

Church on the Hill

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

November 26, 2023

10:30 AM



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Rev. Genciano Clotter — Guest Preacher

Mr. Sean Cotty — Music Director

Rev. Robert A. Perless – Pastor Emeritus

ORDER OF WORSHIP

BOLD – Congregation responds

* – Congregation Stands

Prelude Concerto in D Minor (II. Largo e spiccato) Vivaldi (arr. J.S. Bach)

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

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and love; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; 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

O give thanks to the Lord; call on his name; **make known his deeds among the peoples.** Sing to him, sing praises to him; **tell of all his wonderful works.** Glory in his holy name; **let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.** Seek the Lord and his strength; **seek his presence continually.**

* Hymn No. 262

Rejoice, The Lord Is King

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/God's Wisdom for Life

Trio

Trio Sonata in B Minor Wq. 143 (I. Allegro)

C.P.E. Bach

Maxfield Panish (Violin), Simon Walsh (Flute)

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

Ernest Mendler

Romans 12: 4-6

p. 922

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“One Band One Sound!”

Rev. Genciano Clotter

*** 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,

The holy catholic[†] Church,

The communion of saints,

The forgiveness of sins,

The resurrection of the body,

And the life everlasting. Amen.

[†] The word "catholic" means "universal," referring to all followers of Christ worldwide.

Trio

Trio Sonata in B Minor Wq. 143 (II. Adagio)

C.P.E. Bach

Maxfield Panish (Violin), Simon Walsh (Flute)

*** Doxology**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below,
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. 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. 92**

Crown Him with Many Crowns

*** Benediction****Postlude**

Trio Sonata in B Minor Wq. 143 (III. Presto)

C.P.E. Bach

Maxfield Panish (Violin), Simon Walsh (Flute)



Announcements

COFFEE HOUR

Thank you to Maxfield Panish and Simon Walsh for providing the beautiful instrumental music this morning!

INTRODUCTION

Reverend Genciano Clotter is a native of Brooklyn, New York. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Business Management from Five Towns College. He holds a Masters degree in Divinity from Princeton Theological Seminary. He holds a Masters degree in Business from Brooklyn College and holds a Masters degree in Education from Long Island University. Reverend Clotter is an Associate Pastor at Emmanuel Baptist Church and an educator. He is honored to be here today and looks forward to sharing a message with you.

CHILDREN AT WORSHIP

The White Christmas Service on December 10, 2023, will once again be led by our children. All children ages 6 to 13 are invited to join the Sunday class, now through Dec. 10th at 10:30 AM, to prepare for this service. In addition, younger children are invited to participate in the pageant as well. There will be two whole group practices on Sundays November 26th, and December 3rd at 11:30 AM. All children are welcome and encouraged to be a part of this special service.

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

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

Katie and Clayton Buckley

The Cappellano Family

Richard D.

Thomas Degnen

Gabriel DeMelo

Lucas Ditta

Jim Doliner

Joanne Dunckhahn

The Family of Randy Eastman

Adam Gonzalez

The Greer Family

Rudy Jakob

Mary and Norman Kansfield

Susan Laurita

The Family of Lynn Lauterbach

Donna Lemay

Gessa Markantonis

Rose McLain

Kathy Mendler-Murphy

Paul Mobius

Marti and Tom Pearce

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.



Nancy Gessner, Victor Han, **Vice Presidents**
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CHURCH HILL
ON THE

White Christmas

December 10, 2023

This Advent season, we are pleased to be partnering with **BORDERS OF HOPE, LA JORNADA, and P.S. 116** to provide gifts for children, teens, and adults in our local communities.

Due to space considerations, gifts will not be brought up to the chancel during the White Christmas service. Instead, we will be collecting gifts each Sunday at the back of the Sanctuary and during designated drop-off times from now until December 10th.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

- **Purchase a gift(s) on our Amazon Gift Registry** and select "Gift Registry Address" when checking out, so the gifts are delivered directly to the church.
- **Give a monetary donation** in-person at church, by mail, or online via *Tithe.ly*. For checks, please include "White Christmas" in the memo, and when using *Tithe.ly*, select "**White Christmas**" in the Fund drop-down menu.
- **Pick up a White Christmas gift tag** during Sunday Worship or during one of the times listed below. Purchase your toy (which should not exceed \$15) and please attach the gift tag onto it. Then, drop-off the new unwrapped toy during Sunday worship or in the church office, Monday/Wednesday/Friday 10am-2pm, Tuesday/Thursday 1-4pm. (Call church office before stopping by.)



To learn more information about our partner organizations, visit our website at churchonthehill.org/whitechristmas



CHRISTMAS DONATIONS

DECEMBER 2023



THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE WANTS TO CONTINUE TO HONOR OUR TRADITION OF HONORING THOSE WE REMEMBER AND APPRECIATE AT CHRISTMAS. THIS YEAR WE ARE ASKING THAT YOU DONATE TO ANY OF THE CHURCH FUNDS (MUSIC, FOOD FOR KIDS, COMMUNITY CONCERT, SANCTUARY TECHNOLOGY, ETC.) AND AS IN THE PAST INDICATE THAT YOUR DONATION IS IN MEMORY OF/IN APPRECIATION OF/IN HONOR OF SOMEONE YOU CHOOSE. THESE DONATIONS WILL BE LISTED IN THE BULLETIN ON CHRISTMAS EVE.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATION.

PLEASE ACCEPT MY DONATION OF \$ _____ TO THE
_____(FUND).

GIVEN BY: _____

IN MEMORY OF + IN APPRECIATION OF + IN HONOR OF
(CIRCLE ONE)

ALL GIFT MENTIONS WILL BE INCLUDED IN A SPECIAL INSERT IN THE CHRISTMAS BULLETIN. PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO "CHURCH ON THE HILL", WITH THE NAME OF THE FUND YOU WISH TO DONATE TO IN THE MEMO. GINNY CHAN WILL BE ACCEPTING DONATIONS AFTER CHURCH DURING ADVENT. IF YOU'D LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE ONLINE, PLEASE VISIT OUR TITHE.LY PAGE. **THE DEADLINE FOR INCLUSION IN THE BULLETIN IS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17.**