



FIRST REFORMED CHURCH
SCOTIA

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Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 12th, 2024

Bold invites you to join in the reading.

* invites you to rise in body or spirit, as you are able.

We Gather to Worship God

Prelude - 8:00	Plainsong	<i>Douglas Wagner (b. 1952)</i>
	Partita on "Leoni"	<i>Alfred V. Fedak (b. 1953)</i>
- 10:00	Prayer of Saint Gregory	<i>Alan Hovhaness (1922-2000)</i> <i>arr. V.C. Searle</i>
	Prelude on "Rhosymedre"	<i>Ralph Vaughan Williams</i> <i>(1872-1958)</i>

Welcome & Announcements

Votum

* Call to Worship

Listen, O Peoples! Give ear, God speaks!

Both high and low, listen! Both rich and poor, hear!

God's words are wisdom beyond wisdom!

God alone brings knowledge and truth!

Listen! A proverb! A parable!

O what depth! What wisdom and knowledge of God!

Let us trust in the Lord and commit our ways to God!

Our steps are made firm by the Lord!

Though we stumble, we shall not fall headlong, for the Lord holds us by the hand!

The law of God is in their hearts. Our steps will not slip!

As a mother comforts her child, so God will comfort us!

The Lord will not forsake us!

May our mouths utter wisdom, and our tongues speak justice. Let us worship God!

* Hymn GtG No. 174 Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom MADELEINE

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

O Source of all wisdom, we have not learned prudence; we have not been careful with our words and our actions. We have not always spoken truth and about noble things. We have allowed our words to be crooked and wicked. We have been overcome by our pride and arrogance.

Reform our ways, we pray. Help us turn our backs to wickedness and evil in every form. Help us to always seek after noble things. Make us lovers of truth. Amen.

~ Silent Personal Confession ~

O Lord have mercy.

Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

As a mother comforts her child, so God comforts us! Friends, hear and believe the Good News of the Gospel, in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God!

Summary of the Law

Passing of the Peace

Peace be with you!

And also, with you! (Please greet those around you)

Call to Gratitude

Offering

Offertory - 8:00

The Gift of Love

Alec Wyton (1921-2007)

- 10:00

Come, Gracious Spirit

Alfred V. Fedak

Come, Gracious Spirit, heav'nly Dove, with light and comfort from above;
be thou our guardian, thou our guide o'er ev'ry thought and step preside.
The light of truth to us display, and make us know and choose thy way;
plant holy fear in ev'ry heart that we from thee may ne'er depart.

Lead us to Christ, the living Way, nor let us from his pasture stray;
lead us to holiness, the road that we must take to dwell with God.
Lead us to heav'n that we may share fullness of joy forever there;
Lead us to God, our final rest, to be with him forever blessed.

Response

Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ all creatures here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God whom we adore. Amen.**

We are Sent Out to Serve God

- * Hymn No. 263 Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise ST. DENIO
- * Charge & Benediction
- Postlude - 8:00 Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain *David N. Johnson*
(1922-1987)
- 10:00 Toccatina on "Azmon" *Alfred V. Fedak*



About today's keyboard music:

All of today's keyboard music dates from the 20th and 21st centuries. The Fedak, Wyton, Vaughan Williams, and Johnson pieces are based on melodies that appear in our hymnal. Hymns associated with these tunes can be found at numbers 274/488, 534, 94/335, 114, and 386/466. (Three of the tunes appear twice in the book.)

The remaining two pieces, by Douglas Wagner and Alan Hovhaness, are both freely-composed (i.e., not based on any pre-existing material). But both are in a mystical style that recalls ancient liturgical chant. Hovhaness's "Prayer of St. Gregory" was originally written for solo trumpet and string orchestra. Today's arrangement for solo organ was approved by the composer in 1962 for publication after his death.

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- Wagner: Plainsong ©2023 Lorenz Publishing Co., Dayton, OH.
- Fedak: Partita on "Leoni" ©2020 Lorenz Publishing Co., Dayton, OH.
- Hovhaness/Searle: Prayer of St. Gregory ©1952/2009 Peer Music, New York, NY.
- Vaughan Williams: Rhosymedre ©1920 Stainer & Bell, Reigate, Surrey, UK.
- Wyton: The Gift of Love ©1996 Lorenz Publishing Co., Dayton, OH.
- Johnson: Come, Ye Faithful ©1969 Augsburg Publishing House, St. Louis, MO.
- Fedak: Toccatina on "Azmon" ©2006 MorningStar Music Pub., Fenton, MO.



Worship Leadership at 8:00am

Preaching: Rev. McCloskey
Pianist: Al Fedak

Worship Leadership at 10:00am

Preaching: Rev. McCloskey
Liturgist: Claudia Garrison
Ushers: Bill & Martha Eberle and
 Bob & Barb King
Choir Director: Susan Hermance-Fedak
Organist: Al Fedak

Announcements:

Our Life in Worship

WELCOME! We are so glad that you have joined us this morning to worship God! We strive to be a warm and welcoming community of Christian people who seek to follow the example of our Lord Jesus Christ in all that we do. You are encouraged to introduce yourself to the pastor and to those around you.

IF YOU ARE VISITING US FOR THE FIRST TIME - We encourage you to fill out a visitor card which you can find in each pew with the offering envelopes. Once completed these can be given to an usher so we can contact you. If you would rather, there is also a QR Code on the narthex bulletin board, which will allow you to digitally submit to us the same information. We also have a welcome bag for you, please speak to an usher to receive one.

LISTENING DEVICES & LARGE-PRINT BULLETINS - are available for those who need them. Speak to an usher if you would like to try one.

