



FIRST REFORMED CHURCH OF SCOTIA

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

February 23rd, 2025

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SCOTIA

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

Hosea

*Weston Priory & Gregory Norbet
keyboard acc. by Mary Callahan*

Welcome & Announcements

Votum

* Call to Worship

Happy are those who delight in the Lord!

We rejoice and sing God's praises!

For they are like trees planted by living waters!

We are glad that the Lord is our God!

They yield good fruit in due season! They are never barren!

We bring our harvest to the Lord!

Happy are those who take refuge in God!

We put our whole trust in the Lord!

The Lord sustains us!

We are not afraid!

The Lord is our helper and our shield!

We are delivered from all of our foes!

The Lord is our salvation!

May the Lord bless us and keep us always!

Let us delight in the love of the Lord! Let us worship God!

* Hymn #282

If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee

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Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Most Holy Lord, we confess that we have not always been a blessing unto others. Though you bless us without end, we so rarely heed your call to share of our blessings and gifts. Forgive us for all the ways that we have been selfish and uncaring to those in need. Lead us in your path of humble servanthood, O God. Help us to follow in your example and to assist you in reteaching this broken world the way of love.

~ Silent Personal Confession ~

O Lord have mercy.

Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Yes! The Lord is our 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

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

John B. Dykes (1823-1876)

MELITA

arr. Noel Rawsthorne

- 10:00

Laudate Dominum

Music by W.A Mozart

English Translation:

Praise Him, all ye peoples.

For His loving kindness has been bestowed upon us,

And the truth of the Lord endures forever.

Glory be to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,

World without end. Amen.

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.

* Prayer of Dedication

We are Sent Out to Serve God

* Hymn No. 338

Kum ba Yah

African Melody

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| 1. Kum ba Yah... | 5. Someone's laughing... |
| 2. Someone's needy... | 6. Someone's filled... |
| 3. Someone's hungry... | 7. Someone's blessed... |
| 4. Someone's weeping... | 8. Someone's praying... |

* Charge & Benediction

Postlude - 8:00

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty
UNSER HERRSCHER

Joachim Neander
(1650-1680)

- 10:00

Postlude on "St Denio"
Immortal Invisible God Only Wise

Robert Lao
Adpt. by John Roberts



Worship Leadership at 8:00am

Preaching: Rev. McCloskey

Pianist: Michael Linke

Worship Leadership at 10:00am

Preaching: Rev. McCloskey

Liturgist: Don Bowers

Ushers: Laura Bull, Debbie Perretta,
Bill & Kristen Shave

Choir Director: Hunter Harville-Moxley

Organist: Michael Linke

Guest Musicians at 10:00am

Countertenor: Kyle Hall

Clarinet: Dylan Murphy

Violin: Cameron Newman

Cello: Kaitlyn Evensen

Bass: Dan Cordell

Pianist: Diana Ackner

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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's story is Joseph and his colorful coat. All youth, K-12th grade, are welcome to join Miss Diana for a special time of learning.

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.

ASH WEDNESDAY - You are invited to Ash Wednesday service in our Sanctuary Wednesday, March 5th at 7:00pm.

Our Life in Community

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

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. For pastoral emergencies, please call his cell at (203) 430-1990.

CONVERSATION PROJECT WORKSHOP - TODAY following 10am worship you are invited to join a workshop about advance directives lead by Dr. George Giokas and Kelly Leonard, RN from Ellis Medicine.

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC - The Health and Wellness Team will be holding the first Blood Pressure clinic of the year next Sunday March 2nd after 10am worship in Memorial Lounge.

LABYRINTH WALK - Begin preparations for Lent by joining on a guided walk of the Labyrinth in Brink Hall next Sunday March 2nd after 10am worship.

***RESCHEDULED* NEW MEMBERS INTEREST MEETINGS** - Due to bad weather the New Member Interest Meetings have been rescheduled for March 2nd following both the 8:00am & 10:00am service in the Library. If you are interested in learning more, but are unable to join us on the 2nd, please email Pastor Christopher at pastorchristopher@firstreformedscotia.org.

RENEW LENTEN BIBLE STUDY - This year the group has selected the book, Give Up Something Bad for Lent, written by Rev. James W. Moore. The group continues to meet at 12 noon via Zoom. All are welcome! See Diana Ackner for a copy of the book. For the reading schedule and Zoom link, see Sunny at church or contact at 518-320-4562 or csunnyb@nycap.rr.com.

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY - Mark your calendars! Diana Ackner will be leading a Lent Bible Study on Wednesdays beginning March 12th at 7:00pm. This study will coordinate with this year's Lent devotional entitled "Everything in Between". Please contact Diana if you have any questions.

Our Life in Service

FEBRUARY MISSION OF THE MONTH: Over the Bridge Outreach (OTBO) is a ministry started by our very own Doug Bartling. If you would like more information about this important mission or would like the experience of riding along with Doug, please contact the church office.

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 Cindy & Jeff Taft for January food deliveries and Bill & Karen Faulkner for February food deliveries.

BLOOD DRIVE Our church is hosting an American Red Cross blood drive TOMORROW, February 24th, from 12-5 pm in Brink Hall. The easiest way to register is to download the Red Cross app and sign up. Or schedule online or call 1-800-RED CROSS. Walk-In's also welcome. Your donation can help save a life!

COMMUNITY MEAL - There will be a Grab and Go lunch on March 5th from 11:00-12:30pm. The menu is soup, sandwich, fruit cup and cookies.

FOWLER SPAGHETTI SUPPER AND CAKE AUCTION will be held Saturday March 15th from 4:00-6:30pm. Come support our campers and enjoy delicious food, great company and take home an amazing cake! Volunteers are needed. *Auction Cakes are Needed!!* Think about taking part in this fun and important event: help serve, bake a cake, or simply come and eat.

This Week's Calendar

SUN, Feb 23	8:00am & 10:00am	Worship Service in the Sanctuary
	9:15am	Choir Assembles, Chancel
	11:15am	Coffee Hour and Fellowship, Brink Hall
	11:15am	Conversation Project, Brink Hall
MON, Feb 24	12:00pm	Red Cross Blood Drive, Brink Hall
TUE, Feb 25	12:00pm	Renew Bible Study, Zoom
WED, Feb 26	9:30am	Backpack Packing, Brink Hall
THU, Feb 27	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
FRI, Feb 28	3:30pm	Worship Council, Memorial Lounge
SUN, Mar 2	8:00am & 10:00am	Worship Service in the Sanctuary
	9:15am	Choir Assembles, Chancel
	9:15 & 11:15am	New Members Meeting, Lakehill Library
	11:15am	Coffee Hour and Fellowship, Brink Hall
	11:15am	Blood Pressure Clinic, Memorial Lounge
	11:15am	Labyrinth Walk, Brink Hall

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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