



FIRST REFORMED CHURCH

SCOTIA

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22nd Sunday after Pentecost

November 1st, 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

Partita No. 4 in D Major
Sarabande

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Welcome & Announcements

Votum

* Call to Worship

Bless the Lord at all times!

Praise shall continually be on our lips!

O magnify the Lord!

Let us exalt God's holy name!

When we pray, the Lord hears!

God rescues us from our troubles!

Happy are those who take refuge in God!

We look to the Lord!

When we pray, the Lord answers!

God delivers us from all our fears!

Depart from evil and do what is good!

We will seek peace and pursue it!

Our cries are heard by the Lord!

We are redeemed and forgiven!

So let our praise be without end!

We will pray without ceasing!

Let us worship God!

* Hymn No.424 O Jesus Christ, May Grateful Hymns Be Rising CHARTERHOUSE

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

O Merciful God, we confess that we have wounded each other with our words and actions. Instead of building each other up, we tear one another down. When we feel low, we bring others low. When we are hurting, we want others to hurt like us.

O Lord, give us the strength to break these cycles. Let us never repay evil for evil, but to always seek to do good. May we never share hate, fear or negativity, but instead spread only care, kindness and love.

~ Silent Personal Confession ~

O Lord have mercy.

Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

The Lord hears our prayers and answers 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)

Minute for Mission & Call to Gratitude

Offertory - 8:00 Träumerei, from *Kinderszenen*, Op. 15 No. 7 *Robert Schumann*
(1810-1856)

- 10:00 All the Saints *Lantz/Frombach*

For those who came before us, the saints of yesterday.

May we recall their faithfulness, their walking in God's way, Their walking in God's way.

For those who are beside us, and worship in this place.

Together in our witnessing we live in God's good Grace. We Live in God's good grace.

**We praise the saints both now and past and all those yet to be.*

Disciples doing Godly work for all the world to see.

For those who chose to follow, believing in God's Son;

*May they pursue the promised land until their race is done.**

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, teach us again what it means to pray. Teach us humility, patience, gratitude and love. Amen.

1st Lesson Romans 12:9-18 p. 124

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. 376 (10am) Love Divine, All Loves Excelling HYFRYDOL

2nd Lesson 1 Thessalonians 5:12-22 p. 159

Sermon Without Ceasing Rev. McCloskey

We Respond with Gratitude

* Hymn No. 376 (8am) Love Divine, All Loves Excelling HYFRYDOL

* Statement of Faith	A Brief Statement of Faith
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We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

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 No. 555 Now Thank We All Our God NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

* Charge & Benediction

Postlude *Finlandia*, Op. 26 *Jean Sibelius (1865-1957)*



Worship Leadership at 8:00am

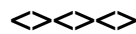
Preaching: Rev. Christopher McCloskey
Pianist: Iida Nyman

Worship Leadership at 10:00am

Preaching: Rev. Christopher McCloskey
Pianist: Iida Nyman
Choir Director: Diana Ackner
Liturgist: Kathe Sheehan
Ushers: Spike Ahl, Sandy Lundstedt,
Debbie Perretta, 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 - 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 - Patience*.

CHOIR - All are welcome to join the choir. No experience is necessary, just a love for singing. The choir rehearses Thursdays at 7:00pm. It's never too late to join!

ALL SAINTS DAY - *TONIGHT* at 7:00pm the congregation will celebrate our dearly departed on All Saints Day. If you would like the name(s) of a loved one(s) read aloud please contact the office or use the sign-up sheet in the Narthex by October 29th.

NEW PLEDGE CARDS & CONSECRATION SUNDAY - In order to better acknowledge that Stewardship is not just about financial giving, but also about gifts of time and talent, this year's Pledge Card has been redesigned. The top portion concerns gifts of treasure, while the lower portion concerns gifts of time and talent. Pledge cards will be formally collected on Consecration Sunday, November 8th. We humbly ask and strongly encourage everyone to complete a 2027 Pledge Card.

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.

LABYRINTH TALK - Join a conversation about the history of labyrinths on *TODAY*, November 1st following 10am worship. Two brief videos will be shown to explain the origin and purpose of labyrinths, followed by a discussion on "how" to walk the labyrinth.

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.

GENEALOGY WORKSHOP - meets this Wednesday November 4th at 7pm. The topics will be "Where do you come from and how do you acquire information?", a personal approach to your search. There will be plenty of time for questions, answers and discussions after reviewing the topics. If you have not previously attended, no worries...you are always welcome at any time. Remember to bring your thumb drive to download documents shared during the evening as well as other sessions that you have missed. If you have questions, please contact me, Bob Baldwin via text 518-320-4561 or email at Robert.baldwin.acctrng@gmail.com. The more, the merrier!

WOMEN'S RETREAT - It is time for us to think about our annual Women's Retreat! We'll be joining together in the comfort of Chi Rho Lodge at Camp Fowler from January 8th-10th. The cost for 2027 is \$200 per person and includes meals, room & board. Please note that if we don't get 24 participants the cost may go up. Scholarships are available. Sign up is first come first serve. Prepare for a weekend of faith-focused discussions, games, crafts, fun and more! To sign up or to get more info please contact Miss Diana at education@firstreformedscotia.org.

Our Life in Service

MISSION OF THE MONTH: Our November Mission of the Month is Over the Bridge. Over the Bridge Outreach is a ministry started by our very own Doug Bartling that's focused on:

- Sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ through actions of love, by giving hope to ALL people regardless of their race, gender, beliefs, sexual orientation or background.
- Providing encouragement and inspiration to all who they come in contact with
- Feeding the hungry, clothing the poor, being a friend to the lonely, a crutch to the addicted and a motivator to the helpless - all in the name of Jesus.

If you would like more information regarding this important mission, or would like the experience of riding along with Doug, please contact the church office.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD - Families and individuals can make fun and meaningful memories by packing shoebox gifts for children in need! There's nothing like the personal touch of shopping for and filling shoe boxes together to ensure that children around the world receive quality gifts as they hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Shoeboxes with instructions are outside Miss Diana's office.

COMMUNITY CUPBOARD - Do you have leftover treats from Halloween? Would you like to share them? Our guests at the Community Cupboard will surely enjoy them! Treat donations may be placed in the Cupboard, or if you have larger quantities, please place them in the donation bin in the mailroom. Our Community Cupboard volunteers will put them in the Cupboard over time. Thank you to all who regularly contribute to the cupboard through food and monetary donations!

This Week's Calendar

SUN, NOV 1	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
	11:15am	Labyrinth Talk, Library
	7:00pm	All Saints Day Worship, Sanctuary
MON, NOV 2	7:00pm	Health and Wellness Meeting, Memorial Lounge
TUES, NOV 3	12:00pm	Renew Bible Study, Zoom
	6:00pm	Adult Education, Brink Hall
WED, NOV 4	9:00am	Backpack Packing, Brink Hall
	3:30pm	Fellowship Council, Memorial Lounge
	5:00pm	Worship Council, Memorial Lounge
	7:00pm	Genealogy Workshop, Brink Hall
THURS, NOV 5	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
SUN, NOV 8	8:00am & 10:00am	Consecration Sunday Service in the Sanctuary
	9:00am & 11:15am	Coffee Hour and Fellowship, Brink Hall
	10:30am	Faith Formation Grades K-12, Classroom
	8am - 12pm	Labyrinth Walk, 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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