

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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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

Sonata for Flute and Piano
Movement II
Simon Walsh, Flute

Hindemith

VOTUM

SENTENCES

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

* HYMN No. 2

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

*Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert and art, and evermore shalt be.*

*Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinful flesh thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love, and purity.*

*Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth, and sky, and
sea;
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and our strength, through Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON/WISDOM FOR LIFE

SOLO

Fantasia in d-minor
Simon Walsh, Flute

Telemann

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Holy Spirit, open our hearts to receive your Word, reveal to us the good news, and enable us to trust in the promise of salvation in Jesus Christ. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Ephesians 2; 1-10

John 3: 1-17

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"New Beginnings"

Rev. Doug Estella

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. 365

Abide with Me, Fast Falls the Eventide

*Abide with me, fast falls the eventide;
the darkness deepens: Lord with me abide!
When other helpers fail, and comforts flee,
help of the helpless, O abide with me.*

*Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
change and decay in all around I see:
O thou who changest not, abide with me.*

*I need thy presence every passing hour;
what but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who, like thyself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.*

*I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if though abide with me.*

Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;

*shine through the gloom and point me to the skies:
heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Intermezzo from Symphony No. 6* Widor

Announcements

Lenten Mission 2021

This year, to address food insecurity in our own area, Church on the Hill has partnered with the food pantry at First Reformed Church of College Point. You can participate by making a financial gift or by collecting and donating food items from the list below. Monetary donations can be made online through Tithe.ly, mailed to the church or placed in the offering plate on Sundays. Please make sure to note that the donation is for the Lenten Mission. **We ask that all food items are donated directly to First Reformed Church.** They are collecting items on **Tuesday evenings from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.**

Food Items:

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| -Canned Beans | -Canned Tuna | -Rice |
| -Canned Vegetables | -Cereal | -Peanut Butter |
| -Canned Fruit | -Pasta | -Jelly |
| -Canned Soup | -Pasta Sauce | -Mac & Cheese |

Easter Flower Donations

We are now collecting donations to the Easter Flower Fund for 2021! Donations can be made online via Tithe.ly, by mail or placed in the offering plate on Sunday. Please include a note of how you would like to donation to appear in the Easter Bulletin.

Palm Sunday & Easter Sunday Reservations

Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday Services will require reservations to attend in-person. Please make your reservation by filling out the Google forms included in the Weekly Emails or by calling the church office.

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
Andela Family
Bermudez Family
Diane Blagburn
Matthew Blake
Elizabeth Bossis
Susan Brooks
Carolyn Brunjes
Lillian Calfa
David Cerqueira
Gracinda Cerqueira
Jose Cerqueira
Marie Collins
Marilyn Cooney
Helen Cunningham
Rosina Cuticone
Lenny DeSimone
Henry Detreville
Family of Angela Edward

Janet Fiala
The Frocione Family
Gail George
John & Hazel Gittens
Brooke Graffeo
Rosemarie Graffeo
Herbert Family
Hotchkiss Family
Helen Hunt
Hank Klushin
Betty Kwong
Lynn Lauterbach
Nancy Lee
Jorge & Tiffany Martinez
Gerry & Jean Mender
Barbara & Neil Meurer
Gerda Miller
Moore Family

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Ruben & Eva Munoz

Murray Family

Patricia Olney

Betty Dalton Prager

Racquel Prager

Barbara Rogers

Roppolo Family

Smith Family

Jocelyn Toner

Rosemary Vasquez

Alison Venable

Alex Young

Joan Werbel

Buck

Dilip



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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.



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