

Church on the Hill

A Congregation of the
Reformed Church in America

167-07 35th Avenue, Flushing, NY 11358

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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.

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

*And by the light of that same star
three wise men came from country far,
to seek for a king was their intent,
and to follow the star wherever it went.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.*

*This star drew nigh to the northwest,
o'er Bethlehem it took its rest,
and there it did both stop and stay,
right over the place where Jesus lay.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, we confess that
we have kept silent in midst of prejudice and hatred;
we have been idle in the face of violence and injustice;
we have not been a light to the nations.
Forgive us. Repair the ugliness of our sin
and restore in us your beautiful grace.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON/WISDOM FOR LIFE

SOLO *Largo e dolce* from *Flute Sonata in A-Major* J.S.
Bach

Simon Walsh, Flute

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

As you led Simeon to embrace the infant Jesus, guide us,
Holy Spirit, by your gracious light that we may welcome
your saving Word. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

Luke 2:22-40

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Looking for Redemption

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. 157

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

*Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and
voice; give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born
today; ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the
manger now.*

Christ is born today! Christ is born today!

*Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and
voice; now ye hear of endless bliss; Jesus Christ was born
for this; he has opened heaven's door, and we are blest
forevermore.*

Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!

*Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and
voice; now ye need not fear the grave, Jesus Christ was
born to save; calls you one and calls you all to gain his
everlasting hall.*

Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Finale from Symphony No. 6

Widor

Announcements

Church Office Closure

The church office will be closed through January 3rd. Regular office hours will resume on January 4, 2021.

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.

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 Mandler

Gerda Miller

Ruben & Eva Munoz

Murray Family

Patricia Olney

Barbara Rogers

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Roppolo Family

Smith Family

Jocelyn Toner

Rosemary Vasquez

Alison Venable

Vera Family

Alex Young

Joan Werbel

Zeisman Family



Community, Mission & Outreach

Co-Chairs: Yoon Ryo & Patrick Symes

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Chair: Angela Brunjes

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Consistory Rep: Maureen Saepia-Chen & Victor Han

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Personnel

Chair: Dana Chan

Worship & Music

Chair: Rev. Crawford
Consistory Rep: Irma Schubert

*Chairperson is also Consistory Representative unless otherwise stated.



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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