



FIRST REFORMED CHURCH

SCOTIA

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20th Sunday after Pentecost

October 11th, 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

You are Near

Dan Schutte (b.1947)

Welcome & Announcements

Votum

* Call to Worship

Listen, our shepherd is calling!

Let us respond to the sound of his voice!

Listen, he calls us each by name!

We will go and follow him!

He brings us to green pastures!

He restores our souls!

He guides us in right paths!

We shall trust in his leading!

He prepares a table for us and bids us dine!

Our cup overflows!

With his rod and staff, he protects us!

We shall fear no evil!

And when the wolf comes, he lays down his life for his sheep!

He knows his own! We are his!

We are one flock!

We have one shepherd!

Alleluia! He lays down his life and takes it up again! Let us worship God!

* Hymn (See Insert)

Here in This Place

GATHER US IN

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

O Lord, we have so many good excuses. There is just so much that we need to do. We are so busy, exhausted and overwhelmed. You know that this world demands so much of us.

We confess that we are so easily distracted; that it is so easy for us to lose our way. We confess that we are preoccupied by worry.

We confess that we rarely focus on what really matters. We confess that we neglect relationships with one another and with you. Help us, O God, to reorder our priorities. Help us remember what is eternal and true.

~ Silent Personal Confession ~

O Lord have mercy.

Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Yes, our Lord restores the soul! 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

Offertory - 8:00

Where Love Is Found

Dan Schutte (b.1947)

- 10:00

Amazing Grace! Amazing Love!

Earlene Rentz

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see.

**Amazing love, how can it be the Savior died for me?*

Amazing love and grace, God's wondrous gift to me.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear and grace my fears relieved.

*How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.**

The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures.

*He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.**

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,

*We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we first begun**

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

**O Spirit, ready us now. Prepare our hearts and our minds. Equip us
with willing hands and voices. Amen.**

1st Lesson

Revelation 19:6-9

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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. 517 (10am)

We Come a Guests Invited

WIE LIEBLICH IST DER MAIEN

2nd Lesson

Luke 14:16-24

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Sermon

Regrets

Rev. McCloskey

We Respond with Gratitude

* Hymn No. 517 (8am)

We Come a Guests Invited

WIE LIEBLICH IST DER MAIEN

* Statement of Faith

The Confessions of 1967

The Lord's Supper is a celebration of the reconciliation of [human beings] with God and with one another, in which they joyfully eat and drink together at the table of their Savior. Jesus Christ gave his church this remembrance of his dying for sinful [humanity] so that by participation in it they have communion with him and with all who shall be gathered to him. Partaking in him as they eat the bread and drink the wine in accordance with Christ's appointment, they receive from the risen and living Lord the benefits of his death and resurrection. They rejoice in the foretaste of the kingdom which he will bring to consummation at his promised coming...

**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.**

* Hymn (See Insert)	For Everyone Born	FOR EVERYONE BORN
	Verses 1-3 & 5	

Postlude The Kingsfold Trumpet Alfred V. Fedak
Melody arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams



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Choir Director: Diana Ackner
Accompanist: Iida Nyman
Liturgist: Don Bowers
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Ellen Schultz and Ed LeGere

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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 - The flowers this Sunday are given to the Glory of God by Norma Hamm in honor of her and Gerald's 71st wedding anniversary.

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 - Kindness*.

CHOIR - Make a Joyful Noise! We need singers! If you enjoy singing you are most welcome to come join the choir. No experience is necessary, just a love for singing. The choir rehearses Thursdays at 7:00pm. Want to join in the fun? Contact Miss Diana. It's never too late to join!

ALL SAINTS DAY - On Sunday, November 1st at 7:00pm the congregation will celebrate our dearly departed on All Saints Day. If you would like the name of a loved one(s) read aloud please contact the office or use the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

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 CLOSED Monday, October 12th and will be open this week from 9am-1pm Tuesday 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!

RENEW BIBLE STUDY - meets on Tuesdays at noon via Zoom. We're reading the book Why Science and Faith Need Each Other, which explores how science can deepen our faith. You're welcome to join in anytime! Contact Sunny Baldwin, csunnyb53@gmail.com, 518-320-4562, for the Zoom link and more information.

ADULT EDUCATION SERIES - Rev. McCloskey is currently offering an adult education series entitled "Neither Holy, nor Roman, nor an Empire: the Holy Roman Empire and the Protestant Reformation." The class will gather this Tuesday evening at 6:00pm.

SPECIAL FALL THEMED COFFEE HOUR - October 18th after 10am worship. Enjoy cider and donuts along with pumpkin painting for youth and adults. All are welcome. We look forward to seeing how creative everyone can be!

MABEE FARM FAMILY FUN DAY - *ALL* are invited to our annual Family Fun Day at the Mabee Farm. Sunday, October 25th 3:00-6:00pm. We'll have lots of fun playing games, walking the nature trail, playing with animals, eating smores, fall crafts and much more. FUN for EVERYONE! This will also be a youth group event so bring friends!

CELEBRATION & THANKSGIVING FOR SCENECTADY CLASSIS - On Tuesday, October 27th you are invited to join in celebrating the closing of the Classis of Schenectady at Christ Community Reformed Church in Clifton Park. Dinner will begin at 5pm followed by worship. If you wish to attend you will need to register in advance. To do so please reach out to the office.

Our Life in Service

MISSION OF THE MONTH: Our November Mission of the Month is our Deacons' Fund. The Deacons' Fund enables our pastor and Board of Deacons to respond to the emergency needs of people connected to our congregation.

JEWELRY DONATIONS - Thank you to all who donated to and/or helped in the Jewelry Boutique Booth at the Dutch Fair. We are already accepting donations for future sales. Just drop them off at the Church Office.

BOOK DONATIONS - There are book drop boxes at First Reformed Church of Scotia and West Glenville Reformed Church. Donate any books suitable for Grades K-5. This is an Eagle Scout Project benefiting Lincoln Elementary School in Scotia. The boxes will be there until October 18th. Thank you for your support! Additionally, there will be a book drive at Scotia United Methodist Church on Saturday, October 17th from 1-5pm to benefit Lincoln Elementary. This is a Drive-Thru style drop off, so stop by with books and volunteers will do the lifting.

CHICKEN & BISCUIT DINNER - On October 23rd from 4-6:30pm come and enjoy a chicken & biscuit dinner. An at-will donation will be collected. Proceeds fund the Community Meal's Thanksgiving Dinner. There will also be a silent auction for a selection of fall and Halloween themed candy baskets.

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, OCT 11	8:00am & 10:00am 9:00am & 11:15am 10:30am	Worship Service in the Sanctuary Coffee Hour and Fellowship, Brink Hall Faith Formation Grades K-12, Classroom Columbus/IP Day, Church Office Closed
MON, OCT 12	12:00pm	Renew Bible Study, Zoom
TUES OCT 13	6:00pm	Adult Education Series, Brink Hall
WED OCT 14	11:00am 2:00pm 6:00pm	Community Grab & Go Lunch, Lobby Cemetery Board Meeting, Library Admin Council, Office
THURS OCT 15	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
SUN, OCT 18	8:00am & 10:00am 9:00am 10:30am 11:15am	Worship Service in the Sanctuary Coffee Hour and Fellowship, Brink Hall Faith Formation Grades K-12, Classroom Cider, Donuts & Pumpkin Painting, 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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