



# FIRST REFORMED CHURCH OF SCOTIA

**Easter Sunday**

April 20<sup>th</sup>, 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.

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## We Gather to Worship God

Prelude

Christ, The Lord, is Risen Again

*Plainsong 12<sup>th</sup> c.*

CHRIST IST ERSTANDEN

*acc. Randall DeBruyn*

Now the Green Blade Rises

*Trad. French Melody*

NOEL NOUVELET

*acc. Randall DeBruyn*

Welcome

Votum

\* Call to Worship

Christ is risen!

**He is risen indeed!**

The tomb is empty!

**Alleluia! Christ is risen!**

He has wiped away our tears!

**Alleluia! Christ is risen!**

He has turned our mourning into dancing!

**Alleluia! Christ is risen!**

On the cross, we died with Christ!

**Alleluia! Christ is risen!**

With him, we have been raised to new life!

**Alleluia! Christ is risen!**

He has clothed us in joy!

**Alleluia! Christ is risen!**

Alleluia! Christ is risen! Jesus lives! Let us worship God!

\* Hymn No. 122

Thine Is the Glory

JUDAS MACCABEUS

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

**O Living God, we are not worthy of your sacrifice; we are not worthy to receive your gift of eternal life. Yet, you call us redeemed. You call us beloved and forever saved. And so, we freely confess knowing that your mercy is assured through Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord.**

*~ Silent Personal Confession ~*

O Lord have mercy.

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

Assurance of Pardon

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! 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

Deck Thyself, My Soul, with Gladness  
SCHMUCKE DICH

*Johann Cruger  
(1598-1662)*

- 10:00

Easter Festival

*by Michael S. Bryson*

*Christ the Lord is risen today!*

*All creation, join to say;*

*Raise your joys and triumphs high;*

*Sing, ye heavens and earth reply:*

*Christ is risen! Alleluia!*

*Lives again our glorious King.*

*Where, O death, is now thy sting?*

*Dying once He all doth save.*

*Where thy victory, O grave?*

*Love's redeeming work is done.*

*Fought the fight, the battle won.*

*Death in vain forbids Him rise.*

*Christ has opened paradise.*

**[Congregation invited to rise and sing]**

*Soar we now where Christ has led.*

*Alleluia! Foll'wing our exalted Head.*

*Alleluia! Made like Him, like Him we rise.*

*Alleluia! Ours the cross, the grave, the skies.*

*Alleluia!*

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



\* Charge & Benediction

Postlude - 8:00	Christ, The Lord, is Risen Today LLANFAIR	<i>R. Williams (1781-1821)</i> <i>acc. By Randall DeBruyn</i>
- 10:00	Little Prelude in C Major BWV 553	<i>J.S. Bach (1685-1750)</i>



**Worship Leadership at 8:00am**

Preaching: Rev. McCloskey  
Pianist: Michael Linke

**Worship Leadership at 10:00am**

Preaching: Rev. McCloskey  
Liturgist: Laura Taft Bull  
Ushers: Russ Garrison, Nancy Passer,  
Bill & Kristen Shave  
Choir Director: Hunter Harville-Moxley  
Organist: Michael Linke

**Musicians at 10:00am**

1<sup>st</sup> Trumpet: Samuel Dole  
2<sup>nd</sup> Trumpet: David Walsh  
1<sup>st</sup> Trombone: Timothy Solinger  
2<sup>nd</sup> Trombone: Jared Slingerland

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**Announcements:**

**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 or placed in the offering plate. If you would rather, there is a QR Code on the narthex bulletin board, which will allow you to digitally submit to us the same information.

**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.

**JOIN US FOR COFFEE AND CONVERSATION** - Refreshments are available after both the 8am and 10am services. Please come and join us in Brink Hall.

**FAITH FORMATION** - NO faith formation today!

**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.

**NEXT SUNDAY** - Rev. McCloskey will be preaching at Cobblestone Reformed Church in Rotterdam. We warmly welcome Classis Clerk and Synod Program Coordinator Lindsey De Kruif to preach and lead worship in his absence.

**COMMUNITY MEAL** - There will be a Community Meal on April 26<sup>th</sup> from 11:00-12:30pm. The menu is ham, macaroni & cheese and a fruit cup.

