

Church on the Hill

A Congregation of the
Reformed Church in America

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11:00 a.m.



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Rev. Blaine D. Crawford – Pastor

Mr. Sean Cotty – Music Director

Rev. Robert A. Perless – Pastor Emeritus

**Welcome to worship at Church on the Hill!
We're so glad you have joined us this morning. Please
read the following for more details about the worship
service.**

****Please silence your cell phones prior to the service****

The sanctuary and pews have been thoroughly cleaned in preparation for worship today. During the worship service, we ask that you continue to **wear your masks for the duration of the service**. The congregation is invited to join in responses and the hymn singing—we ask that you **speak and sing at a conversational volume**. We have opened as many windows as possible in the sanctuary to increase ventilation. Please **do not attempt to open the windows that are closed**. Offering plates are located at the back of the sanctuary; **on your way out of the sanctuary, you can place your offering in the plates**. At the conclusion of the service, **please wait to be dismissed** by the ushers, allowing us to clear any video equipment in the aisle. We ask that you take your bulletin with you and do not leave it in the sanctuary. Bathrooms are available for use in Gessner Hall. There will be no coffee hour after the service.

ORDER FOR WORSHIP

BOLD – Congregation responds

* – Congregation Stands

PRELUDE

Improvisation on
March of the Three Kings

Sean Cotty

VOTUM

SENTENCES

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

God of every nation, by the light of a wondrous star, you led the wandering magi to the humble infant Jesus, revealing to them your salvation for the world. In the miraculous and the mundane, in union with all who have glimpsed the light of your grace, lead us to Christ, that we may offer our worship and serve him with sincerity of heart; for he lives with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

* HYMN No. 185

We Three Kings of Orient Are

*We three kings of Orient are, bearing gifts we traverse afar
field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder
star. O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty
bright, westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy
perfect light.*

*Born a King on Bethlehem's plain, gold I bring to crown him
again, King forever, ceasing never over us all to reign.
O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty
bright, westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy
perfect light.*

*Frankincense to offer have I, incense owns a Deity nigh;
prayer and praising gladly raising, worshiping God on high.
O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty
bright, westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy
perfect light.*

*Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering
gloom, sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in the
stone-cold tomb.*

*O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty
bright, westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy
perfect light.*

*Glorious now behold him arise, King and God and
Sacrifice; Alleluia! Alleluia! sounds through the earth and
skies. O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty
bright, westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy
perfect light.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, Light of the World,
we confess that we have not resisted the darkness of sin.
You deliver the poor and the helpless,
but we have ignored their cry.
You take pity on the weak and the destitute,
but our hearts are hard in the face of their need.
Forgive us, we pray.
Awaken in us sincere repentance**

**that we may shine with the light of your saving grace.
Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON/WISDOM FOR LIFE

DUET *Mary's Little Boy Child* Jester Hairston

Soloists: Elizabeth Mahowald and Dorien Day
*Long time ago in Bethlehem so the Holy Bible say,
Mary's Boy Child, Jesus Christ, was born on Christmas day.
Hark, now hear the angels sing. "New King's born today,
and man will live forevermore because of Christmas Day."*

*While shepherds watched their flocks by night, they saw a
shining star, and heard a choir from heaven sing; the
music came from afar. Hark, now hear the angels sing.
"New King's born today, and man will live forevermore
because of Christmas Day."*

*Now Joseph and his wife Mary came to Bethlehem that
night; They found no place to bear her Child; not a single
room was in sight.*

*By and by, they found a little nook in a stable all forlorn,
and in a manger cold and dark, Mary's little Boy Child was
born. Trumpets sound and angels sing; listen to what they
say, that man will live forevermore because of Christmas
Day.*

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

O God, nations shall come to your light
and rulers to the brightness of your dawn.
By the compelling radiance of your Spirit,
draw us near, reveal your truth,
and teach us faithful obedience to your holy Word. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 60:1-6

Matthew 2:1-12

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Light Has Come

Rev. Blaine
Crawford

*CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to hell.**

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended to heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Communion Prayer

Words of Institution

Confession of Faith

Great is the mystery of the faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen! Christ will come again

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the Kingdom and the power
And the glory, forever. Amen.**

*HYMN No. 174

Angels from the Realms of Glory

*Angels from the realms of glory,
wing your flight o'er all the earth;
ye who sang creation's story,
now proclaim Messiah's birth:*

*Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn King.*

*Shepherds in the fields abiding,
watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing,
yonder shines the infant Light:*

*Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn King.*

*Sages, leave your contemplations,
brighter visions beam afar;
seek the great Desire of Nations,
ye have seen his natal star:
Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn King.*

*Saints before the altar bending,
watching long in hope and fear,
suddenly the Lord, descending,
in his temple shall appear.
Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn King.*

*Though an infant now we view him
he will share his Father's throne,
gather all the nations to him;
every knee shall then bow down.
Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn King.*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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Prayer Requests

*If you would like to add a loved one to the prayer list,
please contact the church office*

Miram Allen

Roslyn Andela

Babinsky Family

Bermudez Family

Diane Blagburn

Christina & Sadie Boll

Elizabeth Bossis

Susan Brooks

Carolyn Brunjes

Lillian Calfa

David Cerqueira

Gracinda Cerqueira

Jose Cerqueira

Marie Collins

Helen Cunningham

Rosina Cuticone

Lenny DeSimone

The Frocione Family

John & Hazel Gittens

Brooke Graffeo

Rosemarie Graffeo

Alex Guzman

Hotchkiss Family

Helen Hunt

Betty Kwong

Lynn Lauterbach

Nancy Lee

Jorge & Tiffany Martinez

Jean Mender

Gerda Miller

Ruben & Eva Munoz

Murray Family

Patricia Olney

Barbara Rogers

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Roppolo Family

Vera Family

Smith Family

Alex Young

Jocelyn Toner

Joan Werbel

Rosemary Vasquez

Zeisman Family

Alison Venable



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Consistory Rep: Irma Schubert

*Chairperson is also Consistory Representative unless otherwise stated.



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