



FIRST REFORMED CHURCH  
**SCOTIA**

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## Pentecost

June 8<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

*Malaguena*

Dustin Madison

Welcome - *This Is The Day*

Votum - *Be Still*

\* Call to Worship (based on Psalm 100)

Shout for joy to the Lord everyone on earth.

**Worship the Lord with gladness.**

**Come to Him with songs of joy.**

Know the Lord is God.

**We are God's people.**

Give thanks as you enter church.

**Give praise as you enter, give thanks to God.**

The Lord is good. God's love continues forever.

**It will last forever!**

Let us worship God together with joy!

\* Hymn

*We Are One In The Spirit* - see insert

Unison Prayer of Confession

**Dear God, It's so easy for us to forget. We forget to brush our teeth, make our bed and say thank you. It's easy to forget that You are with us, that You love us, and You will never leave us. We are sinful people. Help us make choices that honor You, ourselves and others. When we are angry give us space to breathe. When we make mistakes, help us learn from it. Give us bravery to say we're sorry when we've hurt someone with our words or actions.**

**We know everyone messes up sometimes, and we thank You for being full of forgiveness and kindness. Help us be gentle and kind, caring and honest. We want to learn Your ways of grace, mercy and peace.**

Now, Please take a moment for your own silent confession.

*~ Silent Personal Confession ~*

O Lord have mercy.

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

Assurance of Pardon

Jesus lives! He has conquered death and our sin has died with him!

Friends, hear and believe the Good News of the Gospel, in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

**Thanks be to God!**

Summary of the Law - The Greatest Commandment

Passing of the Peace

Peace be with you!

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

Call to Gratitude & Offering

Offertory

*Spirit of the Living God*

\*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

Bible presentation & Teacher appreciation

**We Proclaim the Word of God**

Story/Lesson

*A Wind In The Door*

Sermon

Spreading the Holy Spirit

## **We Respond with Gratitude to God**

### Sacrament of Holy Communion

Come from east and west! From north and south, come! This is the table of the Lord! Come every race and people! All who seek Christ are welcomed and received in love. Come and be fed!

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts!

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Truly it is very good and right to always give you thanks and praise, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth. You make us in your image and call us each by name. And so, with all creatures on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join the unending hymn, saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you. And blessed is your Son, Jesus Christ, who by his baptism of death and by his resurrection gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and evil, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. He commissioned us to be his witnesses to the ends of the earth and to make disciples of all nations.

In remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer to you our very selves in praise and gratitude, as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's sacrifice for us. And so, let us proclaim the great mystery of faith:

**Christ has died! Christ has risen! Christ will come again!**

O Lord, pour out your Holy Spirit upon this sacred fellowship, this feast of love. By your Spirit unite us with Christ, so that through him we might be born anew. Therefore, in thanksgiving, we lift our voices united as a saved people using the prayer Jesus taught us, saying:

**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.**

We give you thanks that, on the night he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ, took bread, and after giving thanks to you, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:

"Take, eat. This is my body, broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way he took the cup, saying:

"This is the cup of the new covenant sealed in my blood and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink of it, do this in remembrance of me."

*~ Receive the Bread and Cup ~*

Voluntary

Somewhere Over The Rainbow

Claire Beauchemin

*~ Partake in the Feast ~*

Prayer of the people

## **We are Sent Out to Serve God**

\* Hymn No. 433

*There's a Spirit in the Air*

Benediction

Postlude

*Largo*

Evan Williams

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## **Worship Leaders**

Rylan, Kevin & Claire Beauchemin

Anneka & Evan Williams

Emma & Sophia DeMasi

Ushers : Bill Eberle, Bill Shave &

Dustin & Katie Madison

The Wilcox family

Kenny & Emma Wilcox

## **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 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 BREAKFAST, COFFEE AND CONVERSATION** - Breakfast is available after both the 8am and 10am services. Please come and join us in Brink Hall.

**FAITH FORMATION** - Today is our last class of the program year. Enjoy your summer and have fun with the online resources that will be available soon.

**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 Monday through Friday from 9:00am-1:00pm.

**PASTOR CHRISTOPHER'S OFFICE HOURS** - Rev. McCloskey will be available in his office 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.

**DANCE FOR THE LORD** - Next week after 10am worship, we will have a dance performance of Max Lucado's book *You Are Special* in Brink hall at 11:15. We thank The Modern Art Theater and Dance Academy for sharing their talents with us.

**LOOKING FOR A WAY TO HELP OUT?** - We are currently looking for individuals who are willing to be trained to use the sanctuary's audio and video equipment. Anyone can learn how to do this, no special skills needed. If you are interested in being trained, please talk to Pastor Christopher or Paul Munson.

**CONVERSATION PROJECT CHALLENGE** - Our congregation has been challenged to "have the conversation, complete the necessary paperwork, and share with the appropriate people in your life." So here is the challenge: share your end-of-life wishes with your family by the end of this summer. Once you have the conversation; complete, to the best of your ability, the "Funeral Arrangement Planning Guide." Copies can be found on the literature rack outside of the office. Our goal is to have 25 people submit their partially or completed packets to Pastor Christopher by September.

### **Our Life in Service**

**JUNE MISSION OF THE MONTH:** is the Summer Lovin' Lunch Program. We will offer lunches or meals-to-go throughout the summer months. We look forward to once again offering easy meals to help out so everyone can enjoy the summer!

**JUNE GARAGE SALE** - Thank you to everyone who helped with the June garage sale. We had a fantastic turn out with a very generous variety of things to sell and wonderful baked goods to eat. This sale happens because of all of our volunteers who help.

**GRAB AND GO LUNCH** - There will be a Grab and Go Lunch on June 11<sup>th</sup> from 11:00-12:30pm. The menu is a sandwich, salad, fruit cup and cookies.

## **This Week's Calendar**

<b>SUN, June 8</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>Pentecost Worship Service in the Sanctuary</b>
	9:00am	Breakfast, Brink Hall
	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Youth Sunday Pentecost Worship in Sanctuary</b>
	11:15am	Breakfast, Brink Hall
<b>MON, June 9</b>	6:00pm	Administrative Council, Library
<b>WED, June 11</b>	11:00am	Grab and Go Lunch, Brink Hall
<b>THUR, June 12</b>	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
<b>SUN, June 15</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
	11:15am	Dance performance of <i>You Are Special</i>

## **The Consistory of First Reformed Church of Scotia**

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### Elders

Don Bowers  
June Coryer  
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David Schalekamp  
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