

POMPTON REFORMED CHURCH

Our Vision:

*A world where all experience and share the love and grace of Jesus Christ.
Second Sunday of Advent*

December 4, 2016

(*Please stand if you are able)

10:00 a.m.

... THE APPROACH TO GOD ...

Prelude

Lighting of Advent Candle – Peace

Middle & Sr. High Sunday School Students

Light One Candle (sung)

Natalie Sleeth

“Light one candle for hope, one bright candle for hope,
He brings hope to everyone, he comes, he comes.

“Light one candle for peace, one bright candle for peace,
He brings peace to everyone; he comes, he comes.

*** Hymn # 133 (Blue)** *“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”*
v. 1, 3, 5

Unison Prayer of Confession

We receive salvation from our limited views through You, Lord. For facing uncertainties, known and unperceived, we come in prayer so you can enlighten us about:

- temporary setbacks that can work for a more enduring good,
- unwelcome burdens that might make us stronger for their weight,
- confrontations that cause us to check our position and clarify our purpose,
- shortcomings which prod us to accept your grace and offer it to others.

We open ourselves to your views that today's communion time with You will be a healing enriching experience. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Isaiah 43: 19-21

Thus says the Lord, “Behold I am doing a new thing: now it springs forth. Do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert...to give drink to my chosen people who I formed for myself that they might declare my praise.”

God's Way of Living

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

The Spirit of the Lord is upon you.

The Lord has chosen you to tell the oppressed good news.

- to heal the broken hearted
- to announce ways of freedom to captives and those feeling imprisoned
- to give insight to the blind
- to proclaim the accepting love of the Lord.

Sung Response: Emmanuel, Emmanuel, His name is called Emmanuel.
God with us, revealed in us, His name is called Emmanuel.

Chancel Choir Anthem *“Light the Advent Candle”*

Church Life

Young Disciples’ Time

Ministry Minute: Drew Altofer

Presenting Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Anthem “The One” C. Courtney

***Doxology # 808 (Blue)** *“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”*

...THE WORD OF GOD...

Luke 1: 68-79

Sermon: Disruption and Loss – How Might God be a Renewing Presence?

...OUR RESPONSE TO GOD’S WORD...

Advent Affirmation of Faith

We believe in the reconciliation
of the world to God, through Christ.
Hunted at birth
and humiliated at death,
Christ entered our fearful darkness
so that we might enter his glorious light
and share the life of his resurrection.

And we believe that each new child
Is a glimpse of the face of God,
a sign of the life to come
and a call to live in peace
and celebrate living together
Glory to God in the highest
and peace to God’s people on earth.
Amen.

Communion

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 # 104 (Blue) “There’s Something About That Name”**

***Benediction**

Postlude

TODAY’S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Preacher: Rev. Mel Van Hattem
Liturgist: Joe Apgar
Music Director: Patricia Kitchell
Organist: Scott Burzynski
Bell Choir Director: Janine Maletsky

Ushers: Bruce Davis, Jeff & Carole Romaine, Eva Terhune

Today’s Scripture:	Luke 1:68-79 (NRSV)
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⁶⁸ “Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,
for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them.
⁶⁹ He has raised up a mighty savior^[a] for us
in the house of his servant David,
⁷⁰ as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,
⁷¹ that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate
us.
⁷² Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors,
and has remembered his holy covenant,
⁷³ the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham,
to grant us ⁷⁴ that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies,
might serve him without fear, ⁷⁵ in holiness and righteousness
before him all our days.
⁷⁶ And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High;
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,
⁷⁷ to give knowledge of salvation to his people
by the forgiveness of their sins.
⁷⁸ By the tender mercy of our God,
the dawn from on high will break upon^[b] us,
⁷⁹ to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,
to guide our feet into the way of peace.”