



FIRST REFORMED CHURCH

SCOTIA

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11th Sunday after Pentecost

August 9th, 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

Glory and Praise to our God

Dan Schutte (b.1947)

Welcome & Announcements

Votum

* Call to Worship

Save us, O God, for the waters threaten to overwhelm us!

Help us, O Lord! For we fear that the floods will wash us away!

The storms of life are all around us!

Distress lays siege to us on all sides!

In the abundance of your steadfast love, O God, answer us!

Come quickly and rescue us, O Lord!

Deliver us from our struggles!

Do not let our worries swallow us whole!

Answer us, O Lord, in your steadfast love!

According to your abundant mercy, turn to us in our need!

Do not hide your face, O God, make haste and answer our pleas!

Draw near to us and redeem us, we pray!

O God let your salvation protect us! Guard us all the days of our lives!

In confidence, we give thanks to the Lord with singing!

You who seek God, let your hearts be revived!

For the Lord hears the needy when they cry and has compassion for those who struggle!

Rejoice for God will save us! Let us worship God!

* Hymn No. 270

O God, in a Mysterious Way
Verses 1, 3 & 4

DUNDEE

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

O God of power and might, we confess that we are afraid. We confess that the tumult of the seas of life so often overwhelms us. We confess that the strong winds of change so often scare us. Doubt and worry so often fill our hearts and minds.

O Lord, help us to trust in you again. Send to us your peace. Since we are confident in your never-ending love and compassion for us we cry out, 'O Lord, save us now.'

~ Silent Personal Confession ~

O Lord have mercy.

Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Rejoice for God will save us! 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	The King of Love my Shepherd Is	<i>Henry W. Baker (1868)</i>
- 10:00	I'll Never Find Another You	<i>by Tom Springfield</i>
<i>Arranged by Bob Baldwin</i>		

*There's a new world somewhere,
they call the promised land.
And I'll be there someday,
if you will hold my hand.
I still need you there beside me,
no matter what I do.
For I know I'll never find another you.*

*There is always someone for each of us they say.
And you'll be my someone forever and a day.
I could search the whole world over,
until my life is through
But I know I'll never find another you.*

*It's a long, long, journey,
so stay by my side.
When I walk through the storm you'll be my
guide, be my guide
If they gave me a fortune,
my pleasure would be small.
I could lose it all tomorrow,
and never mind at all.
But if I should lose your love, Lord,
I don't know what I'd do
For I know I'll never find another you.*

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 Holy Spirit, master of chaos, conqueror of fear, instill in us an
unwavering faith. Allow our confidence to be beyond doubt. Amen.**

1st Lesson

Psalm 77:1-2 & 7-20

p. 417-418

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 14:22-33

p. 12-13

Sermon

Take Heart, I AM here

Rev. McCloskey

We Respond with Gratitude to God

* Hymn 286

Give to the Winds Thy Fears

ST BRIDE

* Statement of Faith

Second Helvetic Confession

**In all crises and trials of our life we call upon [Christ] alone... For we have
been explicitly commanded: "Call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver
you, and you shall glorify me." Moreover, we have a most generous promise
from the Lord who said... "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden
and I will give you rest."**

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 (Insert) How Can I Keep from Singing? *Robert Lowry (1869)*

* Charge & Benediction

Postlude

Rondeau
From the Abdelazer Suite

Henry Purcell
Arr. Maurizio Machella



Worship Leadership at 8:00am

Preaching: Rev. Christopher McCloskey
Pianist: Michael Linke

Worship Leadership at 10:00am

Preaching: Rev. Christopher McCloskey
Organist: Michael Linke
Ushers: Jane Brehm, Nancy Passer,
Brad Coryer and Ed LaGere

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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.

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 worshiping on the patio outside, weather permitting through September 6th.

Our Life in Community

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

MEN'S GROUP - will meet on Thursday August 20th in Brink Hall at 6pm. ALL men are encouraged and welcomed at any of our "get-togethers"! Noah will be the topic from "Ten Men of The Bible" by Max Lucado. If you have not picked up a copy of the book, they are available at the office for \$10. And please, if you wish to share your ideas, do not hesitate to contact Bill Shave at wshavejr@gmail.com, or 518-573-1098. If Bill is busy, contact Bob Baldwin at frcsmen@gmail.com, or 518-320-4561.

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

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!!

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE: Every two seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood. There is no substitute for blood. The Red Cross is the single largest provider of blood products in the U.S. At the heart of the Red Cross mission to ensure a safe and reliable blood supply is the voluntary blood donation. Learn more about what blood is used to treat and blood donating at redcrossblood.org. Come join us on August 20th Noon-5pm in Brink Hall as we donate to save a life. Appointments can be scheduled online at redcrossblood.org/give or by calling 1-800- 733-2767. Give blood in August for a \$20-Amazon gift card by email. See <http://rcblood.org/August>.

FAREWELL RECEPTION: Please join us in celebrating Miss Stephanie and the Glenville Co-Operative Nursery school, a beloved partner of First Reformed, at a special coffee hour reception today following 10 am worship. Sadly, the school will be closing its doors for the last time at the end of their summer program this month. Since 2008 Miss Stephanie has been the creative, spirited, and energetic positive leader, preparing children for the future.

If you have a family member that attended Glenville Co-Op in the care of Miss Stephanie, please bring a written memory or copy of a photo to share with her as we wish her well on many new adventures.

This Week's Calendar

SUN, AUG 9	8:00am	Outdoor Worship Service (Weather Permitting)
	9:00am	Coffee Hour and Fellowship, Patio
	10:00am	Worship Service in the Sanctuary
	11:15am	Coffee Hour and Farewell Reception, Brink
	11:30am	Communication Committee, Memorial Lounge
TUES, AUG 11	11:30am	Summer Lunch, Brink Hall
WED AUG 12	9:00am	BackPack Distribution Prep, Brink Hall
	11:00am	Community Grab & Go Lunch, Lobby
	2:00pm	Cemetery Meeting, Library
	6:00pm	BackPack Distribution, Brink Hall
	6:00pm	Administration Council, Office
THUR AUG 13	11:30am	Summer Lunch, Brink Hall
SUN, Aug 16	8:00am	Outdoor Worship Service (Weather Permitting)
	10:00am	Worship Service in the Sanctuary
	9:00 & 11:15am	Coffee Hour and Fellowship, Patio

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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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