

***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.



*my father moved through dooms of love
through sames of am through haves of give,
singing each morning out of each night
my father moved through depths of height*

~ E.E. Cummings

June 16, 2013

First Reformed Church
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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. The welcome tables at the entrance to the Sanctuary and in Assembly Hall have some helpful church information.

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.

Non Emergency Number

Schenectady Police: 518-382-5200

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.

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.

Summer 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 at 11:15am 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 Huntley Garden (weather permitting) 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 one or two days following the service.

Lost and Found Basket

We have a lost and found basket in the Narthex (at the front entrance of the church). If you have lost/misplaced an item at church, please check this basket.

OFFERTORY *Exsultate Deo (Psalm 81)*
Giovanni Palestrina (1525-1594)

Rejoice in God our helper:
sing aloud to the God of Jacob.
Take the psalm and bring hither
the timbrel: the merry harp with the lute.
Blow the trumpet in the new moon,
even on our solemn feast day.

*HYMN #592 *Praise God...* Doxology

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Sarah Howes

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 #538 *Lord, Dismiss Us...*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

To enjoy the postlude please remain seated.

POSTLUDE *Revey Venir du Printemps*
Claude LeJeune (c. 1530-1600)

Pase el agoa Anon. (late 15th/early 16th c.)

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Music Notes

We thank the Helderberg Madrigal Singers for their music this morning. Singers are: Martha Bond, soprano; Dawn Dana, alto; Dick Dana, tenor; Beth Gurzler, alto; Dave Metz, bass; Sarah Johnsen Popiel, soprano; and Tim Smith, bass.

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 this congregation who entered eternal rest in previous years about this time:

Roland Carreker, Bernetta Cronk, Walter Kozak, Rev. Donald Troost, and Grance Vandewater

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.

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 chancel flowers to remember a loved one or to honor a special event. Please inform the office of your wishes. The cost of the flowers is \$30 for the two bouquets. You may send your check payable to Chancel Guild, c/o Marlene Risseuw, 2140 Niskayuna Dr., Niskayuna, NY 12309.

In Memoriam

The chancel flowers today are placed in the sanctuary to the glory of God and in loving memory of Don Troost from Carol and Deborah Troost. 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.

Post Service Refreshments

We are always looking for volunteers to bring in food! It can be cookies, cheese and crackers, fruit, or anything you want. There is a sign-up sheet in Assembly Hall. Food should be brought around 9:30am, unless it is already set up on a platter. Whenever possible, our post service refreshments will be served in the Huntley Garden. Please consider signing up for set-up, refreshments, and clean-up by yourself or with a friend. If any questions contact Heather Chestnut 346-7887.

First Forum

June 23: Temple Gates of Heaven Exchange; Conversation with Rabbi Mathew Cutler

Faith Bookshop

Noteworthy quotations about Father's Day, graduation, mothers, grandmothers, love and more, the Bookshop has delightful little books featuring each. These recently acquired books would make delightful gifts or be useful references when you need the perfect quote.

Johnson Library

The Fourth of July is close at hand and a patriotic book display is on one of the Library tables in the Hall. Prominent among these are *The United States Flagbook* by Robert Loeffelbein, and *The Story of the American Flay* by Wayne Whipple.

Children will enjoy *The Biggest (and Best) Flag That Ever Flew* by Rebecca C. Jones. *Liberty* by Lynn Curlee and *The Statue of Liberty* by Leonard E. Fisher, and *The Look It Up Book of Presidents* answers many questions about the leaders of our country. Two adult biographies of early presidents are *George Washington* by John R. Alden and *John Adams* by David McCullough. If you prefer, you can borrow a video that is available about Adams in the Main Library Room.

Jazz Appreciation Month Every Sunday, 5pm

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

June 23: Dave Gleason, piano

June 30: Scott Bassinson, piano

July 7: Nat Phipps, piano; Pete Toigo, bass; Tom D'Andrea, drums

Junior & Senior High Youth Groups

Normal youth group programming will be on hiatus for the summer, but stay tuned for special events in the warm weather!

Interfaith Worship Exchange 50th Anniversary June 20-23

For 50 years our congregation and Congregation Gates of Heaven have worshipped together one weekend a year to stand as a witness against prejudice and as a testimony to the need for respect among religious people.

