

P O M P T O N R E F O R M E D C H U R C H

A Community where all experience the love and grace of Jesus Christ

August 31, 2014

(*Please stand if you are able)

10:00 a.m.

. . . THE APPROACH TO GOD . . .

Prelude

Gathering Song # 160 (Green)

He Is Lord

Prayer/Call to Worship

Micah 6:6-8

With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old?

Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgressions, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?

He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God. .

O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

*Hymn # 43 (Blue)

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

Unison Prayer of Confession

O Lord, Holy God, we confess that it is difficult to keep you central in our lives. All sorts of temptations come to tarnish your image and pull us away from you. We are locked in a daily struggle between our will and your greater will, our ways and your greater way. We cry out for your mercy, O God.

Strengthen us, we pray, for our times of trial, and stand with us as we face the tempter. In the holy name of Christ our Lord we pray...(a time of silence is kept)

(sung) *You are my hiding place. You always fill my heart with songs of deliverance. Whenever I am afraid I will trust in you. I will trust in you. Let the weak say, "I am strong in the strength of the Lord." (repeat, and end with, "I will trust in you.")*

Words of Assurance and God's Way of Living

Church Life

Presenting Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

***Doxology and Offertory Prayer** *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.*

...THE WORD OF GOD...

Romans 7:21-25

NT pg. 157

James 1:12-18

NT pg. 229

"Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil..."

Summer message series on The Lord's Prayer

...OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD...

***Affirmation of Faith**

(From the Heidelberg Catechism)

In the Lord's Prayer, what is meant by the petition, "...and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil"?

It means: By ourselves we are too weak to hold our own even for a moment. And our sworn enemies...the devil, the world, and our own flesh...never stop attacking us. And so, Lord, uphold us and make us strong with the strength of your Holy Spirit, so that we may not go down to defeat in this spiritual struggle, but may firmly resist our enemies until we finally win the complete victory.

God Moment

Gerry Mamalis

Prayers of the People and The 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

*** Hymn # 745 (Blue)**

Jesus Shall Reign

***Benediction**

Postlude

Today's Worship Leadership

Preacher:

Rev. Thomas Bartha

Liturgist:

Kathy Csencsits

Music Director:

Patricia Kitchell

Organist:

Scott Burzynski

Bell Director:

Janine Maletsky

Ushers: Co-captains Elaine Peacock and Karen Huysers; Barbara Buckman, George Buckman, Tommy Iraggi, Mary Barth

This Week at PRC

Today	11:00 a.m.	Pictorial Directory photos Pompton Day! Visit our table.
Monday		Offices closed for Labor Day
Tuesday	1:30 p.m.	Knitters
Wednesday	6:30 p.m.	Operations Committee
	7:30 p.m.	Worship Committee

Upcoming Worship and Events at PRC

Summer message series: The Lord's Prayer

- Sept. 7** "For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.
Amen."
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
- Sept. 14** Launch of new message series
Chancel Choir returns
- Sept. 21** Commissioning of Christian Education Team
Sunday School Classes begin
Healing Service
Church picnic follows worship!

Romans 7:21-25

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

²¹ So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand.
²² For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, ²³ but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴ Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death?
²⁵ Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!
So then, with my mind I am a slave to the law of God, but with my flesh I am a slave to the law of sin.

James 1:12-18

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

¹² Blessed is anyone who endures temptation. Such a one has stood the test and will receive the crown of life that the Lord^[a] has promised to those who love him. ¹³ No one, when tempted, should say, "I am being tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil and he himself tempts no one. ¹⁴ But one is tempted by one's own desire, being lured and enticed by it; ¹⁵ then, when that desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin, and that sin, when it is fully grown, gives birth to death. ¹⁶ Do not be deceived, my beloved.^[b]
¹⁷ Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.^[c] ¹⁸ In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.