

Church on the Hill

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

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10:30 AM



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Rev. I. Douglas Estella — Guest Pastor

Mr. Sean Cotty — Music Director

Rev. Robert A. Perless – Pastor Emeritus

ORDER OF WORSHIP

First Sunday of Advent

BOLD – Congregation responds

* – Congregation Stands

Prelude

Improvisation on Veni Emmanuel

Sean Cotty

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 God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Call to Worship

Psalm 122: 1-5, 9; 95: 1

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord!"
Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem. Jerusalem- built as a city that is bound firmly together. **To it the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, as was decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the Lord.** For there the thrones for judgement were set up, the thrones of

the house of David. **For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek your good.** Come, let us worship the Lord!

* **Hymn No. 135**

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

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/God's Wisdom for Life

Solo Sonata for Flute in B Minor op. 1, no. 9 (V. Alla Breve) Handel
Soloist - 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 Mandler

Isaiah 2: 1-5

Matthew 24: 36-44

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"The Return of the King"

Rev. Doug Estella

* **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.*

Solo Sonata for Flute and Piano (II. Cantilena: Assez lent) Poulenc
Soloist - 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.**

Prayer Response Let There Be Peace On Earth Sy Miller and Jill Jackson

*Let there be peace on Earth,
And let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on Earth,
The peace that was meant to be.
With God as our Father,
We are family.
Let us walk with each other
In perfect harmony.
Let peace begin with me,
Let this be the moment now.
With every step I take,
Let this be my solemn vow.
To take each moment
And live each moment
In peace eternally.
Let there be peace on Earth,
And let it begin with me.*

* **Hymn No. 133**

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

* **Benediction**

Response (please be seated) A Voice Cries Out Michael Joncas

*Console my people, the ones dear to me;
Speak to the heart of Jerusalem:
The time of your mourning is ended now,
The Lord of life will come.
A voice cries out in the wilderness:
"Prepare a way for the Lord!"
A voice cries out in the wilderness:
"Make straight a highway for God!"*

Postlude

Toccata from Suite Op. 5 (excerpt)

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Announcements

MUSIC NOTE

Thank you to Simon Walsh and Maureen Saepia-Chen for providing the wonderful music this morning!

COFFEE HOUR

Please join us for coffee hour after the service, downstairs in Gessner Hall.

CHILDREN AT WORSHIP - COTH'S CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

The Sunday morning program will cover a special Advent curriculum starting November 20, 2022. The program is open to children, ages 5 to 12. During the service, the children will process out and be led to Room 2-E.

Sunday, November 27th, we will bring back Chrismon Sunday. A tradition in Church on the Hill has been to make special Christmas ornaments related to Jesus. This activity will be held in Gessner Hall during the service, for all children who are interested. We will meet in church and leave during the first hymn.

White Christmas will be Sunday, December 11th, and children ages 3 to 12 years old are invited to participate. There will be two rehearsals after church on November 27th and December 4th. The pageant will be during the service on December 11th.

FOOD FOR KIDS

We are starting up our collection of food for children at PS 116Q again! The bags of food are delivered to the school on Fridays for families who otherwise might go hungry over the weekend. A list of specific foods requested can be found in the weekly email, or if you prefer, monetary donations are always greatly appreciated.

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

There is a collection box located by the entrance to the Church where we accept donations of boxed/canned goods throughout the year.

BARGAIN BOUTIQUE

The Bargain Boutique is open on Saturdays from 10 am- 1 pm. Donations are accepted on Saturdays only. *No Electronics, No TVs, No Furniture*

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Check the weekly email tomorrow for all the happenings at COTH!

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. Send an email request to the church office at office@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

Jeri Bird

Diane Blagburn

Hank Boeckmann

Vivian Christopoulos

Joanne Dunckhahn

Randy Eastman

Janet Fiala

Rita Gates

Ariana Han

Richard Iovale

Annie Jankowski

Lynn Lauterbach

Christina Lee

Carol Meadows

Jean Mendler

Kathy Meyer

Catherine Molino

Hans Plambeck

Nina Proschel

The Redfern family

William Rudnick

Patrick Sullivan

Ed Surujballi

Virginia Young



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