

# **Church on the Hill**

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

**December 10, 2023**

**10:30 AM**



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**Victor Han — Guest Preacher**

**Mr. Sean Cotty — Music Director**

Rev. Robert A. Perless – Pastor Emeritus

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## Second Sunday of Advent

**BOLD** – Congregation responds

\* – Congregation Stands

**Prelude**

Christmas Time Is Here

Vince Guaraldi

**Welcome**

Victor Han

\* **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.**

**Invocation and Call to Worship**

Vincent Han

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Hear the sound of the angels declaring, "Fear not, for behold, I bring good news of great joy that will be for all people." **Amazing grace, how sweet the sound!** Hear the announcement of God's promise delivered: **Amen.**

**Advent Candle Lighting**

Peace

The Krsnak Family

**Anthem**

Who Would Send A Baby?

Mary Kay Beall and John Carter

*Who would send a baby to heal a world in pain?  
Who would send a baby, a tiny child?  
When the world is crying for the Promised One,  
Who would send His only Son?  
Who would send a baby to light a world with love?  
Who would send a baby, a tiny child?  
When the world is hoping for the Promised One;  
Who would send His only Son?  
Who would choose a manger to cradle a King?  
Who would send angels to sing?*

*Who would hang a star in the sky above  
To shine on the gift of His infinite love?*

*Who would send a baby to bless a world with peace?*

*Who would send a baby, a tiny child?*

*When the world is yearning for the Promised One,*

*Who would send his only begotten Son?*

**Processional Hymn No. 171**

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

**Prayer**

Vincent Han

**Words of Meditation**

Victor Han

### **Amazing Grace in a Manger**

*Amazing Grace - Verse 1*

*Reading: Micah 5:2, Luke 2:1-7, Isaiah 35:5;10a*

*Amazing Grace - Verse 2*

*Reading: Luke 2:8-20*

*Amazing Grace - Verse 3*

*Reading: Matthew 2:1-2, Isaiah 60:1-2*

*Amazing Grace - Verse 4*

*Reading: John 1:1;14;16, Luke 1:31-33, Isaiah 9:6-7*

*Away in a Manger - Verses 1-3*

*Reading: Revelation 7:9-12*

*Amazing Grace - Verse 5*

**\* Hymn No. 146**

Joy to the World

**\* 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<sup>†</sup> Church,  
The communion of saints,  
The forgiveness of sins,  
The resurrection of the body,  
And the life everlasting. Amen.**

<sup>†</sup> The word "catholic" means "universal,"  
referring to all followers of Christ worldwide.

## **Anthem**

There's A Light A-Coming

David Lantz III

*There's a Light a-comin' to our darkness,  
There's a Light a-comin' our way.  
There's a Light a-comin to our darkness,  
Come, O Light and shine today.*

*There's a King a-comin' for His kingdom,  
There's a King a-comin' to stay.  
There's a King a-comin' for His kingdom,  
Come, O King, and show us the way.*

*Brighter than the rising sun,  
The Son of God is near.  
Free us from our human sin,  
We wait for midnight clear.*

*There's a Joy a-comin' from the heavens,  
There's a Joy a-comin' to the earth.  
There's a Joy a-comin' from the heavens,  
Come, O Joy, we long for Your birth.*

## **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. 151**

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

**\* Benediction**

**Response** (please be seated)

As Lately We Watched

*As lately we watched o'er our fields through the night,  
A star there was seen of such glorious light;  
All through the night the angels did sing  
Sweet carols in praise of the birth of a King.  
A King of such beauty was ne'er before seen,  
And Mary, His Mother, so like to a queen.  
Blest be the hour, welcome the morn,  
For Christ our dear Saviour, on Earth now is born.*

**Postlude**

Sleigh Ride

Leroy Anderson (arr. Thomas Trotter)

## Music Notes

The composer of *There's a Light A-Comin'*, David Lanz III (1950-), is best known for his works in the new age instrumental and adult alternative genres – he has characterized his music as “heavy mellow.” (If you would like a taste of what “heavy mellow” might mean you can go to Youtube and search for David Lanz Norwegian Rain.) While he has other sacred works to his credit, they are not his primary focus. Early in his career he thought about the power of music to get people to dance, to meditate, to go march into battle. His interests led him to East Asian music and its ability to create trances. He states that his music has been used by both traditional and alternative healers and, while he does not attribute healing powers to his music, he does believe that music, “...can set the stage and create the inner atmosphere ...” to allow individuals to tap into their own healing abilities. In our anthem today, Lanz showcases his talent for creating music that creates both mood and energy. The instruction for our piece is “with excitement,” establishing the mood. A driving bass line brings extra energy and we hope that Lanz’s music will contribute to your “inner atmosphere” for this Advent season.

## Announcements

### **CHILDREN AT WORSHIP**

Children at Worship will be held next Sunday, December 17th, and will then be on a break until January 7th.

### **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](http://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](mailto: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

Alison Friedman

Adam Gonzalez

The Greer Family

Rudy Jakob

Mary and Norman Kansfield

Susan Laurita

Donna Lemay

Gessa Markantonis

Rose McLain

Kathy Mendler-Murphy

Paul Mobius

Marti and Tom Pearce

The Family of Rev. Bob Perless

Iris and Ralph Prager

Patrick Sullivan

Ed Surujballi

Virginia Young



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