



POMPTON REFORMED CHURCH

June 15, 2025

10:00 am

Prelude

Welcome and Lighting the Christ Candle

Jesus said, *"I am the light of the world, and whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but have the light of life."* And as followers of Jesus, we carry this light to our communities, our city and the world.

Call to Worship

We have gathered here to connect with the God who made us, redeemed us and is with us.

We have gathered together to experience his love, his peace, and his grace, so that we can live lives of love, peace and grace.

One thing I ask from the LORD, this only do I seek:

that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple.

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 #108

"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

Call to Confession

Friends, as we gather this morning, we have an opportunity to be honest and open about our failures, our brokenness, and our sins. And know that as we come before him, he doesn't see us with judgement or keep count of our failures. He sees us in his grace and love because we belong to him. Hear these words from Psalm 51

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. ²Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. ³For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.

¹⁰Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. ¹¹Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me.

¹²Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

¹⁵Open my lips, Lord, and my mouth will declare your praise.

¹⁷ My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart you, God, will not turn away.

Words of Assurance

May God create in you a clean heart, a transformed heart, a heart that knows and seeks and loves the justice and mercy of the Lord.

May you accept the gift of salvation – not your personal possession to be coveted, but His work, accomplished in the destruction of Sin on the cross of Jesus Christ.

May we receive his hand which offers his great compassion and unfailing love.
Friends, the peace of the Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Song of Response – Blue #77

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

Living the Way of Jesus

We were created in his love, we were saved in his love, so now let’s live in his love.
These are the words of Jesus:

The greatest commandment is to:

Love the Lord with all of your heart and soul and mind and strength.

And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Announcements

Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer

Offering

Offertory – Screens

“The Heart of Worship”

Doxology – Green #19

“Holy, Holy, Holy, My Heart” (sing 2x)

Scripture: Acts 2:14-41 (Selected Verses)

Sermon: Cut To the Heart

¹⁴ Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd:

“Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. ¹⁵ These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It’s only nine in the morning! ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ “In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. ¹⁸ Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. ¹⁹ I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on

the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke.

²⁰ The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. ²¹ And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.’ ²² “Fellow Israelites, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth...you put him to death by nailing him to the cross. ²⁴ But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him....³² God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it....³⁷ When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” ³⁸ Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.” ⁴⁰ With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” ⁴¹ Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

Prayers for Healing and Hope

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| Sheila | Fran | Nina | |
| Ron | Rocio & Jürgen | Those dealing with illness | |
| Mike | Pat | Those who are grieving | |

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 – Screens

“Endless Is Your Love”

Our Shared Faith

Baptism Liturgy of RCA

From the French Reformed Liturgy

For you, little one, Jesus Christ came into the world. For you he lived and showed God’s love. For you he entered the shadow of Gethsemane and the horror of Calvary. For you he uttered the cry “It is Finished.” For you he rose from the dead and ascended to heaven and there he intercedes for you. All of this was done for you, little one, though you don’t know it yet. But we will continue to tell you this good news until it becomes your own. And so the promise of the gospel is fulfilled: We love because God first loved us.

Closing Song – Screens

“God of Wonders”

Benediction

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

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| Worship Leader: | Pastor John Burden |
| Liturgist: | Alexa Pady |
| Music Director: | Matthew Hosmer |

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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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