



FIRST REFORMED CHURCH
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Day of Pentecost

May 24th, 2026

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

Sonata No. 3 in B Minor, (Op. 58) “Largo”
Iida Nyman, Pianist

Frédéric Chopin
(1810-1849)

Welcome & Announcements

Votum

* Call to Worship

The Lord is great - clothed with honor and majesty!

In wisdom, God made all things!

God stretched the heavens like a tent!

The Lord made the sun and the moon! God set their courses!

The Lord has set the earth on its foundations so that it shall never be moved!

God brings the rain and makes springs gush forth in the valleys!

All people look to the Lord!

God fills us with good things!

How manifold are the works of the Lord!

By the Spirit, God renews all things!

May the glory of the Lord endure forever!

**Let us rejoice in God’s wonderful works! Let us sing to the Lord with
all that is in us!**

Let us worship God!

* Hymn No. 127

Come, O Spirit

BOUNDLESS MERCY

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

O Lord, we confess our dissatisfaction with what we have been given from you. We are jealous of the gifts of others and we wish we had been gifted differently. We are envious of what others have been given.

Forgive us, O God. Help us value the gifts that we have been given and be grateful for each blessing. Put an end to our envy and jealousy. For it is you, O Lord, who is glorified when we use whatever gifts we have for the common good!

~ Silent Personal Confession ~

O Lord have mercy.

Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

By the Spirit, God renews all things! 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

Come Holy Ghost

Louis Lambillotte (1796-1855)

LAMBILLOTTE

acc. Randall DeBruyn

- 10:00

We Are Yours, Lord

Besig/Price

When we pray, we will pray with thankful hearts. When we sing, we will sing with joyful voices.

When we serve, we will serve with willing hands, For we are Yours, Lord. We are Yours, Lord.

When we speak, we will speak with loving care. When we act, we will act with firm conviction.

When we give, we will give with boundless joy, For we are Yours, Lord. We are Yours, Lord.

**You lift us up, You give us hope. You fill our lives with the power of your Spirit.*

You give us life. You make us whole, and we are changed forever through Your love.

Within this calm and peaceful place, near to Your heart, O Lord.

We find the joy of saving grace, near to Your heart, O Lord.

Your gentle hand will lead us, guiding us ever more.

Your tender love will keep us near to Your heart O, Lord.

As we live, we will live in grace and truth. As we share, we will share with love and kindness.

*As we walk, we will walk in humble faith, For we are Yours, Lord. We are Yours, Lord.**

Prayer of the People and Lord's Prayer

**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 are Sent Out to Serve God

* Hymn No. 440 In Christ There Is No East or West MC KEE

* Charge & Benediction

Postlude Festive Trumpet Tune *David German (b. 1954)*



Worship Leadership at 8:00am

Preaching: Rev. McCloskey
Pianist: Michael Linke
Accompanist: Iida Nyman

Worship Leadership at 10:00am

Preaching: Rev. McCloskey
Organist: Michael Linke
Choir Director: Diana Ackner
Accompanist: Iida Nyman
Liturgist: Lee Poremba
Ushers: Carol & Spike Ahl, Sheila Dort

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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.

FLOWERS - You can enhance worship by providing flowers for the sanctuary in honor or in memory of someone or some event special to you. Suggested donation is \$50. To reserve a Sunday, please call the church office at 518-370-4751 or sign up in the narthex.

FAITH FORMATION - All Kindergarten - 12th graders are welcome to join Miss Diana for a time of worship, learning and fun each Sunday at 10:30am. Our topic for today will be *Our God Is An Awesome God* (in preparation for Youth Sunday).

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. 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.

YOUTH SUNDAY- will be on June 7th. *Our God is an AWESOME God.* Come join us for a pancake breakfast, served 9am-10pm and 11am- 12pm, and a very special 10am service led by all our youth.

Our Life in Community

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.

THE CHURCH OFFICE - will be open this week from 9am-1pm Tuesday through Friday. We will be closed on Monday, May 25th for Memorial Day.

RENEW BIBLE STUDY - The group will be reading The Upper Room, a devotional booklet available for free at church. Renew Bible Study finishes May 26th for the summer (via Zoom). We plan to return in September. See you then! For questions and a Zoom link, contact Sunny Baldwin, at 518-320-4562 or csunnyb53@gmail.com.

