

Church on the Hill

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

December 11, 2022

10:30 AM



Photo Credit: Emerson Chen Photography

Rev. I. Douglas Estella — Guest Pastor

Mr. Sean Cotty — Music Director

Rev. Robert A. Perless – Pastor Emeritus

wicked he brings to ruin. **The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the Lord!**

* **Hymn No. 138**

Savior of the Nations, Come

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

Anthem

Hodie Christus natus est

Francis Poulenc

(Sung in Latin)

Today Christ is born;

Today the savior has appeared;

Today on earth the angels sing.

The archangels rejoice;

Today the just exult, saying:

Glory in the highest to God, alleluia.

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

Victor Han

Isaiah 35: 1-10

Luke 1: 46- 55

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"God Who Sets Things Straight"

Rev. Doug Estella

Christmas Tableau

*Away in a manger, no crib for a bed
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;
The stars in the sky looked down where he lay,
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.*

* 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.*

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.

*** 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

Write These Words in Our Hearts

Write these words in our hearts,

We beseech you, O Lord

*** Hymn No. 143**

For Ages Women Hoped and Prayed

*** Benediction**

Response (please be seated) Comfort, Comfort Now My People

*“Comfort, comfort, now my people;
Tell of peace!” so says our God.
Comfort those who sit in darkness
Mourning under sorrow’s load.
To God’s people now proclaim
That God’s pardon waits for them!
Tell them that their war is over;
God will reign in peace forever!*

Postlude

Fugue in G-Major BWV 541

J. S. Bach

Announcements

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 covering a special Advent curriculum has started. 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.

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

Rosina Cuticone

Joanne Dunckhahn

Randy Eastman

Janet Fiala

Rita Gates

Ariana Han

Richard Iovale

Annie Jankowski

Andrew LaClaustra

Lynn Lauterbach

Christina Lee

Ernest Mender

Kathy Meyer

Catherine Molino

Nina Proschel

The Redfern family

William Rudnick

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.



Consistory & Staff

Nancy Gessner, Victor Han, **Vice Presidents**

Nancy Gessner, **Clerk**

Elders

Angela Brunjes

Nancy Gessner (VP)

Victor Han (VP)

Rhoda Jabbour

Irma Schubert

Deacons

Heather Allison

Ginny Chan

Emerson Chen

Margret Dougherty

Adriene Toy

Sean Cotty, Music Director: sean.cotty@churchonthehill.org

Amanda Sudolsky, Office Administrator: office@churchonthehill.org

Phone: (718) 358-3671

Email: office@churchonthehill.org

www.churchonthehill.org

