

*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.



Bent we come  
Reshaped  
Sent out to form the world

August 25, 2013

Welcome Union Presbyterian Church



***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; a baby changing station is in the women's bathroom.

### **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 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 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](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.

**Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
August 25, 2013

\*The congregation may stand.

PRELUDE  
*Near to the Heart of God* Naphtali Rothrock  
Tune: McAfee  
Lani Smith  
*Minuet in G* G. F. Handel  
*Meditation from "Thais"* Jules Massenet

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 #274 *O God of Earth and Space*

\*OUR NEED FOR GOD (*unison*)

Eternal God, in sovereign love you created the world good and make every human equally in your image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we forget your sustaining presence and turn from you, our Savior. Ignoring your commandments, we violate your image in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature entrusted to our care. We deserve your condemnation. Yet in steadfast faithfulness you act with justice and mercy to redeem creation.

\*GOD'S FORGIVING LOVE

\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE #579

*Glory Be to the Father* Gloria Patri

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*unison*)

In life and death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we

trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

\*PASSING THE PEACE

MUSICAL OFFERING *Could you?*  
Andy Chestnut

What if God selected you to speak for him today?  
Could you feel it in your heart to find the words to say?  
To talk on the phone  
To one alone  
Is that something you could do?  
Could you share God's love for you?

What if God selected yours to be his hands to heal?  
Could you touch afflicted souls to  
ease the pain they feel?  
To hold a friend  
Nearing the end  
As your heart is breaking too  
Could you share God's love for you?

We think we're independent  
But we're part of the transcendent  
Once we take off that blinder  
The world is so much kinder  
Once we start believing  
We also start perceiving  
The grace which fills our holes  
The God within our souls.  
Who gives us strength to dare  
To take the risk to share.

What if God selected yours to be his eyes to see?  
Could you trust yourself to visualize  
just how the world could be?  
And let your spirit grow  
To help make it so  
Spreading it far and wide  
Could you feel his power inside?

FIRST LESSON Catherine deSalle  
Guide us, O Lord, by your Word and Holy Spirit. **Amen.** *Jeremiah 1:4-10 (page 698)*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SECOND LESSON *Luke 13:10-17 (page 76)*

SERMON *Unlikely People, Unexpected Things*

Stacey Midge

\*HYMN #261 *God of Compassion...*

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Choices* Andy Chestnut  
with Heather Chestnut

We have a love; we have a love  
It may not be that easy to see  
We have a love

We have a home; we have a home  
A special place where we each find our space  
We have a home.

We have a child; we have a child  
We pray to know what (s)he needs to grow  
We have a child

It may sound patronizing, but it shouldn't be  
surprising  
That with constant advertising, everybody's  
supersizing  
The trouble with stuff – is it's never enough

We have a dream; we have a dream  
That every day, we all find our way  
We have a dream.

We have a Lord; we have a Lord  
One day by grace, we'll look on his face  
We have a Lord

It may sound patronizing, but it shouldn't be  
surprising  
That with constant advertising, everybody's  
supersizing  
But instead of splurging' on that latest version –  
We could disregard those voices, and make our  
own choices

Build a love; raise a child  
Family seems to encourage our dreams  
To serve the Lord.

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

\*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 #399 *We Walk by Faith...*

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*To enjoy the postlude please remain seated.*

POSTLUDE Naphtali Rothrock  
*Toccatina in A Minor* Gerald Peterson

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**Worship Notes**

Our Need for God is drawn from The Presbyterian  
Church (USA) Brief Statement of Faith. The  
Affirmation of Faith is drawn from The  
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Faith.

**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:

*Anne Marie Buchanan, John Herring, Robert  
Moore, and Norma Peterson*

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 Risseeuw, 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 daughter, Beth, and husband, John by Eileen Herring. 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.

#### **Entered Into Eternal Rest**

Cameron Barrie Rowe, son of  
Jim and Jessica Rimany Rowe, died at birth.  
A memorial service will be held Saturday,  
August 31 at 11am in the Sanctuary.

### **Faith Bookshop**

Have you visited the church Bookshop which is open after Sunday services and located across from the library? It's a nice place to browse, meet new friends and purchase unique items and reasonably priced books. The Bookshop also carries fair trade coffee, tea and chocolates.

### **Magnetic or Clip-On Name Tags**

If you do not have a name tag and would like one, please indicate that on a white pew card and place it in the collection plate.

### **Baby Changing Stations**

There is a baby changing station in the women's bathroom located across from the Johnson Library. Soon there will be changing stations in the women's and men's bathrooms located below the Union St. entrance.

### **Kinderwyk - Childcare**

We need volunteers (18 & over) to help our professional staff care for our youngest members during worship. Fill out a white pew card and place it in the offering plate to let us know you would like to be a part of this ministry. Following a required background check the church office staff will contact you to schedule the Sundays you are willing and available to serve.