**BLOOD DRIVE** Our church is hosting an American Red Cross blood drive on April 29<sup>th</sup> from 12-5 pm in Brink Hall. Give hope this spring!

**BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC** - The Health and Wellness Team will be holding a Blood Pressure clinic May 4<sup>th</sup> after 10am worship in Memorial Lounge.

**HUDSON MOHAWK CHORALE** - On May 4<sup>th</sup>, the Hudson Mohawk Chorale presents The Voice of Eternity featuring a premiere by Alfred Fedak and the Faure Requiem.

**CROP WALK 2025** - Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, Opening Ceremony starting at 1:00pm, with the Walk to follow! This year we will be walking at St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish School (1801 Union St. Schenectady). Registration is now open! You can register individually or with the FRCS team. Need more info? Contact Miss Diana [education@firstreformedscotia.org](mailto:education@firstreformedscotia.org)

***The Easter flowers in the sanctuary this morning are dedicated to the Glory of God and:***

In memory of loved ones by Sue Alibozek.

In memory of Ruth & Fred Beck, Karen Bruinsma, and Arlene Beck by Phyllis Beck.

In memory of Shirley Taft by Laura Taft Bull

In memory of Clem & Jean Coryer, Juanita & Anthony Rosate, and William Sevinsky  
by Brad & June Coryer.

In memory of Jim Cordell & Sheila Doyle by the Doyle family.

In memory of loved ones by Marian Gilgore.

In honor of Lucy, Declan, Sydney, Luke, Charlotte, Ben & Brody by Grandma & Grandpa.

In loving memory of Richard Szmyr, beloved brother, son, father & uncle by Tina & Jerry Haldeman.

In loving memory of family and friends by Norma Hamm.

In memory of loved ones by Peg Kniskern.

In loving memory of Anne & Ken Fetter by Nancy & Fran Landry.

In memory of loved ones by Sandra Lundstedt.

In memory of Henry Makrin, Ed & Dorothy Horstkotte, and Preston Reynold by the Makrin family.

In honor of our grandson Laine William Baldwin by Patty & Mike Marré.

In memory of loved ones by Steve Mathes.

In loving memory of Shelly by Mommy.

In memory of Bob and in honor of grandkids Hanna, Servais & Miles by Sue Pitts.

In memory of George & Rocco Parvana by Darcy Pratt.

In memory of my mother Mary Dawley and my son-in-law Jeremy Legangzak by Kate Seward.

In memory of loved ones by Ellen Schultz.

In memory of family members gone too soon by Bill & Kristen Shave.

In memory of Jack Sheehan by his family.

In memory of Duane, Roberta, Bob & Dan Jr. by Pat VanPatten.

In honor of Kent & Jill Busman in recognition of Kent's final year as Director of Camp Fowler  
by Dave & Pam Walsh.

In loving memory of Amiee's dad Donald Wilson by Aimee & Steve Warfield.

In memory of loved ones by Dave White.

In loving memory of Kenneth & Jane Willcox Sr. by Kenneth Willcox III.

In honor of Chris, Abbey, Benton & Anderson North, and Zach, Amy, Parker & Landry Wurz  
by Bruce & Barb Wurz.

## This Week's Calendar

<b>SUN, Apr 20</b>	<b>8:00am &amp; 10:00am</b>	<b>Easter Sunday Service in the Sanctuary</b>
	9:00am & 11:15am	Coffee Hour and Fellowship, Brink Hall
	9:15am	Choir Assembles, Chancel
<b>TUES, Apr 22</b>	7:00pm	Christian Education Council, Hybrid
<b>WED, Apr 23</b>	9:30am	Backpack Packing, Brink Hall
	6:00pm	Missions Council, Room 1
<b>THURS, Apr 24</b>	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
<b>SAT, Apr 26</b>	11:00am	Community Meal, Brink Hall
<b>SUN, Apr 27</b>	<b>8:00am &amp; 10:00am</b>	<b>Worship Service in the Sanctuary</b>
	9:00am & 11:15am	Coffee Hour and Fellowship, Brink Hall
	9:15am	Choir Assembles, Chancel

## The Consistory of First Reformed Church of Scotia

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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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