



FIRST REFORMED CHURCH
SCOTIA

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5th Sunday after Pentecost

June 28th, 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

Largo
Op. 95, 2nd mvt. Opening

Antonin Dvorak (1841-1904)
Arr. Aubrey Tucker

Welcome & Announcements

Votum

* Call to Worship

Let us sing of God's steadfast love!

We will proclaim God's faithfulness to all!

God's steadfast love is firmly established!

God's faithfulness is forever!

We have been set free!

Freed by love! Freed by grace!

Free from sin! Free from death!

Freed to obedience! Freed to abundant life!

We have been made instruments of righteousness!

We walk in the light of God!

The Lord is the Rock of our salvation!

Our salvation is in Christ, our Lord!

Blessed be the Lord forever! Let us worship God!

* Hymn No. 420

God of Grace and God of Glory

RHONDDA

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

We confess, O God, that we have continued to live under the dominion of sin. Though we have been freed from sin through the blood of Christ, we still choose it nonetheless. We have let sin reign over us. We have obeyed our sinful desires. We have turned away from righteousness. We still cling to our old selves and our old ways. Forgive us our ingratitude. Forgive us our faithlessness. Forgive us our stubbornness. Forgive us our hesitation.

Help us relinquish sin and embrace your invitation to abundant life. Help us receive your grace and be transformed by your love.

~ Silent Personal Confession ~

O Lord have mercy.

Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

The Lord is the Rock of 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

Be Thou my Vision
SLANE

*Traditional Irish Melody
Arr. Randall DeBruyn*

- 10:00

Ave Maria

Franz Schubert

Soloist: Abbey Santspree

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 Proclaim the Word of God

Unison Prayer for Illumination

O Spirit, help us rejoice in our freedom. Both in what we have been freed from and in what we have been freed to. Amen.

1st Lesson Romans 6:1-14 p. 119

Heart Song God of Great and God of Small *by Natalie Sleeth*
Alleluia, alleluia, praise be to your name.

Children's Sermon Rev. McCloskey

* Hymn No. 492 (10am) Baptized in Water BUNESSAN

2nd Lesson Romans 6:15-18 & 20-23 p. 119

Sermon Freed from/Freed to Rev. McCloskey

We Respond with Gratitude to God

* Hymn No. 492 (8am) Baptized in Water BUNESSAN

* Statement of Faith Heidelberg Catechism Question 34

Why do you call [Jesus] "our Lord"?

Because — not with gold or silver, but with his precious blood — he has set us free from sin... and has bought us, body and soul, to be his very own.

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. 561 My Country, 'Tis of Thee AMERICA

* Charge & Benediction

Postlude Recessional on God Bless America *Irving Berlin*
Arr. Mark Rippe

Worship Leadership at 8:00am

Preaching: Rev. McCloskey

Pianist: Michael Linke

Worship Leadership at 10:00am

Preaching: Rev. McCloskey

Organist: Michael Linke

Accompanist: Iida Nyman

Liturgist: David Schalekamp

Ushers: Jerry Haldeman, Sandy Lundstedt,
and Ken Willcox

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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 - in the sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God and in memory of Alicia Hermance by her family.

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.

FAITH FORMATION classes resume on SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13th for grades K-12. Join Miss Diana at 10:30ish for a time of learning and worship.

SUMMER TAKE HOME CHURCH - Here is a summer resource geared for families but can be used by all. This resource will guide you through scripture readings along with some awesome stories to help you keep connected with God over the summer months. Packets are available in the narthex and on the FRCS website with links to all the stories. Enjoy “worshipping” from home.

OUTDOOR WORSHIP - The 8am service will be worshipping on the patio outside, weather permitting through September 6th.

NEXT SUNDAY - Next Sunday, July 5th, Rev. McCloskey will be off. The Rev. Brian Dykema will be leading worship and preaching in his absence.

Our Life in Community

PASTOR CHRISTOPHER'S OFFICE HOURS - Rev. McCloskey will not be holding regular office hours in the month of July. If you would like to meet with him please email him to make an appointment 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 Monday through Thursday. The office will be closed on Friday July 3rd.

DINNER WITH NEIGHBORS - We are so excited to extend a new meal to our neighbors this summer! We will host a Free DINNER With Neighbors on Wednesday July 29th, from 5:30-7:30pm. All are welcome to attend! If you are interested in helping to prep, serve, or clean up, please be on the lookout for a sign-up that will be sent out via email in early July. Any questions, please contact Laura Taft Bull

Our Life in Service

MISSION TRIP - First Reformed Scotia is joining several churches in the area to go and support the many missions that the reformed church in Highland Park, NJ has for homeless, immigrants, people going through life transitions and more. They depart today, June 28th and will be returning July 2nd. Please keep them in your prayers!

CAMP FOWLER LETTERS - We have many kids attending Camp Fowler this summer, it's going to be amazing! Consider writing letters to our campers. Check out the Fowler bulletin board or call the office for information on who's attending which weeks and send a quick note saying hello. It's always fun to get mail... and they get to "Kiss the Moose" if they get 3 letters!!! Send mail to:

Camp Fowler
Camper Name (Week #)
P.O. Box 207
Lake Pleasant, NY 12108

SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM: Our Summer Lunch Program is ready to serve! The first lunch will be Thursday, July 2nd. We would love to have YOU be a part of the summer fun! Adults and teens are welcome to sign up for dates. Volunteers will help prep food, clean dishes, and help provide amazing hospitality to our guests. Coordinate with friends, neighbors, or co-workers and “sponsor” a day volunteering together! Feel free to bring your favorite puzzle, card game, or fun craft to share!

For more info, contact Laura Taft Bull. Check out our sign-up genius here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090A45AFAA2EA7F58-64601805-summer>

COMMUNITY CUPBOARD Community Cupboard is one of the many ways that we here at First Reformed Church of Scotia are supporting our neighbors. Located outside of Brink Hall, it is available 24/7 and allows for anonymity as well as participation from the community for replenishing with donations of food and personal care items. Thanks to all who responded to the June “Hunger Doesn’t Take a Vacation” donation collection, the Cupboard has been stocked with an assortment of delicious snack and juice items.

Are you wondering what you might help to provide this month? Recently we received a comment from a guest that has found the personal care items extremely helpful. The storage bin for these items is empty! Items to consider donating include:

- *shampoo*
- *bar soap*
- *toothpaste*
- *toothbrushes*
- *deodorant.*
- Band-aids - A particular request from a guest was for first aid items like *band-aids*. We can all help to care for those inevitable scraped knees this summer!

This Week’s Calendar

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| SUN, June 28 | 8:00 & 10:00am 10:00am 9:00 & 11:15am | Outdoor Worship Service (Weather Permitting) Worship Service in the Sanctuary Coffee Hour and Fellowship, Brink Hall |
| THUR July 2 | 11:30am - 1:00pm | Summer Lunch, Brink Hall |
| FRI July 3 | | Church Office Closed |
| SUN, July 5 | 8:00am 10:00am 9:00 & 11:15am | Outdoor Worship Service (Weather Permitting) Worship Service in the Sanctuary Coffee Hour and Fellowship, Brink Hall |

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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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