### **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. 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 preparation, cleanup, and refreshments by yourself or with a friend. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in Assembly Hall. A sheet with "how to" suggestions is also posted since the summer procedure is slightly different. Any questions, please contact Heather Chestnut at 346-7887. Beginning Sept. 15 post service will be in Assembly Hall.

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

**Today:** Peg Delaney, piano; Bill Delaney, bass; Tim Coakley, drums. \*Vespers will be held in the Sanctuary for a special memorial to Irv Dean.  
**Sept. 1:** Paul Mastriani, piano; Pete Toigo, bass; Tom D'Andrea, drums  
**Sept. 8:** 'Azzaam Hameed, piano  
**Sept. 15:** Peg Delaney, piano; Bill Delaney, bass; Tom D'Andrea, drums

### **A Note Of Thanks**

The Johnson Library staff wishes to thank Linda Witkowski for the several displays of poetical works for both the adult and children's books which she has created the last several weeks. We are fortunate that she has such a love and understanding of the poetry she handles. Congratulations and many thanks!

## **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](mailto:dagoods1@gmail.com).

## **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 the Dirck Romeyn Room from 9:30-11am on August 28 and share your new found learning and experience with others. Contact Daniel Carlson for further details.

## **Church Facility Tour on First Sundays**

If you are new to our church building and would like a brief tour, every Communion Sunday there will be someone to show you around immediately following a cup of coffee. Meet in front of the church office.

## **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 Sept. 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.

## **Welcome Back Picnic September 8**

Everyone is invited to plan on staying after worship on September 8 for a time of fun, food, and fellowship!

In an effort to promote a healthier environment and eating experience, those attending the picnic

are encouraged to use locally grown/locally made products in the dishes they bring to share.

Volunteers are also needed for set up before the picnic and break down/clean up after the picnic. If you are interested in helping, please contact Leah Kidwell-Fernandes at 383-2167 or [leah@upstateharpist.com](mailto:leah@upstateharpist.com).

## **Small groups - Stepping Forward in Faith**

Members with common interests are currently being formed so that everyone can learn about this year's stewardship campaign *Stepping Forward in Faith*. This group for older singles, widows, and widowers hosted by Carol Troost, will meet Sept. 8 after the church picnic. Please contact Carol at [troostcarol@gmail.com](mailto:troostcarol@gmail.com) or sign up on the sheet posted in Assembly Hall if you would like to attend.

## **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](http://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."

## **Church School**

September will be here before we know it! Teachers are needed for classes in the Fall. Training will be provided. Call Jamie Ipsen 399-6848 if you are even remotely interested.

## **A Reminder – The October 20 Book Sale**

Please bring donated books – fiction, non-fiction, and children's – to the Poling Conference room. Volunteers needed. Call Linda Witkowski 374-7904.

	<b>This Sunday</b>	<b>Next Sunday</b>
<b>Counting Deacons</b>	Linnea D'Andrea, Leah Kidwell-Fernandes	Richard Davis, Nancy Wainwright
<b>Faith Bookshop</b>	Nancy Wainwright	Roberta Blackmer
<b>Flower Delivery</b>	Joanne Bedell, Veronica Bartholic	Breitenbach Family
<b>Greeters</b>	Therese McCarty, Johnny Willis	Nancy & George Davidson
<b>Kinderwyk</b>	Sarah Bachorik, Mary Russell	Sarah Bachorik, Virginia Laumeister
<b>Liturgist</b>	Daniel Carlson	Stacey Midge
<b>Preacher</b>	Stacey Midge	Bill Levering
<b>Processing Elders</b>	Mary Jewett, Keith Muse, Katherine Trimarco, Roberta Blackmer	Keith Muse, Katherine Trimarco, Darwin Brudos, Catherine Lewis
<b>Reader</b>	Catherine deSalle	George Trimarco
<b>Refreshments</b>	Vernetta, Zane, & Elaine Thuener	
<b>Usher/ Offertory Deacons</b>	Glenn Blinckmann (head usher), Steve Breitenbach, Griffin Laycock, Gerry Myers, Gail Blinckmann	Richard Davis, Victoria McGowan-Horan, George Trimarco, Nancy Wainwright, Kimberly Burgoyne, Thomas Burgoyne

**Sunday, August 25**

- 10:00 am ..... Worship
- 10:15 am ..... Church School for K-8
- 11:00 am ..... Refreshments
- 5:00 pm ..... Jazz Vespers-Sanctuary

**Monday, August 26**

- 9:00 am ..... Mens News Group

**Tuesday, August 27**

- 10:00 am ..... Morning Prayer
- 7:00 pm ..... UPC Session

**Wednesday, August 28**

- 9:30 am ..... Kerygma

**Thursday, August 29**

- 6:45 pm ..... Yoga

**Saturday, August 31**

- 11:00 am ..... Rowe Memorial Service

**Sunday, August 25**

- 10:00 am ..... Worship with Communion
- 10:15 am ..... Church School for K-2
- 11:00 am ..... Refreshments
- 5:00 pm ..... Jazz Vespers