

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 A.M.



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Rev. I. Douglas Estella – Stated Supply

Mr. Sean Cotty – Music Director

Rev. Robert A. Perless – Pastor Emeritus

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

ORDER OF WORSHIP

BOLD – Congregation responds

* – Congregation Stands

PRELUDE

Improvisation on "March of the Three Kings"
Sean Cotty

VOTUM

SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting.

Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

* Hymn No. 185

We Three Kings of Orient Are

*We three kings of Orient are, bearing gifts we traverse afar
Field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.
O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.
Born a King on Bethlehem's plain, gold I bring to crown him again,
King forever, ceasing never over us all to reign.
O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright,*

*Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.
Frankincense to offer have I, incense owns a Deity nigh;
prayer and praising gladly raising, worshiping God on high.
O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from your truth and from your holy will. We have failed in love, forgotten to be just, and have turned away from your wisdom. Forgive us our sin and restore us to your ways, for the sake of Your Son, our only Savior, Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON/WISDOM FOR LIFE

Solo

Away In A Manger

William J. Kirkpatrick and James R. Murray

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

Simon Walsh

Isaiah 43: 1-7

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*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 Flute Sonata, Movement II (*Cantilena: Assez lent*) Poulenc

Soloist - Simon Walsh, Flute

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. 198

Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne

*Thou didst leave thy throne and thy kingly crown
When thou camest to earth for me;
But in Bethlehem's home there was found no room
For thy holy nativity:*

*O come to my heart, Lord Jesus,
There is room in my heart for thee.*

*Heaven's arches rang when the angels sang,
Proclaiming thy royal decree;
But in lowly birth thou didst come to earth,
And in great humility:*

*O come to my heart, Lord Jesus,
There is room in my heart for thee.*

Thou camest, O Lord, with the living Word

*That should set thy people free;
But with mocking scorn, and with crown of thorn,
They bore thee to Calvary:
O come to my heart, Lord Jesus,
There is room in my heart for thee.*

*When the heavens shall ring, and the angels sing,
At thy coming to victory,
Let thy voice call me home, saying, "Yet there is room,
There is room at my side for thee."
My heart shall rejoice, Lord Jesus,
When thou comest and callest for me!*

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Fugue in C Minor - J.S. Bach

Sean Cotty

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Music Note

Thank you to Simon Walsh for adding so much to our service and volunteering to play *and* read for us today. Thanks, too, to Maureen Saepia-Chen for leading us in song.

New Year! New Members!

"Introduction to Church On The Hill" has been scheduled for Sunday, January 9, 2022! We will meet on the Coffee Hour Zoom link following the service. The purpose of the class is to provide an orientation to the beliefs of the Reformed Church in America and to worship life here at Church On The Hill. The class will be led by Rev. Doug Estella.

JOIN OUR EMAIL LIST!

Be sure to sign up for our email list to keep up with the latest Church on the Hill happenings. Add your name and email to the sign-up sheet at the back of the sanctuary or send an email to the church office at **office@churchonthehill.org**.

PRAYER LIST

Please reach out to the church office if you would like to add a name to the prayer list. Email **office@churchonthehill.org**.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Check the weekly email tomorrow for all the happenings and ministries of Church on the Hill!

BARGAIN BOUTIQUE

Keeping in mind the continued health and safety of church staff and members of our community, the Consistory at Church on the Hill has decided to close the Bargain Boutique until it is refurbished. We will not

accept donations at this time.

Prayer Requests

*If you would like to add a loved one to the prayer list,
please contact the church office*

The Bermudez Family

Timothy Betjeman

Austin Bird

Diane Blagburn

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The Family of Patrick Symes

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