



POMPTON REFORMED CHURCH

February 2, 2025

10:00 am

Prelude

Welcome and Lighting the Christ Candle

May the light of Christ go before you to guide your way and be within you to remind you that you are never alone.

Call to Worship

Lord of heaven and earth of all nations and peoples all faiths and no faith reveal yourself to those who are suffering,

**reveal yourself to all who are refugees,
reveal yourself to those who are powerful,
reveal yourself to all who are powerless,**

reveal yourself to ordinary people in their everyday lives, that this world might reflect your love and your glory.

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 #72

"To God Be the Glory"

Confession and Assurance

We say a prayer of confession together because it reminds us that we are all in this together. We share the same brokenness and are loved by the same God. I will begin the litany.

Lord of Creation,

we confess that we have squandered your gifts
and used them as if they had been given for us alone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart.

We have failed to be an obedient church.

We have not done your will,

we have rebelled against your love,

we have not loved our neighbors,

and we have not heard the cry of the needy.

**Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Lord, hear our prayer.
Lord, have mercy.**

Words of Assurance

Hear the Good News:
We have not been faithful in all things.
But our God still welcomes us with patience and kindness.
Therefore, as people of God's promise,
let us receive forgiveness, embrace hope, and faithfully respond,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Glory to God!

**We are forgiven.
We have hope.
And we will live in light of this grace and peace.**
Friends, the Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Living the Way of Jesus

Friends, join me in this creative interpretation of The Apostles' Creed:

I believe in God,
who created all things
and seeks for all to be in communion as God's people.

**I believe in Jesus Christ
who showed us how to share love,
and who commissioned us to go out into the highways and byways
inviting all to be a part of God's work in the world.**

I believe in the Holy Spirit
who leads and guides us into the world,
then touches the lives of those around us
in ways that make them receptive to love.

**I believe in The Church
a community of believers
who serve the world through compassion, justice and love.**

Announcements

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer
Offering
Offertory

Doxology - Blue #805

"Glory Be to the Father"

Scripture: Matthew 4:12-17

Sermon: Jesus Moved into the Neighborhood

¹² When Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³ Leaving Nazareth, he went and lived in Capernaum, which was by the lake in the area of Zebulun and Naphtali— ¹⁴ to fulfill what was said through the prophet Isaiah:

¹⁵ "Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali,
the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan,
Galilee of the Gentiles—

¹⁶ the people living in darkness
have seen a great light;
on those living in the land of the shadow of death
a light has dawned."^[a]

¹⁷ From that time on Jesus began to preach, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper – (see insert)

**We are offering Gluten-free bread only.*

Communion Song – Choir Anthem *"In Remembrance"*

"This is my body and precious blood, shed for you."

words and music: Ragan Courtney/Buryl Red

Closing Song - Green #284

"Go, My Children, With My Blessing", v. 1 & 4

Benediction

Postlude

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Worship Leader: Pastor John Burden
Liturgist: Keith Hanisch
Guest Music Director: Scott Burzynski
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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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