

# Church on the Hill

A Congregation of the  
Reformed Church in America

167-07 35<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Flushing, NY 11358

**November 29, 2020**

**11:00 a.m.**



**Rev. Blaine D. Crawford – Pastor**

**Mr. Sean Coffy – 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                      *Siciliano from Flute Sonata in Eb*                      J.S. Bach

VOTUM

SENTENCES

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Blessed are you, Lord our God, ruler of the universe,  
for you have kept us in life, sustained us,  
and brought us to this holy season. Amen.

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING: Hope

CALL TO WORSHIP

\* HYMN No. 133                      *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

*O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here  
until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel!*

*O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free  
thine own from Satan's tyranny;  
from depths of hell thy people save  
and give them victory o'er the grave.  
Rejoice! rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel!*

*O come, thou Day-spring, come and cheer  
our spirits by thine advent here;  
and drive away the shades of night,  
and pierce the clouds and bring us light!  
Rejoice! rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel!*

*O come, thou Key of David, come,  
and open wide our heavenly home;  
make safe the way that leads on high,  
and close the path to misery.  
Rejoice! rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel!*

*O come, Desire of nations, bind  
all peoples in one heart and mind;  
bid envy, strife and quarrels cease;  
fill all the world with heaven's peace.  
Rejoice! rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel!*

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God with us,  
even in Advent,  
we confess that you can seem far away.  
You are hidden when we need you near.  
In our hurt, doubt, and fear,  
we do not try to draw closer to you;  
instead, we lash out—  
against you, our neighbor, even those we love.  
Forgive us, we pray, and come to save us!  
Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON/WISDOM FOR LIFE

MUSICAL SOLO

*Sarabande* from  
*Sonata in a-minor for solo flute*  
Simon Walsh, Flute

J.S. Bach

## PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Gracious God, heaven and earth will pass away, but your words will not. Your Word stands forever. May we be attentive, so that, by the power of the Holy Spirit, we remember your ways and gladly do right, meeting you wherever and whenever you appear. Amen.

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 64:1-9

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

*Advent State of Mind*

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.**

## 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. 135

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus  
Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people  
free; from our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in  
thee. Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the  
earth thou art; dear Desire of every nation, Joy of every  
longing heart.*

*Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a king,  
born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom  
bring. By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;  
by thine all sufficient merit raise us to thy glorious throne.*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE      *Improvisation on Veni Emmanuel*      Sean Cotty

# Announcements

## Sanctuary Air Circulation

As the temperatures begin to drop, the ushers will be opening fewer windows during the worship. However, we have installed new air filters for the sanctuary in order to meet current COVID-19 standards. We will continue to take all necessary precautions for your health and safety.

## Weekly Calendar

Check the weekly email tomorrow for all the happenings and ministries of Church on the Hill!

## Bargain Boutique

The Bargain Boutique will remain closed for the foreseeable future. Please hold all donations until we re-open.

## White Christmas

Because of COVID-19, White Christmas will look different this year. While we will still collect actual gifts, several of our partners are asking for monetary donations to purchase gifts cards. Gift tags can be picked up during worship or at one of the times listed below. Due to COVID-19 safety protocols, gifts will not be brought up to the front during the White Christmas service. Instead, in-person gifts can be dropped off at the following locations and times:

- During Sunday worship, from now until Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>
- In Gessner Hall on Wednesday, **December 2<sup>nd</sup>** and Wednesday, **December 9<sup>th</sup>** from **12:30pm – 1:30pm**



## White Christmas Partner Organizations

**Borders of Hope** is a volunteer community program providing advocacy and support to immigrants. We are collecting **new unwrapped toys**, as well as **monetary gifts** to purchase gift cards for the children, teens and adults supported by Borders of Hope.

Please pick up a tag for a child or teen and drop-off the new unwrapped toy during Sunday worship or the specified in-person times listed. Gifts should not exceed \$15, and please attach the tag to the toy. Monetary gifts can be given in-person at worship, by mail, or online at via Tithe.ly. When using Tithe.ly, select “White Christmas” and specify which organization(s) you are supporting in the memo line.

**HousingPlus** provides support to women and families who are overcoming poverty, homelessness, addiction, trauma, and the effects of incarceration. We are collecting **monetary gifts** that will be used to purchase gift cards for mothers and their children to buy holiday gifts and food.

Now until **December 8<sup>th</sup>**, monetary gifts can be given through the following ways:

- Check - made out to Church on the Hill with “HousingPlus Holidays 2020” in the memo
- Online at <https://housingplushnyc.org/donate/>

**La Jornada** is a local organization that provides spiritual, physical, and emotional support and assistance to the immigrant and poor communities of Queens.

We are collecting **new unwrapped toys** for the children of LaJornada.

Please pick up a tag for a child and drop-off the new unwrapped toy during Sunday worship or the specified in-person times above. Gifts should not exceed \$15, and please attach the tag to the toy. An **online gift registry** is also available on our website. When placing your order, please select the "Gift Registry Address," so the gifts can be delivered to the church.

**P.S.116/The William C. Hughley School** is a Title1 school in Jamaica, Queens that provides education and support to a predominantly low-income population. We are collecting **monetary gifts** to purchase gift cards for the students and families.

Monetary gifts can be given in-person at worship, by mail, or online at via Tithe.ly. When using Tithe.ly, select "White Christmas" and specify which organization(s) you are supporting in the memo line.

*For more information about these organizations, please visit our website at **[churchonthehill.org/whitechristmas](http://churchonthehill.org/whitechristmas)**.*

## *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

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

Justin & Jessica Mark

Jorge & Tiffany Martinez

Jean Mendler

Ruben & Eva Munoz

Murray Family

Patricia Olney

Rasquinha Family

Roppolo Family

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Joseph Saepia

Alex Young

Smith Family

Joan Werbel

Jocelyn Toner

Zeisman Family

Alison Venable



### **Community, Mission & Outreach**

Co-Chairs: Yoon Ryo & Patrick Symes

### **Community Nursery School Board**

President: Ginny Chan  
Consistory Rep: Dorien Day

### **Congregational Care**

Chair: Angela Brunjes

### **Buildings & Grounds**

Chair: Joe Macaluso  
Consistory Rep: Maureen Saepia-Chen & Victor Han

### **Christian Education & Youth**

Chair: Jeanne Sarran

### **Finance**

Chair: Doris Krsnak  
Consistory Rep: Margret Dougherty

### **Personnel**

Chair: Dana Chan

### **Worship & Music**

Chair: Rev. Crawford  
Consistory Rep: Irma Schubert

\*Chairperson is also Consistory Representative unless otherwise stated.

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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.



*Consistory & Staff*

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Nancy Gessner, **Clerk**

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- Dorien Day
- Victor Han
- Jeanne Sarran (VP)
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