

Church on the Hill

A Congregation of the
Reformed Church in America
167-07 35th Avenue, Flushing, NY 11358

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10:30 AM



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Rev. Dr. Ian Rottenberg — Guest Preacher

Mr. Sean Cotty — Music Director

Rev. Robert A. Perless – Pastor Emeritus

ORDER OF WORSHIP

BOLD – Congregation responds

* – Congregation Stands

Prelude

Partita in D minor, BWV 1004 (III. Sarabanda)

J.S. Bach

Maxfield Parish, Violin

Welcome

* Gloria Patri

***Glory be to the Father,
And to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, Amen.***

Votum

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who made heaven and earth. **Amen.**

Sentences of Scripture

Prayer of Invocation

Gracious God, we call upon your name, thanking you for your presence in our midst and yearning to receive your spirit in our hearts. Bless our words, our prayers, our songs, and our fellowship through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Call to Worship

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord. **Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!** I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope; **my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning.** Hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem. **It is he who will redeem us from all iniquities.**

* Hymn No. 593

The Gift of Love

Prayer of Confession

Loving God, you see into each of us and know us fully as creatures in need of your constant care. We confess that we have neither heard your word nor followed your will. We have failed through things that we have done, and things that we have left undone. Give us a receptive spirit to hear your wisdom, and renew us in your strength. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon/God's Wisdom for Life

Trio

Noturno Op. 183 No. 1

Franz Behr

Maxfield Panish (violin), Simon Walsh (flute)

Prayer of Illumination

Open our eyes that we may see. Open our ears that we may hear. Open our hearts that we might accept your word for our lives. **Amen.**

Scripture Readings

Ernest Mendler

Leviticus 19: 1-2, 15-18

p. 93

Matthew 22: 34-46

p. 804

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Great Commands

Rev. Dr. Ian Rottenberg

* **Confession of Faith**

The Apostles' Creed (*RCA contemporary version*)

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit

And born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,

Was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

And is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

Announcements

INTRODUCTION

Rev. Dr. Ian Rottenberg is the Dean of Religious Life at Columbia University, where he serves student communities through chaplaincy work and interfaith programming. He lives in Queens with his wife, Jen Hopper, and their two boys Teddy (4) and Eli (1). He loves the New York Mets, the New York Giants, teaching, preaching, and working with faith communities.

QUEENS COMMUNITY CHILDREN'S CHOIR CONCERT

The Queens Community Children's Choir will be having its fall concert on Saturday 11/18 at 2 pm in the sanctuary at COTH. The theme of the program will be jazz standards. Joining the QCCC will be guest artists Evan Swanson (piano), Tina Lama Engelbert (bass), and Jared Decker (drums). They will present a collection of original material, jazz standards, and sacred tunes all with a modern jazz flavor. As always, this program is free and open to the public. There will be a gala reception to follow in Gessner Hall.

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

First Reformed Church of College Point is holding its annual Food Drive. A list of items they're asking for can be found on the table in the rear of the sanctuary. Monetary donations are gratefully accepted as well. The final day for any donations is November 12th.

CHILDREN AT WORSHIP

The Fall session of the Sunday Program for children ages 6 to 13 has started. During the service, the children will process out and be let to Room 2-E.

COFFEE HOUR

Please join us for coffee hour after the service, downstairs in Gessner Hall.

OFFERING

If you feel called to give, offering plates are located in the rear of the sanctuary, where you can leave your offering upon entry or exit of the sanctuary.

BARGAIN BOUTIQUE

The Bargain Boutique is open on Saturdays from 10 am- 1 pm. Donations are accepted on Saturdays only. *We are unable to accept: Electronics, TVs, Furniture, Textbooks, and Large Toys/Stuffed Animals*

JOIN OUR EMAIL LIST!

Be sure to sign up for our email list to keep up with the latest Church on the Hill happenings through the weekly email and the Beacon. A sign-up form can be found on churchonthehill.org

HAPPY Thanksgiving

The First Reformed Church of College Point is holding its annual Thanksgiving Food Drive. Donations can be brought to the front entrance of the Church on Sundays between 10 am and 12 pm, and monetary donations can be put in the offering plate marked for Thanksgiving Food Drive, mailed to the office, or given via Tithe.ly under the Thanksgiving Food Drive Fund. **The last day for any donations is Sunday, November 12th.**

Frozen Turkeys

Gravy

Cranberry Sauce

Yams

Stuffing

Muffin or Biscuit Mix

Canned Vegetables/Fruits

Mashed Potatoes

Cake Mix

Frosting

Pie Crust

Pudding Mix

Shelf Stable Milk



In addition, they will also be collecting **clean, gently used winter coats, new hats, gloves, scarves, and socks** as part of their Thanksgiving food drive.

Prayer Requests

If you would like to add a loved one to the prayer list, or if your loved one no longer needs to be on the prayer list, please contact the church office at office@churchonthehill.org

Karin Bennett

The Bermudez Family

Diane Blagburn

The Cappellano Family

Richard D.

Thomas Degnen

Gabriel DeMelo

Lucas Ditta

Joanne Dunckhahn

Randy Eastman

Adam Gonzalez

The Greer Family

Dot Hulse

Rudy Jakob

Mary and Norman Kansfield

Susan Laurita

The Family of Lynn Lauterbach

Donna Lemay

Gessa Markantonis

Rose McLain

Kathy Mendler-Murphy

Paul Mobius

Rev. Bob Perless

Iris and Ralph Prager

Patrick Sullivan

Ed Surujballi

Virginia Young



The sanctuary is looped for the hard of hearing. In order to connect to the system, please sit in the north set of pews (on your right when you enter the sanctuary) and set your hearing device to the "T" setting.



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