



FIRST REFORMED CHURCH

SCOTIA

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## Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**Bold** invites you to join in the reading.

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

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### We Gather to Worship God

Prelude

Meditation on “At the Name of Jesus” *Ralph Vaughan Williams*  
KINGS WESTON *(1872-1959)*

Welcome & Announcements

Votum

\* Call to Worship

The Lord is glorious and strong!

**We give glory to God and worship the Lord in holy splendor!**

Listen! The voice of the Lord is over the waters!

**Speak! Your children listen!**

Listen! The voice of the Lord flashes forth with flames of fire!

**Speak! Your children listen!**

Listen! The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon!

**Speak! Your children listen!**

Listen! The voice of the Lord is powerful and full of majesty!

**Speak! Your children listen!**

Listen! The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness!

**We hear! God speaks with thunder and might!**

Speak, O Lord, so that we might speak! Give us the strength to lift our voices!

Let us rejoice and worship God!

\* Hymn #408

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life  
Verses 1, 3, 5 & 6

GERMANY

Call to Confession

## Unison Prayer of Confession

**O God, in the midst of the great din of life, we struggle to hear your voice. We find ourselves lost in the half-truths and flat out lies of this world. We are disorientated and so we keep silent. We are confused and so we keep silent. We are so caught up in ourselves and in our own worries, we keep silent.**

**O Lord, we pray for your truth to cut through all the noise. Be ever for us our north star and guiding light. Help us recognize when things are wrong and empower us to speak out. Help us call out injustice and oppression, wherever we see it. Fill us with righteousness so that we can no longer keep silent. Fill us with love so that we must speak out.**

*~ Silent Personal Confession ~*

O Lord have mercy.

**Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy. Amen.**

## Assurance of Pardon

Hear the mighty voice of God decree your salvation! 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

“BEACH SPRING”

*The Sacred Harp, 1844*

*keyboard acc. Randall DeBruyn (b. 1947)*

- 10:00

Just for Today

*Jane Bingham Abbot*

*arr. for choir by John A. West*

Lord, for tomorrow and its needs, I do not pray;  
Keep me, my God, from stain of sin, Just for today;  
Let me no wrong or idle word, Unthinking say;  
Set Thou a seal upon my lips, Just for today.  
Let me both diligently work, And duly pray;  
Let me be kind in word and deed, Just for today;  
Let me in season, Lord, be grave, in season gay;  
Let me be faithful to Thy grace, Just for today.  
In pain and sorrow's cleansing fires, Brief be my stay  
Oh, bid me if today I die, Come home today;  
So for tomorrow and its needs, I do not pray,  
But keep me, guide me, love me, Lord; Just for today.



## We are Sent Out to Serve God

\* Hymn #435                      We All Are One in Mission      ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVÖGELEIN

\* Charge & Benediction

Postlude - 8:00                      Theme from “Hornpipe”                      *G. F. Handel (1685-1759)*

- 10:00                      Lift Every Voice and Sing                      *Rosamond Johnson  
(1873-1954)*



### **Worship Leadership at 8:00am**

Preaching: Rev. McCloskey

Pianist: Michael Linke

### **Worship Leadership at 10:00am**

Preaching: Rev. McCloskey

Ushers: Jerry & Tina Haldeman,  
Sandra Lundstedt and David Schalekamp  
Choir Director: Hunter Harville-Moxley  
Organist: Michael Linke

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## **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.

**FAITH FORMATION** - Today is Intergenerational Faith Formation. Our topic today is *Baptism*. All youth, K-12th grade, are encouraged to bring an adult up to class to join in a special time of learning and growing together. You can bring a parent, grandparent, family member or friend. All are welcome!

**NURSERY CARE** - Nursery care for children, infant through 4 years old, is available every Sunday from 9:30am to 11:30am. The nursery is located in the first room on the right as you exit the sanctuary down the education wing. There are toys, games, books and a changing table and diapers. Parents are welcome to stay in the nursery with their little one(s) if they would like. We ask that a parent stay with babies younger than six months old.

### **Our Life in Community**

**THE CHURCH OFFICE** - will be open this week Tuesday through Friday from 9:00am-1:00pm. The office will be closed on Monday in recognition of Martin Luther King Day.

**PASTOR CHRISTOPHER'S OFFICE HOURS** - Rev. McCloskey will be available in his office this Tuesday and Thursday 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](mailto:pastorchristopher@firstreformedscotia.org). For pastoral emergencies, please call his cell at (203) 430-1990.

Rev. McCloskey will be out of town from January 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>. The congregation welcomes Rev. Abby Norton-Levering to preach and lead worship on the 26<sup>th</sup>. Rev. Norton-Levering in the Region Synod of Albany's Ministries Coordinator.

