



FIRST REFORMED CHURCH

SCOTIA

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15th Sunday after Pentecost

September 13th, 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

“Elegy”

G.T. Thalben-Ball (1896-1987)

Welcome & Announcements

Votum

* Call to Worship

Rejoice! God forgives us!

God’s steadfast love and mercy reign over us!

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

This is the God we worship and serve!

The Lord does not deal with us according to our sins!

We rejoice in God’s wonderful ways!

Not because we are deserving, but because the Lord is loving!

Thanks be to God!

As the heavens are high above the earth,

so great is God’s steadfast love toward us!

As far as the east is from the west,

so far God removes our transgressions!

As a father has compassion for his children,

our Lord has compassion for us!

God takes from us our guilt and our shame!

We are set free to love!

The steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting! Let us worship God!

* Hymn (See Insert)

Where Charity and Love Prevail

TWENTY-FOURTH

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

O Lord, we are quick to accuse; we are quick to anger. We assume the worst in others when they have wronged us. We are slow to forgive and ask for forgiveness; we are slow to show mercy and grace. Forgive us, O God. Forgive our lack of patience with one another. Forgive our lack of understanding. Help us to forgive others as you have so graciously forgiven 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)

Call to Gratitude

Offering

Offertory - 8:00

At the Name Of Jesus
KINGS WESTON

Ralph Vaughan Williams

- 10:00

Intermezzo
Pianist: Dustin Madison
Flute: Sara Madison

Palmer/Manus/Vick-Lethco

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, grant us compassion, kindness, humility, and patience. Amen.

1st Lesson Colossians 3:12-17 p. 156

Heart Song God of Great and God of Small *by Natalie Sleeth*

Alleluia, alleluia, praise be to your name.

Children's Sermon

Miss Diana

2nd Lesson Matthew 18:21-35 p. 15-16

Sermon Pass It On 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

Ubi Caritas

Laurence Rosania

One Bread one Body

John Foley S.J.

~ 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. 358

Help Us Accept Each Other

BARONITA

* Charge & Benediction

Postlude

Fanfare on “Nettleton”
“Come Thou Font of Every Blessing”

Paul Fey (b. 1998)



Worship Leadership at 8:00am

Preaching: Rev. McCloskey

Pianist: Michael Linke

Worship Leadership at 10:00am

Preaching: Rev. McCloskey

Organist: Michael Linke

Liturgist: Paul Munson

Ushers: Sandy Lundstead, Barbara and
Bob King 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 - The nursery is not currently staffed. The TV will be on with the livestream and you are more than welcome to use it with your child. If you have any questions please speak with Miss Diana.

FAITH FORMATION classes resume **TODAY** for grades K-12. Join Miss Diana at 10:30ish for a time of learning and worship.

NEXT SUNDAY - Next Sunday we welcome Rev. Dr. Dan Carlson to preach and lead worship so that Rev. McCloskey can recover from Dutch Fair.

Our Life in Community

PASTOR CHRISTOPHER'S OFFICE HOURS - Rev. McCloskey will not be holding office hours this week. 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.

FAMILY FUN CARNIVAL & BBQ - TODAY following the 10:00am worship service, we will have our annual carnival. We will have a bounce house, games and prizes. This year the Men's Group will be grilling hot dogs and hamburgers.

RENEW BIBLE STUDY- resumes September 22nd and meets Tuesdays Noon-1:30pm on Zoom and is open to all. This fall, we'll study "Why Science and Faith Need Each Other" by Elaine Howard Ecklund. The \$11 book is available from Diana Ackner or Sunny Baldwin. For the Zoom link, contact Sunny at csunnyb53@gmail.com or 518-320-4562. Read Chapter 1 before the first class.

YOUTH GATHERING - Sunday September 20th 6pm - 8:30pm for all MS and HS students at Christ Community Church 1010 Rt 146 Clifton Park. Join us for food, music games, discussion and a bonfire!

Our Life in Service

MISSION OF THE MONTH: School Food Programs: High School Food Pantry and the Backpack Program and Distributions. This month, we're focused on helping feed children and teens in our community. Your gift will be shared between the Scotia-Glenville High School Food Pantry and the BackPack Program.

Please join us this month in helping make sure no child goes hungry. Thank you for your support!

DUTCH FAIR - The 77th Dutch Fair will be on Saturday September 19th from 9am-2pm. Volunteers are needed throughout the week before the fair to sort and set up as well as the day of the fair and for cleaning up. Bakers are also needed for our Bake Sale.

QUILT RAFFLE - Enter for a chance to win a beautiful quilt crafted by the members of Judi's Sew n Sew to benefit Kids Hope USA. Tickets are available August 10th -September 21st at the Church Office M-F 9am-1pm, or see Diana Ackner. Tickets are 1 for \$5 or 5 for \$20 and the drawing will be held Monday September 21st. The quilt is on display in the hallway near the classrooms.

COMMUNITY CUPBOARD- has had a busy summer. Thank you for the wonderful response to the summer food drive. The traffic we have had with people using the Cupboard really did show that hunger indeed does not take a summer vacation. As we enter the new school year we can think about food donations to help ease things for busy families: Fruits & Snacks: 100% fruit cups, applesauce, raisins, and pretzels. Breakfast: Instant oatmeal packets, whole-grain cereals, granola bars, and shelf-stable milk. Questions? Cindy Taft & Karen Wentworth are always happy to speak with you!

KIDS HOPE USA - One caring adult mentoring one at risk child one hour every week. When kids feel loved and valued, they are better able to learn, grow and succeed. Another important piece of this program is the prayer partner that each mentor and student pair have praying for them. We are entering our 15th year of this important ministry and we need your help! The list of kids who want and need mentors is growing. You can make a difference in a kid's life! Volunteer today! If you are interested in becoming a mentor or a prayer partner or want to learn more contact Miss Diana, education@firstreformedscotia.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!!

This Week's Calendar

SUN, SEPT 13	8:00am & 10:00am	Worship Service in the Sanctuary
	9:00am	Coffee Hour and Fellowship, Brink Hall
	10:30am	Faith Formation Grades K-12, Classroom
	11:15am	Family Fun Carnival and BBQ, Patio
MON, SEPT 14		Dutch Fair Set-Up in Brink Hall, Room One,
- FRI, SEPT 18		and Memorial Lounge
SAT, SEPT 19	9:00am-2:00pm	77 th Annual Dutch Fair
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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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