



## POMPTON REFORMED CHURCH

November 17, 2024

10:00 am

### **Prelude**

**The Christ Candle:** *In him was life and that life was the light of all humankind. The light shines into the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it.*

### **Call to Worship *From Revelation 21***

You are making all things new.

A new heaven

A new earth

A new way of thinking

A new way of being.

**You are making all things new.**

No more Death

No more mourning

No more crying

No more pain.

**You are making all things new.**

Renew our minds

to renew the world

by living out your

commandment of love.

**You are making all things new.**

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.**

**Opening Song – Blue #115**

*“Fairest Lord Jesus”*

### **Prayer of Confession**

Join us in the prayer of confession today, written by Rev. Stephen Fearing:

God of Endless Mercy, we have often been swallowed up by our greed and selfishness,  
**desiring that which we do not have, filling our lives with things that do not save us.**

We have often been swept away by the floods of our own making,  
**polluting your creation, neglecting to be faithful stewards of the earth.**  
We have often attacked one another and led lives of violence,  
**sending missiles instead of accepting refugees, ignoring your commandments.**  
Lord have mercy, for we have sinned and fallen short of your glory.  
**Christ have mercy, for we are broken and need your salvation.**  
Lord have mercy upon us and hear us  
as we pray in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

### **Words of Assurance from Romans 8**

Hear these words of assurance of hope from the apostle Paul which he told to Christians living in Rome, nearly 2000 years ago.  
Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons,  
neither the present nor the future, nor any powers,  
Neither height nor depth nor anything else in all of creation  
Will be able to separate you from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus.  
Friends, may the peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

### **Living the Way of Jesus**

Friends, as followers of Jesus, our lives are shaped by his life. By following him, we follow the way of love, the way of peace, and the way of compassion. Let's say these words together to remind us of who we are.

**We are the body of Christ. May we have the heart of Christ, tender for mercy.**  
**May we have the eyes of Christ to see a world in need.**  
**May we have the feet of Christ to bring good news.**  
Friends, let these words sink deep into your hearts today.  
**Amen, let it be so.**

### **Announcements**

#### **Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer**

#### **Offering**

**Offertory – Choir Anthem**                      *“Cast Thy Burden”*                      *words/music Benjamin Harlan*

**Doxology – Green #230**                      *“We Are an Offering”*

#### **Sermon: Called For A Purpose**

**Sermon Text: Genesis 12:1-9**

**12** The LORD had said to Abram, “Go from your country, your people and your father’s household to the land I will show you.

<sup>2</sup> “I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup> I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.” <sup>4</sup> So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Harran. <sup>5</sup> He took his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, all the possessions they had accumulated and the people they had acquired in Harran, and they set out for the land of Canaan, and they arrived there. <sup>6</sup> Abram traveled through the land as far as the site of the great tree of Moreh at Shechem. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. <sup>7</sup> The LORD appeared to Abram and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built an altar there to the LORD, who had appeared to him. <sup>8</sup> From there he went on toward the hills east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. There he built an altar to the LORD and called on the name of the LORD. <sup>9</sup> Then Abram set out and continued toward the Negev.

### **Prayers for Healing and Hope**

Carol	Jürgen & Rocio	Carole & Jeff	Bezembinder/Terhune Families
Bob & Judy	Sara	Rea	Those who are grieving
			Those dealing with illness

*During the Healing Service, worshippers are invited to come forward to request prayers for themselves or loved ones. While the pastor or healing elder responds, elders will surround the sanctuary with prayer. At the conclusion of each prayer, a blessing is offered with anointing of oil.*

**Healing Song Blue #530**

*“Be Still, My Soul”*

**Closing Song Green #268**

*“Here I Am, Lord”*

**Benediction**

## **TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP**

Worship Leader: Pastor John Burden  
Liturgist: Drew Altorfer  
Guest Music Director: Scott Burzynski

### **Streaming & Audio**

Karen Huysers  
Gail Freeland  
Joe Apgar

### **Screen Visuals**

Eddie Van Schaack

## **2024 CONSISTORY**

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If you are in need of prayer, spiritual support, have concerns about your faith journey or wish to discuss any other issue, we faithfully encourage you to reach out to your Elder representative.



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