Thursday, June 20, 7pm

Where We Have Been, Where We Are Going at Congregation Gates of Heaven. A retrospective of the past 50 years and a discussion about the future role of faith.

Friday, June 21, 7pm

Service at CGOH, Dr. Levering Preaching

Sunday, June 23, 10am

Service at FRC, Rabbi Cutler Preaching

Vespers, 5pm, Poling Chapel

Dinner, 6pm, Assembly Hall

All programs and dinner are free and open to everyone. However, please let us know if you are attending the dinner and/or the Thursday evening program. RSVP by calling the church office 377-2201, filling out a white pew card, or send an e-mail 1streformed@gmail.com.

Group VII ~ Date Change

On Friday, **June 21** at 11:30am Group VII will meet at the home of Diane Ontkush (1202 Viewmont Dr. in Niskayuna) for our annual picnic. Co-hostesses: Martha Winchester and Ronnie Bartholic. If there are any questions please contact Ronnie at 393-7679.

Extended Study Leave

Daniel Carlson will be away until June 22 as he has begun his Doctor of Ministry coursework in Chicago.

Summertime Kerygma Conversations

Read a book, seen a movie, attended a concert, taken a trip, or begun a class that you'd like to talk about with others? Stop by Dirck Romeyn Room 9:30-11am the last Wednesday of June, July, or August and share your new found learning and experience with others who value mutual sharing all year long! Contact Daniel Carlson for further details.

Kinderwyk

Kinderwyk needs volunteers (18 & over per FRC's child protection policies.) Please find one Sunday this year to devote to this important child care from 9:45am - noon. No experience is required. You can find signup sheets, outside room 20 and Kinderwyk, or fill out a white pew card letting us know you would like to be on the list of volunteers.

Yoga at FRC

Douglas Goodbee, certified in Kripalu/Hatha E-RYT and athletic yoga, teaches every Thursday at 6:45pm in Assembly Hall. The classes are free for FRC members, \$10 non-members. This class is for everyone at any level, singles, families, and seniors. Bring a mat and wear loose clothing. Questions: contact Douglas at 229-7291 or e-mail dagoods1@gmail.com.

KAPRIOL'! Musicians From the Netherlands

In concert at FRC in the Poling Chapel at 7pm on Tuesday, June 25. Potluck supper in Assembly Hall at 6pm. Please **RSVP** to 384-1700.

This potluck and concert is a send-off for the adult exchange going to Nijkerk June 27 for Nijkerk's 600th Anniversary. It's also a benefit for this summer's July 25-August 5 Youth Exchange here in Schenectady. Host families are needed. See posters on FRC bulletin board for more information.

Kanatsiohareke Strawberry Festival

The Mohawk Community at Kanatsiohareke will be holding their 20th annual Strawberry Festival on Saturday, June 29 and Sunday, June 30. The Archives and Historical Concerns committee encourages the congregation to attend to show our support for their mission. They welcome all volunteers – please contact Caroline Welch if you are interested in volunteering.

Communion By Intinction

The dates are: July 7, August 4, September 1 and the 11pm Christmas Eve service.

Joint VBS in July!

FRC, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, and Union Presbyterian are cooperating in a VBS experience from July 15-19 for ages 4-10 years old from 9:15am-12pm. VBS will be held at Union Presbyterian Church on Park Ave. There is a form to fill out, which can be obtained in the FRC office. Plan on having great fun and meeting new friends.

Save The Date

Cultural Frolic at SPAC on August 9

The Philadelphia Orchestra and the New York City Ballet will present a Bernstein Extravaganza. More information in our July/August First Things.

Special Offerings

As you know, Mission & Benevolence selects a recipient for special offerings taken up each year at Christmas and Easter. The committee invites you to nominate any group you feel would be a good beneficiary. The committee will be organizing its selection process starting in the fall, so make your nomination by September 1. In suggesting an organization, please provide the name of the person to get in touch with in the organization and their contact information. Please contact Stacey Midge for further information.

Reformed Church World Service

Join Reformed Church World Service to help victims of the Oklahoma City tornado. Early response coordinators are already in Oklahoma, helping with spiritual care and needs assessment. Financial donations are urgently needed. Give at www.rca.org/tornadoes or send a check to Reformed Church in America, Attn: Finance Department, 4500 60th St. SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49512, or, in Canada, to Regional Synod of Canada, 201 Paradise Rd. N., Hamilton, ON L8S 3T3. Checks should be designated "U.S. Tornadoes."

