



FIRST REFORMED CHURCH
SCOTIA

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17th Sunday after Pentecost

September 20th, 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

Prelude

“WACHET AUF”

Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608)
J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Welcome & Announcements

Votum

* Call to Worship

Cry out with joy to the LORD, all the Earth!

Worship the LORD with gladness; come into God’s presence with singing!

* Hymn No. 455 All Creatures of Our God and King LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have knowingly and unknowingly hardened our hearts and narrowed our minds to Your initiating and unceasing love for all creation. The pleasures and profits we pursue deplete the land, pollute the waters, and overheat the atmosphere upon which all life depends, resulting in suffering, diminishment, and death. Our self-indulgence, arrogance, and stinginess set us against others who are near and far, present and future, human and more-than-human. Mighty God, soften our hearts in Jesus and broaden our minds by your Spirit, so that we would love you above all, and love our neighbors - each of them - as ourselves.

~ Silent Personal Confession ~

O Lord have mercy.

Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; God's mercies never come to an end. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are already and always 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

Holy Manna

*William Moore's
Columbian Harmony 1825*

- 10:00

I Will Rejoice!

Benjamin Harlan

**I will rejoice! I will lift my voice, forever sing of Christ my King!*

I will rejoice! I will lift my voice, forever sing of Christ my King! I will lift up my voice!

Let the mountains break forth into singing, let the rocks and the trees clap their hands.

*Let the heavens ring, let creation sing praise from every living thing.**

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

Unison Prayer for Illumination

Guide us, O Spirit Divine, so that as our holy Scriptures are read and today's sermon is proclaimed, we may be enlightened, liberated, and inspired to live for your glory and serve the world you love.

1st Lesson

Ezekiel 47:1-12

p. 634

Children's Sermon

Rev. Carlson

We Respond with Gratitude

* Hymn No. 434 Today We Are All Called to Be Disciples KINGSFOLD

* Statement of Faith Our Song of Hope (stanza 18)

**God will renew the world through Jesus,
who will put all unrighteousness out,
purify the works of human hands,
and perfect their fellowship in divine love.
Christ will wipe away every tear;
death shall be no more.
There will be a new heaven and a new earth,
and all creation will be filled with God's glory.**

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

* Hymn (See Insert) Earth Is Full of Wit and Wisdom HOLY MANNA

* Charge & Benediction

Postlude

Variation on "Ash Grove"

*Mark Rippe
Traditional Welsh Melody*



Worship Leadership at 8:00am

Preaching: Rev. Dr. Daniel Carlson
Pianist: Michael Linke

Worship Leadership at 10:00am

Preaching: Rev. Dr. Daniel Carlson
Organist: Michael Linke
Choir Director: Diana Ackner
Accompanist: Iida Nyman
Liturgist: Lee Poremba
Ushers: Jane Brehm, Nancy Passer,
Brad Coryer, and Ed LeGere

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William Moore’s Earth is Full of Wit and Wisdom 1830

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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 - 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 *Discipleship - Dignity and Care*.

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.

NEW MEMBERS CLASS - Interested in possibly joining the church? There is a sign-up in the Narthex for a new members class Rev. McCloskey will be offering this fall. Come and learn all about what it means to be Reformed!

YOUTH GATHERING - **TODAY** 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 with smores!

RENEW BIBLE STUDY- resumes this Tuesday September 22nd and meets weekly at 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. For the Zoom link, contact Sunny at csunnyb53@gmail.com or 518-320-4562. Read Chapter 1 before the first class.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS WORKSHOP - Sunday September 27th after 10am Worship. Join us for an Emergency Preparedness Workshop presented by Sunny Baldwin, Faith Community Nurse and sponsored by the Health and Wellness Committee. The workshop will be based on the FEMA Emergency Course that she attended in May. Resources will be available to assist.

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!

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.

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.

COMMUNITY CUPBOARD - As we are now enjoying the change of season, let's think of Hearty Autumn Comfort Foods! As you grocery shop, please consider picking up any of your favorites including but not limited to: Chili, beef stew and hearty soups, boxed rice and potatoes Boxed and canned pastas. Thanks to all who regularly contribute to the cupboard through food and monetary donations!

This Week's Calendar

SUN, SEPT 20	8:00am & 10:00am	Worship Service in the Sanctuary
	9:00am & 11:15am	Coffee Hour and Fellowship, Brink Hall
	10:30am	Faith Formation Grades K-12, Classroom
MON SEPT 21	6:00pm	Board of Elders, Memorial Lounge
	7:00 pm	Consistory Meeting, Library
TUES SEPT 22	12:00pm	Renew Bible Study, Zoom
	6:00 pm	Men's Group, Brink Hall
	6:00pm	Missions Council, Room One
THURS SEPT 24	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
SAT SEPT 26	11:00am	Community Meal, Brink Hall
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	10:30am	Faith Formation Grades K-12, Classroom
	11:00am	Emergency Preparedness Workshop, 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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