

POMPTON REFORMED CHURCH

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

November 17, 2019

(*Please stand if you are able)

10:00 am

... THE APPROACH TO GOD...

Prelude

Greeting/Prayer

Church Life

***Call to Worship**

When we were walking in darkness,

you were there.

When we were kneeling in weakness,

you were there.

When we drew near feeling worthless,

you were there.

When we were needing forgiveness,

you were there.

When we were searching for your grace,

you were there, you were there.

We give thanks to you, Lord,

for you have done marvelous things!

Lord, let our souls rise to meet you as the day rises to meet the sun. Glory to The Father, and to The Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. **Amen.**

***Singing Together #21 (Blue)**

“How Great Thou Art” v. 1 & 2

Call to Confession

As we gather here today, we don't have to hide or deny our brokenness. We can come before God as we are. O God, still creating, we hear your promises of a new day of joy and peace, and we are skeptical.

We expect things to go on the same as they always have, from bad to worse.

The past will keep us guilty, the future will make us afraid,

and the present will burden us with too little time and too much to do.

Forgive our lack of faith, our quickness to believe that you do not hear us, and our pessimism about tomorrow.

Do a new thing in our hearts, and let us be glad and rejoice in your abundant care; through Christ we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Friends, you are loved by God and you are accepted by him. There is nothing you can do to make God love you less and there is nothing you can do to make God love you more. You are loved, not for who you could be or who you should be, or who you wish to be or who you used to be. You are loved as you are. Grace and peace be with you. **And also with you.**

Living the Way of Jesus

As followers of Jesus, our lives are shaped and formed by the grace and love we have received. And we are invited to live differently in this world. In the loving of neighbor and the sharing of love,

together we shall go on.

In the celebration of life and the sharing of that life,

together we shall go on.

In the caring of the earth and the sharing of her harvest,

together we shall go on.

In the variety of people and the sharing of our talents,

together we shall go on.

In the laughter we make and the sharing of the journey,

together we shall go on.

In the love of this community and the sharing of our faith,

together we shall go on.

Chancel Choir Anthem †

“Let Me Walk With You”

Gladden/Raney

“...O, Master, let me walk beside You, let me take you by the hand.

Guide my feet and light the pathway till I reach the Promised Land...”

Presenting Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

***Doxology #374 (Blue)**

“Now Thank We All Our God” v. 1

Prayer

THE WORD OF GOD...

Acts 28:30-31

“Our Headquarters Is The World”

...OUR RESPONSE TO GOD’S WORD...

***Affirmation of Faith**

from Our World Belongs to God

The Spirit gathers people from every tongue, tribe, and nation into the unity of the body of Christ. Anointed and sent by the Spirit, the church goes into the world, ambassadors of God’s peace, announcing forgiveness and reconciliation, proclaiming the good news of grace. Men and women, impelled by the Spirit, go next door and far away into science and art, media and marketplace - every area of life, pointing to the reign of God with what they do and say.

Prayers of the People

Healing Service

James 5:14-16 NIV

¹⁴ Are any of you sick? You should call for the elders of the church to come and pray over you, anointing you with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵ Such a prayer offered in faith will heal the sick, and the Lord will make you well. And if you have committed any sins, you will be forgiven.

¹⁶ Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results.

Other Prayer Requests (prayed for in unison by first name)

John Nelson	Logan Norman	Stephanie	Mary Verduin
Anna Gordon	Donna Winter	Isabel Manfredo	Cheryl Putney
Joyce DeMartino	Kay	Meghan VanderPlaat	Michele Mac Donald
Chuck Gioia	Lothar Schneider	Mike Magee	Eleanor Finke
Peter Bankuti	Erika Herz	Peter Butler	Shirley Montanari
David Pope	Joe	Lillian Moore	Russell Cueman
Carole Romaine		A child & a grandchild	

During the Healing Service worshippers are invited to come forward to request prayers for themselves or loved ones. Until the pastor or healing elder asks privately to receive the request, elders lay hands upon those who come forward, centering them in God's presence, while elders encircle the sanctuary. At the conclusion of the healing prayer, a blessing with anointing of oil on forehead or hand is offered.

Meditative Music

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.

***Parting Song #532 (Blue)**

"Be Thou My Vision" v. 1 & 2

***Benediction**

Postlude

† *This morning's anthem was purchased by the choir in loving memory of Kay Bergin. This was Kay's birthday week. We miss you Kay.*

Following worship please join us in Fellowship Hall for refreshments.

Today's Scripture

Acts 28:30-31

³⁰ For two whole years Paul stayed there in his own rented house and welcomed all who came to see him. ³¹ He proclaimed the kingdom of God and taught about the Lord Jesus Christ—with all boldness and without hindrance!

Resources for Liturgy

Call to Worship is written by John Birch and posted on **Faith and Worship**.

<http://www.faihandworship.com/>

Call to Confession was written by Dr. Tom Cheatham, a minister in the Presbyterian Church (USA).

Living the Way of Jesus was written by Roddy Hamilton.

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Worship Leader:	Rev. John Burden
Liturgist:	Elaine Peacock
Music Director:	Patricia Kitchell
Organist:	Scott Burzynski
Bell Choir Director:	Janine Maletsky
November Ushers:	Nancy Shimmel, Karen Huysers, Bobbi Cockefair, Russell Cockefair

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You are invited to speak with your Elder representative about any concerns or suggestions you have related to church life.