

# **Church on the Hill**

A Congregation of the  
Reformed Church in America  
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**December 25, 2022**

**10:30 AM**



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**Mr. Sean Cotty — Music Director**

Rev. Robert A. Perless – Pastor Emeritus



## Responsive Reading: We Greet Your Coming

Jeanne Sarran

We greet your coming, God, with wonder: **You come to be with us; yet you remain far greater than we can imagine.** You are near; yet your wisdom sets you apart from us. **You appear among us; yet we cannot describe your glory.**

We greet your coming, God, with repentance: **We are more or less satisfied with ourselves; but your presence exposes our sin and failure.** We are self-confident, but you challenge our confidence in ourselves. **We are proud of our understanding; but you show us that we do not know everything.**

We greet your coming, God, with joy: **We had no true idea of what you are like; but you have shown us yourself in Jesus Christ.** We felt our human life could be of no importance to you; but you have shown its value by appearing among us as a man. **We are aware of the gulf between us and you; but you have bridged it with love.**

**God, we greet your coming in Jesus Christ our Lord!**

## Anthem

Pacem Noel

Larry Clark and Rae Moses

*Dona Nobis pacem.*

*The first Noel, the angels did say*

*Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay.*

*In fields where they lay keeping their sheep*

*On a cold winter's night that was so deep.*

*Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,*

*Born is the King of Israel.*

## Responsive Reading: Emmanuel, God With Us

Dorien Day

Christmas. The day when love in all its fullness became incarnate; tangible. A love that knows no bounds was... **Bound in strips of cloth. Tiny arms wrapped tightly... arms that came here to embrace all of mankind in forgiveness. To be with us.** Here with us as we continue to shine His light into a world that rejects Him. A world where many have removed His name from the season when we celebrate the day salvation came to bring us a forever hope. **Here with us, rejoicing in**

**our worship and filling us with His spirit.** Hosanna! Glory to God in the Highest!

**Christmas. The day peace was made between God and man. The day we became reconciled to God as the spirit became flesh. The God of all creation became one of us. Jesus.** Prince of Peace. Peace that is beyond our understanding. Peace that abides in us though the world is filled with trouble. Peace that comes in knowing that He has overcome the world. **He has overcome war. He has overcome death. He has overcome the loneliness and grief some of us feel so deeply during this time of year.**

Christmas. A day when the angels rejoiced. May we also ever rejoice in its meaning. May we ever be grateful for God's perfect gift. **"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon His shoulder: and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace."**

**Duet** All Through The Night Welsh Tune  
Soloists- Emerson Chen and Maureen Saepia-Chen

*Sleep my child and peace attend thee  
All through the night.*

*Guardian angels God will send thee  
All through the night.*

*Soft the drowsy hours are creeping,  
Hill and vale in slumber steeping,  
I my loving vigil keeping,  
All through the night.*

*While the moon her watch is keeping  
All through the night.*

*While the weary world is sleeping  
All through the night.*

*O'er the spirit gently stealing,  
Visions of delight revealing,  
Breathes a rare and holy feeling  
All through the night.*

## Christmas Message/ Reading

I am There

Victor Han

By: Karl Rahner- from "The Eternal Year"

### \* 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

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.*

\* **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. 151**

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

\* **Benediction**

**Response** (please be seated)                      Gentle Mary Laid Her Child

*Gentle Mary laid her Child Lowly in a manger;  
There he lay, the undefiled, To the world a stranger.  
Such a Babe in such a place, Can he be a Savior?  
Ask the saved of all the race who have found His favor.*

**Postlude**

Christmas Hymn Suite

Arr. Abraham Lin

Soloists- Austin Huang, Caroline Huang, Helen Lin, Abraham Lin

## 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)

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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



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**Community Concert Series**

Lexy and Junie Chan

**In appreciation of Mr. Sean, Ms. Rhoda, and Ms. Jeanne**

Ginny and Hong Chan and Family

**In appreciation of all those who help keep COTH running smoothly**

Nancy Gessner

**In memory of Arnold and Betty Gessner**

Doris and Joe Krsnak

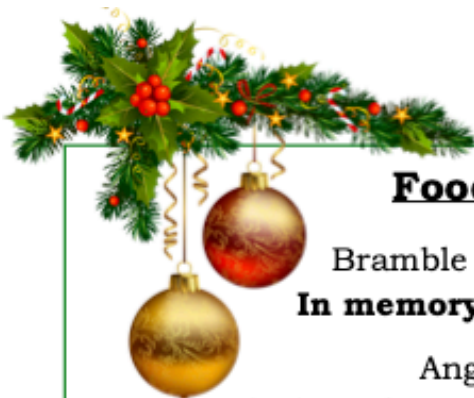
**In appreciation of the wonderful people of Church on the Hill**

Betty and Christina Kwong, Emily Lee

**In memory of Alice Lee and Francis Kwong**

Larry and Catherine Molino

**In memory of Eleanor Molino**



## **Food For Kids**

Bramble and Weed Family

**In memory of our loved ones**

Angela Brunjes

**In appreciation of Rev. Doug Estella, Sean Cotty, and  
the Choir.**

Doris Cosmatos, Gabriel and Andrew Young

**In appreciation of "Aunt Cookie" Rhoda Jabbour**

Nancy Gessner

**In appreciation of the Search Committee**

Rhoda Jabbour

**In appreciation of Rev. Doug Estella**

Buck Kellaway

**In memory of Judie Kellaway**

Carol Meadows

**In memory of Parents and Siblings**

Mary Moder

**In memory of Harvey Moder**

Steve and Jeanne Sarran

**In appreciation of all the COTH helpers**

Irma Schubert

**In memory of loved ones**

**In appreciation of my children and grandchildren**

Annabelle, Sarah, and Bob White

**In appreciation of Jeanne Sarran for her leadership of  
the children's education program**



## **Music Fund**

Linda Diez

**In memory of Helga Brenner-Kahn**

Michael and Margaret Gittens

**In memory of Yvonne Clarke, Beryl Sealy, and  
Rudolph Gittens**

The Good Family

**In memory of Elaine and Matthew**

The Halley Family

**In loving memory of John and Jayne Halley**

Jean and Gerry Mendler

**In appreciation of Sean Cotty and the Choir**

Barbara and Bob Hoe

**In memory of their parents**

**In appreciation of their children and grandchildren**

Larry and Catherine Molino

**In memory of Eleanor Molino**

Sue and Jim Nicholas

**In appreciation of Rev. D. Estella**

Joyce Tambini

**In memory of Fiorino, Beatrice Tambini**

Adriene and Bill Toy

**In appreciation of all the people who help to keep  
COTH running smoothly**

## **Sanctuary Technology**

Barbara and Bob Hoe

**In appreciation of Emerson Chen and the entire  
sanctuary technology team**

Joyce Tambini

**In memory of grandparents: Annie, Emanuel, Maria,  
Ernesto**

The Whites

**In memory of Frank "Rusty" Marmion, A great friend**



## **Altar Flowers**

Rev. SallyAnn Castle

**With gratitude and thanks for the members of COTH  
and their generous support of the College Point Food  
Pantry**

## **General Fund**

Eleanor Doyle

**In loving memory of Catherine Martinez**

Rita Harper

**In memory of Richard Harper**

