



FIRST REFORMED CHURCH

SCOTIA

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10th Sunday after Pentecost

August 2nd, 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

Canon in D

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

Welcome & Announcements

Votum

* Call to Worship

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised!

We shall declare the Lord's mighty acts!

Let us recount the glorious splendor of God's majesty and meditate on God's wondrous works!

We shall proclaim the Lord's awesome deeds!

Let us celebrate God's abundant goodness and sing aloud of God's righteousness!

We shall give thanks to the Lord, our God!

The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love!

The Lord is good to all! God's compassion is over all!

The Lord gives us food in due season and satisfies every living thing!

The Lord is just in every way and kind in every action!

Let us speak of the glory of God's kingdom and tell of God's power!

The Lord is faithful in word and gracious in deed!

God's kingdom is from everlasting to everlasting! God's dominion endures forever! Let us worship God!

* Hymn No. 507

I Come with Joy
Verses 1-4

DOVE OF PEACE

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

O Lord, we confess our hesitation to serve and to give. We worry that there will not be enough to go around. For we have been hurt before; others have taken advantage of us. We fear that if we are last, there will be nothing left for us.

O God, help us to trust in your abundance. Help us to trust in your providential care. Spur us to action and strength us to give of ourselves. Just as your Son gave everything for us.

~ Silent Personal Confession ~

O Lord have mercy.

Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love! 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)

Minute for Mission & Call to Gratitude

Offering

Offertory - 8:00

O Waly Waly

*English Folk Melody
Acc. by R. DeBruyn*

- 10:00

Hallelujah

*Vocalist: Sarah Cordts
Guitar: Bob Baldwin*

*Leonard Cohen
arr. By Bob Baldwin*

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 to hear. Help us to listen. Let us feast on your Word so that we may live. Amen.

1st Lesson

Isaiah 55:1-5

p. 531

Heart Song

God of Great and God of Small

by Natalie Sleeth

Alleluia, alleluia, praise be to your name.

Children's Sermon

Rev. McCloskey

2nd Lesson

Matthew 14:13-21

p. 12

Sermon

Yes You!

Rev. McCloskey

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 by the loving hand of God!

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:

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, upon 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

I am the Bread of Life

Suzanne Toolan

The Summons
KELVINGROVE

*Trad. Scottish Melody
arr. By Bobby Fisher*

~ Partake in the Feast ~

Prayer After Communion

Heavenly Father, we give you thanks for this holy feast, in which we remember Christ's saving death and resurrection – in which we experience Christ himself. We remember your greatest gift of love embodied by Jesus Christ and we rejoice. May your Spirit renew us and transform us for your service. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

We are Sent Out to Serve God

* Hymn No. 514	Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ	LINSTEAD
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* Charge & Benediction

Postlude	Postlude on “Hymn To Joy”	Mark Rippe
	“Joyful, Joyful, We adore Thee”	Tune: Ludwig van Beethoven



Worship Leadership at 8:00am

Preaching: Rev. McCloskey

Pianist: Michael Linke

Worship Leadership at 10:00am

Preaching: Rev. McCloskey

Organist: Michael Linke

Accompanist: Bob Baldwin

Liturgist: Laura Bull

Ushers: Jerry Haldeman, Sheila Dort,
Ellen Schultz, and Ed LaGare

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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.

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.

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 - Starting Sunday, June 28th the 8am service will be worshipping on the patio outside, weather permitting.

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 Monday through Friday.

Our Life in Service

MISSION OF THE MONTH: Our August Mission of the Month is the Samaritan Counseling Center's Care Fund. The Samaritan Counseling Center provides therapy for individuals, couples, and families, and is the largest nonprofit interfaith counseling practice in the Capital Region. The Care Fund provides assistance to uninsured and underinsured clients, and helps them continue their therapy. To learn more, call the Center at 518-374-3514 or go to www.samaritancounselingcenter.org

DUTCH FAIR PLANNING MEETING will be today after 10am worship. If you are interested in being a part of the planning for this year's festivities, please join us for a brief planning session to share insights and ideas for what will make the 2026 Dutch Fair an event loved by all!

BACKPACK PROGRAM NEEDS DRIVERS - Our BackPack Program provides much needed food assistance to families in the Scotia/Glenville school district. Each week during the school year students who are participating in the program take home a backpack full of food to assist in providing meals over the weekend. During the summer months participating families receive monthly distribution boxes of food. Some of these families require delivery of their distribution boxes. Want to help by being a delivery driver? Contact June Coryer (junecoryer@gmail.com). Thank you!!

This Week's Calendar

SUN, Aug 2	8:00am	Outdoor Worship Service (Weather Permitting)
	10:00am	Worship Service in the Sanctuary
	9:00 & 11:15am	Coffee Hour and Fellowship, Brink Hall
	11:15 am	Dutch Fair Planning Session, Brink
Tues, Aug 4	11:30am	Summer Lunch, Brink
	2:00pm	Congregation Care Meeting, Library
	6:00pm	Missions Council, Brink
WED, Aug 5	11:30am	Summer Lunch, Brink
THURS, Aug 6	7:00pm	Fellowship Council, Memorial Lounge
	8:00am	Outdoor Worship Service (Weather Permitting)
SUN, Aug 9	10:00am	Worship Service in the Sanctuary
	9:00 & 11:15am	Coffee Hour and Fellowship, Brink Hall
	11:15am	Communication Committee

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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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