	This Sunday	Next Sunday
Counting Deacons	Lisa Etkin, Carol Troost	Richard Davis, Leah Kidwell-Fernandes
Faith Bookshop	Committee Member	Committee Member
Flower Delivery	Sarah Howes, Carol Welch	Susan Read, Ruth Cox
Greeters	Katherine & George Trimarco	Hjelmar Family
Kinderwyck	Sarah Bachorik	Sarah Bachorik, Mary Russell
Liturgist	Bill Levering	Bill Levering
Prayers of the People	Sarah Howes	Bill Levering
Preacher	Bill Levering	Rabbi Matthew Cutler
Processing Elders	Veronica Bartholic, Mary Jewett, Robert Dickson, Phillip Falconer, Carolyn Jones-Assini, Tom Lindsay	Robert Blackmer, Christine Daniels, Gay Doolittle, Thomas Lindsay, Delbert Pierce, William Rochelle
Reader	Mary Jewett	Robert Dickson
Refreshments	Virginia Laumeister	
Usher	Earl Wainwright (head usher), Kip Arnold, Joanne Arnold, Philip Yournon, Louis Acquasanta, Richard Davis, Daniel Stone, Adam Kerwin	Art Shultes (head usher), Nicholas Blinckmann, Louis Acquasanta, Jeff Cox

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

Sunday, June 16 ~ Father's Day

- 10:00 am Worship
- 10:15 am Church School
- 11:00 am Refreshments
- 5:00 pm Jazz Vespers

Monday, June 17

- 9:00 am Mens News Group

Tuesday, June 18

- 10:00 am Morning Prayer

Thursday, June 20

- 7:30 am Breakfast Bible Bunch
- 6:45 pm Yoga
- 7:00 pm FRC Troop 1 Boy Scout

Sunday, June 23

- 10:00 am Worship ~ Rabbi Cutler
- 10:15 am Church School
- 11:00 am Refreshments
- 11:15 am First Forum
- 5:00 pm Jazz Vespers
- 6:00 pm 50th Anniversary Dinner

“The child asks of the Father whom he knows. Thus, the essence of Christian prayer is not general adoration, but definite, concrete petition. The right way to approach God is to stretch out our hands and ask of One who we know has the heart of a Father.” ~ Dietrich Bonhoeffer, The Cost of Discipleship

“I should no longer define myself as the son of a father who couldn't or hasn't or wouldn't or wasn't.” ~ Cameron Conaway, Caged: Memoirs of a Cage-Fighting Poet

“Blessed indeed is the man who hears many gentle voices call him father.”

~ Lydia Maria Francis Child

“I believe that what we become depends on what our fathers teach us at odd moments, when they aren't trying to teach us. We are formed by little scraps of wisdom.” ~ Umberto Eco, Foucault's Pendulum

“To be the father of growing daughters is to understand something of what Yeats evokes with his imperishable phrase 'terrible beauty.' Nothing can make one so happily exhilarated or so frightened: it's a solid lesson in the limitations of self to realize that your heart is running around inside someone else's body. It also makes me quite astonishingly calm at the thought of death: I know whom I would die to protect and I also understand that nobody but a lugubrious serf can possibly wish for a father who never goes away.” ~ Christopher Hitchens, Hitch-22: A Memoir

“America used to live by the motto "Father Knows Best." Now we're lucky if "Father Knows He Has Children." We've become a nation of sperm donors and baby daddies.” ~ Stephen Colbert, I am America

“Sometimes I think my papa is an accordion. When he looks at me and smiles and breathes, I hear the notes.” ~ Markus Zusak, The Book Thief

“Let me say for now that we knew once the Creation was broken, true fathering would be much more lacking than mothering. Don't misunderstand me, both are needed- but an emphasis on fathering is necessary because of the enormity of its absence” ~ Wm. Paul Young, The Shack: Where Tragedy Confronts Eternity

“Listen, there is no way any true man is going to let children live around him in his home and not discipline and teach, fight and mold them until they know all he knows. His goal is to make them better than he is. Being their friend is a distant second to this.” ~ Victor Devlin