

Church on the Hill

A Congregation of the
Reformed Church in America

167-07 35th Avenue, Flushing, NY 11358

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11:00 a.m.



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Rev. Blaine D. Crawford – Pastor

Mr. Sean Cotty – Music Director

Rev. Robert A. Perless – Pastor Emeritus

Welcome to worship at Church on the Hill!
We're so glad you have joined us this morning. Please read the following for more details about the worship service.

****Please silence your cell phones prior to the service****

The sanctuary and pews have been thoroughly cleaned in preparation for worship today. During the worship service, we ask that you continue to **wear your masks for the duration of the service**. The congregation is invited to join in responses and the hymn singing—we ask that you **speak and sing at a conversational volume**. We have opened as many windows as possible in the sanctuary to increase ventilation. Please **do not attempt to open the windows that are closed**. Offering plates are located at the back of the sanctuary; **on your way out of the sanctuary, you can place your offering in the plates**. At the conclusion of the service, **please wait to be dismissed** by the ushers, allowing us to clear any video equipment in the aisle. We ask that you take your bulletin with you and do not leave it in the sanctuary. Bathrooms are available for use in Gessner Hall. There will be no coffee hour after the service.

ORDER FOR WORSHIP

BOLD – Congregation responds

* – Congregation Stands

PRELUDE Improvisation on Themes by Mozart Sean Cotty

VOTUM

SENTENCES

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Loving God, you have made covenant with us and with every living creature. We give thanks for the sign of the rainbow, for it reminds you and us of your promise: that the flood of destruction will not be the last word. We thank you, too, for the waters of baptism, the sign that we are raised as children of the covenant. And we thank you for the sign of the dove, the promise of your Holy Spirit. Hovering over the dawn of creation, descending upon your beloved Son, your Spirit also hovers over and

descends upon us. With the whole creation, we give you all glory and honor. In your triune name we pray.

CALL TO WORSHIP

* HYMN No. 200

Lord, Who Throughout

Lord, who through-out these forty days for us did fast and pray, teach us with you to mourn our sins and close by you to stay.

As you with Satan did contend, and did the victory win, O give us strength in you to fight, in you to conquer sin.

As you, did hunger and did thirst, so teach us, gracious Lord, to die to self, and so to live by your most holy Word.

And thro' these days of penitence, and thro' your Passiontide, forevermore, in life and death, O Lord, with us abide.

Abide with us, that through this life of doubts and hope and pain, an Easter of unending joy we may at last attain!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy,

we begin this Lenten season in confession.

We do not live according to your ways, but according to our own.

Forgive us, we pray,

when we are tempted to follow paths

**other than those you set before us.
Teach us your commandments;
help us turn from evil in its many guises,
and turn us toward your kingdom drawing near.
In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON/WISDOM FOR LIFE

SOLO *Pie Jesu* (from the *Requiem*) Gabriel Faure
Soloist: Maureen Saepia-Chen

(Sung in Latin)
Merciful Lord Jesus,
grant them rest,
eternal rest.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Gracious God,
in rushing waters and in dry wilderness,
in every season and circumstance,
we need your sustaining word.
By the power of your Holy Spirit,
proclaim the good news among us today
so that we may repent and believe
and see anew how the time is fulfilled
and the kingdom has come near
in Jesus Christ your Son our Savior. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Genesis 9:8-17

Mark 1:9-15

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Anointed and Tested

Rev. Blaine
Crawford

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Presentation of Jaxon Parker

Profession of Faith

Do you promise to love, encourage, and support these brothers and sisters by teaching the gospel of God's love, by being an example of Christian faith and character, and by giving the strong support of God's family in fellowship, prayer, and service? **We do.**

***The Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to hell.**

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended to heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there he will come 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 Baptismal Covenant

Welcome

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**With joy and thanksgiving
we welcome you into Christ's church
to share with us in his ministry,
for we are all one in Christ.**

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. 340

Amid the Thronging Worshipers

*Amid the thronging worshipers the living Lord I bless;
before my people, gathered here, God's name will I
confess. Come, sing with all who fear the Lord, you
children of God's grace; with reverence sound all glory
forth and bow before God's face.*

*The burden of the sorrowful the Lord will not despise;
God has not turned from those who mourn but listens to
their cries. Such goodness makes me join the throng where
saints this praise proclaim, and there will I fulfill my vows
with those who fear God's name.*

*You feed with good the humble ones and satisfy the
meek, and they shall live and praise you, Lord, who for
your mercy seek. The ends of all the earth take thought,
the nations seek you, Lord. They worship you, the
Sovereign One, in earth and heaven adored.*

*Before you, Lord, the proud shall bow, the haughty with
their trust. They cannot keep themselves alive; they too
return to dust. But you, Lord, dwell beyond all time,
deliverance to proclaim to generations yet unborn who
shall confess your name.*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Fugue in C Major

Bach

Announcements

Goodbye & Good Luck Drive/Walk-By

Join us on February 28th for a farewell to Rev. Blaine, Brittnee and Avery Crawford!

We will meet at Bowne Park and line up our cars on 159th street facing 32nd Avenue. We will drive to 35th Avenue and then turn left on 168th Street to drive passed the Parsonage. If you would like to walk by, please wait in front of the church on 35th Ave. **Rain/Snow date: March 6 or 7.*

Special Coffee Hour

There will be a special virtual coffee hour on March 7th following Rev. Crawford's final service at Church on the Hill. Zoom information will be included in the weekly Monday email.

Sanctuary Air Circulation

As the temperatures begin to drop, the ushers will be opening fewer windows during the worship. However, we have installed new air filters for the sanctuary in order to meet current COVID-19 standards. We will continue to take all necessary precautions for your health and safety.

Weekly Calendar

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

Bargain Boutique

The Bargain Boutique will remain closed for the foreseeable future.
Please hold all donations until we re-open.



Prayer Requests

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

Miram Allen

Andela Family

Babinsky Family

Bermudez Family

Diane Blagburn

Matthew, Cathay &

Brian Blake

Christina & Sadie Boll

Elizabeth Bossis

Susan Brooks

Carolyn Brunjes

Lillian Calfa

David Cerqueira

Gracinda Cerqueira

Jose Cerqueira

Marie Collins

Dana Chan

Marilyn Cooney

Helen Cunningham

Rosina Cuticone

Lenny DeSimone

Henry Detreville

Angela Edwards

Janet Fiala

Matt Field

The Frocione Family

Gail George

Doris Gessner

John & Hazel Gittens

Brooke Graffeo

Rosemarie Graffeo

Herbert Family

Hotchkiss Family

Helen Hunt

Hank Klushin

Betty Kwong

Lynn Lauterbach

Nancy Lee

Jorge & Tiffany Martinez

Gerry & Jean Mandler

Barbara & Neil Meurer

Gerda Miller



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Ruben & Eva Munoz

Murray Family

Patricia Olney

Betty Dalton Prager

Barbara Rogers

Roppolo Family

Smith Family

Jocelyn Toner

Rosemary Vasquez

Alison Venable

Alex Young

Joan Werbel

Buck

Dilip



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The sanctuary is looped for the hard of hearing system, please sit in the north side (to enter the sanctuary) and set your hearing aid to the 'T' position.

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*Chairperson is also Consistory Representative unless otherwise stated.



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