YOUTH GROUP- meets Sunday May 31 at 4pm at Niskayuna Reformed Church. Come enjoy food and fellowship with Middle School and High school kids from churches around the area. Games, songs and more. *Those going on the mission trip will meet in a group and talk about upcoming trip details.*

MISSION TRIP - First Reformed Scotia is joining several churches in the area to go and support the many missions that Highland Park church has for homeless, immigrants, people going through life transitions and more. We could use your support! Here's how:

1. *Make a donation.* Every little bit helps! Make checks out to FRCS and put 'Mission Trip' on the memo line.
2. *Donate a twin or full sized air mattress.* We will first use these on the trip to sleep on then leave them there as a donation. They get used in their many housing missions.
3. *Please pray* for us and our trip as well as the many people we are trying to help. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me. Miss Diana education@firstreformedscotia.org

DANCE PERFORMANCE - Our friends at Modern Theater and Dance Academy are once again coming next Sunday to perform for us during fellowship time. Come grab a snack and be inspired by their dancing.

Our Life in Service

MISSION OF THE MONTH: RCA Global Mission exists to strengthen and grow the global church by supporting ministries of compassion, developing leaders, and sharing the good news. Through RCA Global Missions, this congregation specifically supports JJ Tenclay and Felipe & Janelle de Waard-Silva.

This congregation annually purchases a Partnership-in-Ministry 'share' with half going to JJ and the other half de Waard-Silvas. A Partnership in Ministry share is currently \$7,000. Your contribution to the Mission of the Month in May will go towards covering this commitment. Thank you!

BENEFIT CONCERT FOR JUBILEE Join Iida Nyman, Savannah Gordon, and Rebecca Schmid on **Wednesday, May 27th at 7:00pm** for an evening of classical music. All proceeds will be going towards a new service dog for Jubilee, a local college student who is preparing for law school. Jubilee, who was born with multiple birth defects and has undergone nearly a dozen surgeries to keep her spine stable, is also a through-knee amputee who relies on a service dog to walk without a wheelchair.

Her service dog also helps with over twenty-five different tasks that are too difficult for her to do alone. Such service dogs are highly trained and come at a significant cost. So come take this next step with Jubilee and enjoy an evening of live music.

Suggested donation: \$20

To learn more about Jubilee and her soon-to-be new service dog, visit:

www.gofundme.com/f/help-jubilee-get-her-next-service-dog

COMMUNITY MEAL/CAMP CARE will be on Saturday May 30 from 11:00am-12:30pm. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be served with a side salad. A craft activity will be on hand as well as adult coloring pages and word puzzles. This month's craft will be God's Eyes.

JUNE GARAGE SALE will be held on Friday June 5th 9am-1pm and June 6th 9am-12pm. Items for sale will include clothing, linens, toys, jewelry, books, homegoods, as well as an antique boutique and bake sale. Guidelines for donations can be found on our website firstreformedscotia.org/events/garagesale/. We will start accepting donations for the sale on May 31.

COMMUNITY CUPBOARD UPDATE How wonderful it is to see so many people helping to restock the Community Cupboard! We are happy that more of us are experiencing the joy of placing food items in the cupboard to help lift others in our community! Grocery and personal care items as well as monetary donations are always welcome. If you have questions, please see Cindy Taft or Karen Wentworth.

FOOD OF THE MONTH: Meals - Ready-to-eat cans or pouches, Rice - microwaveable pouch varieties, and Granola Bars.

COMMUNITY CUPBOARD SUMMER FOOD DRIVE *Hunger doesn't take a vacation.* Help pack a child's lunch with food to fill their lunchboxes. Create a grab & go with your favorite lunch ideas such as: fruit cups, peanut butter, jelly (no glass jars), chips, shelf-stable milk, snacks, juice boxes. Collection bins can be found in the narthex and main lobby.

This Week's Calendar

SUN, May 24	8:00 & 10:00am	Pentecost Worship Service in the Sanctuary
	9:00am	Coffee Hour and Fellowship, Brink Hall
	9:30am	Choir Assembles, Sanctuary
MON, May 25		Memorial Day - Church Office Closed
TUES, May 26	12:00pm	Renew Bible Study, Zoom
WED, May 27	9:00am	Backpack Packing, Brink Hall
	7:00pm	Benefit Concert for Jubilee, Sanctuary
THURS, May 28	11:00am	Fellowship Council, Memorial Lounge
	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
SAT, May 30	11:00am-12:30pm	Community Meal/ Camp Care
SUN, May 31	8:00 & 10:00am	Worship Service in the Sanctuary
	9:00 & 11:15am	Coffee Hour and Fellowship, Brink Hall
	9:30am	Choir Assembles, Choir Room
	11:15am	Dance Performance, Brink Hall
	11:30am	Personnel Committee, Memorial Lounge
	3:00pm	Hudson-Mohawk Chorale Concert, Sanctuary
	4:00pm	Youth Group, Niskayuna Reformed Church

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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