**NEW MEMBERS INTEREST MEETINGS** - Are you interested in becoming a formal member of First Reformed Church of Scotia? On Sunday February 16th following both the 8:00am & 10:00am service, there will be an interest meeting in the Memorial Lounge. Not sure what membership means? Come to the meeting. Not sure why you would want to be a member? Come to the meeting. Coming to the meeting does not obligate you to join and no pressure will be applied. If you are interested, but unable on the 16th, please email Pastor Christopher at [pastorchristopher@firstreformedscotia.org](mailto:pastorchristopher@firstreformedscotia.org). The most recent edition of the church's directory notes your membership status.

**MESSENGER DEADLINE** - If you like announcements to go into our newsletter the Messenger, please have information to the office by **tomorrow** January 20<sup>th</sup>.

**RENEWAL BIBLE STUDY** - The group will gather next on Tuesday January 21<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon via Zoom. We are reading The Road, the Rock and the Rabbi by Kathy Lee Gifford. The readers follow Kathy on her tour of dozens of ancient landmarks and historical sites in Israel. Contact Sunny Baldwin at 518-320-4562 or [csunnyb@nycap.rr.com](mailto:csunnyb@nycap.rr.com) for more information.

**THE CONVERSATION PROJECT - TODAY** The Congregational Care Council is offering a workshop to help you organize your most important paperwork “in case of emergency”. Join Lynn Makrin after worship today to learn about an organization system called NOK box (Next of Kin). We will also share information about the Vial of Life and other emergency tools. For more information or to let us know if you will attend this workshop, please contact Pam Walsh.

**PRAYER SHAWL MEETING** - The Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet next Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup>. Grab a drink from Brink Hall and then meet us in Room 1 at 11:15. Bring your questions, a medium sized crochet hook, scissors, and your finished or unfinished shawls so we can practice making fringe.

**TALENT SHOW** - Come one, come all, Scotia's Got Talent! On Saturday February 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30pm Fellowship Council will be hosting a talent show! If you like to sing, dance, tell stories, read poetry, play an instrument, do magic tricks, or have any other talents to share, we'd love to have you perform! Sign up sheets are available in the narthex and the Brink Hall lobby.

### **Our Life in Service**

**MISSION OF THE MONTH: Kids Hope USA** is a national mentoring organization that equips churches to send volunteer mentors into their neighborhood elementary schools to serve as mentors in a one-on-one relationship with at risk kids. Students can experience an improvement in academic skills and reading, feel a sense of greater confidence, and better social/emotional behaviors. *January is mentor appreciation month so if you see any of our mentors thank them for their devotion and service!*

**FEBRUARY RUMMAGE SALE** - There are sign up sheets for the **February Rummage Sale** (February 7<sup>th</sup> & February 8<sup>th</sup>) in the Brink Hall lobby and the Narthex. Please sign up to help!

**COMMUNITY MEAL** - There will be a sit down meal on January 25<sup>th</sup> from 11:00am to 12:30pm. The menu will be hot dogs with chili and a fruit cup.

**DONATIONS NEEDED** - The Community Cupboard needs men's and women's heavy socks, gloves, hats and scarves. The Backpack Program needs children's hats and gloves. Please put donations in the Community Cupboard container in the lobby outside of Brink Hall.

## This Week's Calendar

<b>SUN, Jan 19</b>	<b>8:00am &amp; 10:00am</b>	<b>Worship Service in the Sanctuary</b>
	9:15am	Choir Assembles, Chancel
	11:15am	Coffee Hour and Fellowship, Brink Hall
	11:15am	Conversation Project Workshop, Lounge
<b>MON, Jan 20</b>		<b>OFFICE CLOSED, MLK Jr. Day</b>
<b>TUES, Jan 21</b>	12:00pm	Renew Bible Study, Zoom
	2:00pm	Congregational Care Council, Memorial Lounge
	7:15pm	Worship Council, Memorial Lounge
<b>WED, Jan 22</b>	9:30pm	Backpack Packing, Brink Hall
	7:00pm	Christian Education Council, Hybrid
<b>THURS, Jan 23</b>	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
<b>SAT, Jan 25</b>	11:00-12:30pm	Community Meal, Brink Hall
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	11:15am	Prayer Shawl Meeting, Room 1

## The Consistory of First Reformed Church of Scotia

President: Rev. Christopher McCloskey

### Elders

Don Bowers  
June Coryer  
Paul Munson  
Debbie Perretta  
David Schalekamp  
Pam Walsh

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John Ackner  
Laura Taft Bull  
Becky Okpoti Jarczynski  
Sue Penn  
Lee Poremba  
Bill Shave

## **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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