer Church School for K-8
- 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 27**

- 9:00 am ..... Men's Newsgroup
- 6:15 pm ..... Yoga
- 7:00 pm ..... Creation Care
- 7:00 pm ..... Klokken Tower Ringers

**Tuesday, October 28**

- 10:00 am ..... Morning Prayer
- 10:00 am ..... Horizons Bible Study
- 5:00 pm ..... Classis Dinner & Meeting

**Wednesday, October 29**

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

**Thursday, October 30**

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

**Friday, October 31**

- 11:30 am ..... Fellowship Luncheon

**Saturday, November 1**

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

**Sunday, November 2**

- 9:00 am ..... Choir Rehearsal/Sanctuary
- 10:00 am ..... Worship w/Communion
- 10:15 am ..... Church School K-2
- 11:00 am ..... UPC Session
- 11:15 am ..... Chancel Guild
- 11:15 am ..... Forum
- 11:15 am ..... Kirk Ringers
- 11:15 am ..... How To Classes
- 1:00 pm ..... Youth Group Boulevard Bowl
- 2:30 pm ..... Wiggins Recital
- 3:00 pm ..... New Member Class
- 5:00 pm ..... Evensong
- 5:00 pm ..... Jazz Vespers

“Action expresses priorities.” – Mahatma Gandhi

“Things which matter most must never be at the mercy of things which matter least.” – Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

“Most of us spend too much time on what is urgent and not enough time on what is important.” – Stephen R. Covey

“Physics isn't the most important thing. Love is.” – Richard P. Feynman

“Persistence. Perfection. Patience. Power. Prioritize your passion. It keeps you sane.” – Criss Jami

“The mark of a great (person) is one who knows when to set aside the important things in order to accomplish the vital ones.” – Brandon Sanderson, *The Alloy of Law*

“The will of God is not something you add to your life. It's a course you choose. You either line yourself up with the Son of God...or you capitulate to the principle which governs the rest of the world.” – Elisabeth Elliot

“A simple life is not seeing how little we can get by with – that's poverty – but how efficiently we can put first things first.” – Victoria Moran

“Perpetual devotion to what a (person) calls his business, is only to be sustained by perpetual neglect of many other things.” – Robert Louis Stevenson

“If you truly feel that self esteem and motivation have to happen first before you can make changes in your life, then we'll probably be sharing walkers at a retirement home as we talk over what might have been.” – Shannon L. Alder

“We don't drift in good directions. We discipline and prioritize ourselves there.” – Andy Stanley