

# POMPTON REFORMED CHURCH

*Our Vision: A world where all experience and share the love and grace of Jesus Christ.*

January 13, 2019

(\*Please stand if you are able)

11:00 a.m.

## ... THE APPROACH TO GOD...

Prelude

Greeting/Prayer

**Gathering Song - #187 (Blue)**      *"Jesus, Come! for We Invite You" v. 3 only*

**Call to Worship**

Like the soft whisper of a little child,

**ever so gently, God's voice cradles us with songs of wonder and awe.**

With the wake-up voice of a parent,

**God's voice rumbles like a river through our lives, awakening us to a new day.**

Like the steady words of a grandparent,

**God's voice is always reminding us that we are precious, esteemed, beloved.**

**\*Singing Together - #26 (Blue)**      *"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" v.1, 3 & 4*

**Prayer of Confession**

**Righteous God, you sent your son Jesus to be baptized by John in the Jordan, so that all might hear the proclamation of your love. Remove the noise that we may hear the sweet sounds of God in the flesh. Forgive us for those times that we have been silent or only spoken words of demarcation and judgment. Make us voices of proclamation, so that all might know of your love through our words and our actions. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**Choral Response #730 (Blue)**      *"People Need the Lord"*

**God's Good News**

As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

## **God's Law for Grateful Living**

For freedom Christ has set us free. Therefore do not submit again to a yoke of slavery... the only thing that counts is faith working through love. And Jesus has shown us who to love.

**We shall love the Lord our God with all our heart, and with all our soul, and with all our mind. This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: We shall love our neighbor as ourselves.**

## **Church Life**

### **Sunday School Students Dismissed**

**Chancel Choir Anthem**                      *"Creation Will Be At Peace"*                      Williams/Page  
"...in the Holy Mountain of the Lord,...they will war no more...a Child will lead them all."

### **Presenting Our Tithes and Offerings**

#### **Offertory Hymn**

**\*Doxology (Insert)**                      *"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"*

#### **\*Offertory Prayer**

### ***THE WORD OF GOD...***

Matthew 3:1-17

*"The Dangerous Waters of Baptism"*

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

#### **\*Affirmation of Faith**

*The Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried. He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He shall 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.**

## **Ordination and Installation of Consistory Members**

### **Deacon**

Dan Douma  
Bill Wyckoff

### **Elder**

Bruce Davis  
Terry Terhune  
Elena Van Schaack

Members of Pompton Reformed Church, please rise to affirm your covenant with the elders and deacons whom God has given us.

Beloved in the Lord Jesus Christ, do you receive in the name of the Lord, these deacons and elders as duly elected and ordained servants of Christ?

**We do.**

Do you promise to respect them for the sake of the offices for which they have been chosen and ordained?

**We do.**

Do you promise to encourage and pray for them, to labor together in obedience to the gospel for the unity, purity, and peace of the church, the welfare of the whole world, and the honor of our Lord Jesus Christ?

**We do.**

Beloved people of God, in the name and by the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ, I declare that these Christians are duly installed Deacons and Elders in this church.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Choral Response (Insert)**     *“God the Spirit, Guide & Guardian” v. 1 only*

### **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.**

**\*Singing Together #177 (Blue)**     *“He Is Born, the Divine Christ Child”*

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

**Following Worship please join us for refreshments in Fellowship Hall.**

## TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Pastor:	Pastor Nathan Busker
Liturgist:	Elena Van Schaack
Music Director:	Patricia Kitchell
Organist:	Scott Burzynski
Bell Choir Director:	Janine Maletsky
Ushers:	Elaine Peacock – Captain, Jo-Ann Sisco, Mark Warner, Keith Hanisch

### Today's Scripture Lesson

Matthew 3:1-17

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming,<sup>2</sup> "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." <sup>3</sup>This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'" <sup>4</sup>Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. <sup>5</sup>Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, <sup>6</sup>and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>7</sup>But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? <sup>8</sup>Bear fruit worthy of repentance. <sup>9</sup>Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. <sup>10</sup>Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. <sup>11</sup>"I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>12</sup>His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." <sup>13</sup>Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. <sup>14</sup>John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" <sup>15</sup>But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. <sup>16</sup>And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. <sup>17</sup>And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."