RESTROOMS - There is one restroom just off the narthex. Other bathrooms are through the door on the right-hand side of the sanctuary then to the left or down the long hall to the right.

FLOWERS - The flowers today are given by James Pierce in honor and memory of all mothers everywhere.

NURSERY - A nursery for children infant through 4 years old is the first room on the right as you exit the sanctuary down the education wing. The nursery is staffed from 9:30am to 11:30am. We ask that a parent stay with babies younger than six months old.

SUNDAY SCHOOL - All youth K-12th grade will meet upstairs with Miss Diana from now through June as we have started to prepare for Youth Sunday on June 9th.

PENTECOST - Pentecost is next Sunday, May 19th. We will mark the coming of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the church with the celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Communion at both 8am and 10am Services. Remember to wear red!

Our Life in Community

THE CHURCH OFFICE - is open this week from 9:00am-1:00pm, Monday through Friday.

PASTOR CHRISTOPHER'S OFFICE HOURS - Rev. McCloskey will be available in his office on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:00-4:00pm for anyone who would like to drop by. If you would like to schedule an appointment with him outside of this time please email him at pastorchristopher@firstreformedscotia.org. For pastoral emergencies, please call his cell at (203) 430-1990.

THE RENEW BIBLE STUDY - Meets Tuesdays at 12 noon via Zoom. The Renew Bible study will begin studying The Call: The Life and Message of the Apostle Paul by Adam Hamilton on May 14th. In this 6 week study, we will follow Paul as he spread the gospel through what is now Greece and Turkey. Come explore with us as Hamilton shows how indispensable Paul was to both the early Christians and to our world today. Books are available online. For assistance or to obtain the Zoom link, contact Sunny Baldwin at 518-320-4562.

CAPITAL DISTRICT YOUTH CHORAL CONCERT - Next Sunday, May 19th at 3:00pm the Youth Orchestra presents "Singing Around the Work". Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 17 and under and children under 5 are free. Please come and enjoy the beautiful music.

CAMP FOWLER PICNIC - Come enjoy a day at your camp, Saturday March 25th from 10-4. Take a tour, go boating, have lunch, and enjoy and sing along and dedication. 152 Pelcher Road, Lake Pleasant, NY.

Our Life in Service

MAY MISSION OF THE MONTH: FRCS Emergency Food Distribution- Over the last several years, through our various programs such as the backpack program and the free community meals, we have become known in the schools and in the community as a Church that can help people in need of food. Donations are being accepted for our mission to help those in our community experiencing emergency food needs. Please see this month's Messenger for more details.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! to Patty Marre, Shannon Whelan and Diana Ackner for walking and raising \$883 at the Crop Walk on Sunday, May 5th. The rain didn't stop us! We were a little soggy, but we walked for all those who have to walk to get their food and water. Thank you for doing God's work!

COMMUNITY MEAL - On May 18th there will be a Community Luncheon served from 11:00am-12:30pm. The menu will be turkey and cheese sandwiches, tuna and macaroni salad, fruit cup and homemade cookies.

LITTLE FREE FOOD PANTRY RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY - following 10am worship on Pentecost, May 19th, we will celebrate and officially dedicate and open our new little free food pantry.

THE SCOTIA FOOD PANTRY - The basket in the Narthex receives our weekly food donations for the Scotia Food Pantry located in the CityView Church on Mohawk Ave. We thank Jane Brehm for delivering the food for May. Please consider volunteering for one of the upcoming months. Sign up sheets are in the narthex and the lobby.

JUNE GARAGE SALE - This years' date has been set for Friday, June 7th, from 9:00am to 3:00pm and Saturday, June 8th, from 9:00am to 12:00pm. To raise funds for our local missions, we will be participating in two ways:

- We will be renting spaces for a small fee, to those that wish to sell their items, but not at their own house or apartment. We advertise, you bring your items, you staff your tables and keep what you make. All remaining items must go home with you.
- You can donate items on our list (still being developed) for the church to sell to benefit the church and our local missions. We staff and sell the items. All remaining items will be stored for next sale.

If you have interest in renting a space to sell your goods - you may go to our website and print a form or see Sharon in the office. If you would like to donate items for the church to sell - see Sue Pitts for drop-off times.

This Week's Calendar

SUN, May 12	8:00 & 10:00am 9:00am 11:15am	Worship Service, Sanctuary Choir Assembles, Chancel Coffee Hour and Fellowship, Brink Hall
MON, May 13	6:00pm	Administrative Council, Library
TUES, May 14	12:00pm 6:00pm	Renew Bible Study, Zoom Missions Council, Room One
WED, May 15	9:30am 1:30pm 7:00pm	Backpack Packing, Brink Hall Caring and Sharing, Memorial Lounge Christian Education Council, Zoom
FRI, May 17	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
SAT, May 18	11:00am	Community Meal, Brink Hall
SUN, May 19	8:00 & 10:00am 9:20am 11:10am 11:15am 3:00pm	Pentecost Worship Service, Sanctuary Choir Assembles, Chancel Little Free Pantry Ribbon Cutting Coffee Hour and Fellowship, Brink Hall Capital District Youth Choral Concert, Sanctuary

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Our Congregation's Covenant

*First Reformed Church of Scotia is a fellowship of people,
each called by God and empowered by the Holy Spirit
to be disciples of Jesus Christ,
and instruments of his presence in the world.
We sustain our fellowship through worship
and the celebration of the sacraments, through prayer,
and through the encouragement of each other's spiritual growth.
Our shared task is to follow Christ in mission and ministry
in our lives, our homes, our community, and our world so loved by God.*

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