

Church on the Hill

A Congregation of the
Reformed Church in America

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10:00 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 Improvisation on Christmas Carols Sean Cotty

VOTUM

SENTENCES

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Almighty God, you have given your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be born of a pure virgin: Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the same Spirit be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

* HYMN No. 173

O Come, All Ye Faithful

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,

O come ye, O come yet to Bethlehem!

Come and behold him, born the King of angels;

O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,

O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

True God of true God, Light from Light eternal,

lo, he shuns not the virgin's womb;

Son of the Father, begotten, not created;

*O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.*

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation!

O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above:

"Glory to God, all glory in the highest"

*O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.*

*Yes, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning,
Jesus, to thee be all glory given;*

Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;

*O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sins. You alone know how often we have wandered from your ways, wasted your gifts, and forgotten your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord. Forgive us, and help us to live in your light and to walk in your ways. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON/WISDOM FOR LIFE

ANTHEM

O Love So Small

John Carter

O Love so small, so newly come to earth,

O Love so small, asleep upon the hay

*The angels gather close around to share this night
when Love lies sweetly unaware.*

O Love so new, you dream the night away;

*O Love so new, you dream while shepherds pray.
And as they kneel, they wait for morning's light
to shine on Love, born softly on this night.*

*O Love, the world has waited long!
O Love, the world is filled with care.
O Love, the world is bending low
to greet the answer to a prayer.*

*O Love divine, your sweetness fills the air;
O Love divine, no sweetness can compare.
And while the world sleeps on, a star will shine
on Love so small, on Love so new, on Love divine.*

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.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 9: 2-7

HYMN No. 192

O Sing a Song of Bethlehem

*O sing a song of Bethlehem, of shepherd watching there,
and of the news that came to them from angels in the air:
the light that shone on Bethlehem fills all the world today;
of Jesus' birth and peace on earth the angels sing alway.*

*O sing a song of Nazareth, of sunny days of joy,
O sing of fragrant flowers' breath, and of the sinless Boy:
for now the flowers of Nazareth in every heart may grow;*

*now spreads the fame of his dear name on all the winds
that blow*

*O sing a song of Galilee, of lake and woods and hill,
of him who walked upon the sea and bade the waves be
still: for though, like waves on Galilee, dark seas of trouble
roll, when faith has heard the Master's word, falls peace
upon the soul.*

*O sing a song of Calvary, its glory and dismay;
of him who hung upon the tree, and took our sins away:
for he who died on Calvary is risen from the grave,
and Christ, our Lord, by heaven adored, is mighty now to
save.*

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

John 1: 1-14

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Winter Light

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.**

ANTHEM *Love Came Down at Christmas* John Carter
*Love came down at Christmas, Love all lovely, love divine;
Love was born at Christmas, Star and angels gave the
sign.
Worship we the Godhead, Love incarnate, Love divine;
Worship we our Jesus: But wherewith for sacred sign?
Love shall be our token, Love be yours and love be mine,
Love to God and all men, Love for plea and gift and sign.
Love came down at Christmas, Love all lovely, love divine*

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.**

PRAYER RESPONSE

Angels We Have Heard on High

*Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o'er the
plains,*

and the mountains in reply echo back their joyous strains.

Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.

*HYMN No. 146

Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come

Joy to the world! the Lord is come;

Let earth receive her King

Let every heart prepare Him room

and heaven and nature sing,

and heaven and nature sing,

and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the Earth! the Savior reigns;

Let all their songs employ

While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains

repeat the sounding joy,

repeat the sounding joy,

repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

*No more let sin and sorrow grow,
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make his blessings flow
Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as the curse is found.*

*He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness
And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders, wonders of His love.*

BENEDICTION

RESPONSE

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

*Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.*

POSTLUDE

Improvisation on Adeste Fidelis

Sean Cotty

Announcements

Christmas in July!

Today, Church on the Hill is celebrating Christmas in July by collecting canned goods for the food pantry at First Reformed Church in College Point. If you are interested in making a monetary donation, please mark that is it for "Christmas in July."

Parables of Jesus

Throughout the summer, Pastor Doug will be speaking on the parables of Jesus. We will allow them to impress us with not only their wisdom but to grip us with their power to impact our lives and change us.

Weekly Calendar

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

Bargain Boutique

Keeping in mind the continued health and safety of church staff and members of our community, the Consistory at Church on the Hill has decided to close the Bargain Boutique indefinitely.

We will not be accepting donations of any kind until further notice.

Please refer to the church website (churchonthehill.org/bargain-boutique) and weekly emails for updated information regarding the re-opening of the Boutique.

Prayer Requests

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

Miram Allen
Barbara Andrade
Bermudez Family
Family of Bill Brendel
Deegan Family
Diane Blagburn
Susan Brooks
Lillian Calfa
Marilyn Cooney
Henry Detreville
Janet Fiala
John & Hazel Gittens
Gordon Family
Rosemarie Graffeo
Virginia Haggart
Carol Hughes
Helen Hunt
Hank Klushin
Krieg Family

Betty Kwong
Andrew LaClaustra
Lynn Lauterbach
Nancy Lee
Jorge & Tiffany Martinez
Gerry & Jean Mendler
Miller Family
Molino Family
Sarah Mundy
Ruben & Eva Munoz
Prager Families
Racquel Prager
Barbara Rogers
Ross Family
Rosemary Vazquez
Alison Venable
John Young
Joan Werbel
Katie



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