

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

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POMPTON REFORMED CHURCH

May 3, 2026

10:00 am

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

One thing I have asked of the Lord, this is what I seek:

that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life; to behold the beauty of the Lord and to seek Him in His temple.

Who is it that you seek?

We seek the Lord our God.

Do you seek Him with all your heart?

Amen. Lord, have mercy.

Do you seek Him with all your soul and mind and strength?

Amen. Lord, have mercy.

From the rising of the sun to the setting of the same, may your name be praised.

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# 558 *“Love Divine All Loves Excelling”*

Call to Confession

As we come before God today, we can be honest about the brokenness in the world and the brokenness in ourselves. And we can come before him today because we know that he meets us in love, grace, and mercy. When I say the words, “Lord hear our prayer,” you may respond, “Lord, have mercy. “Holy God, you are a mystery greater than our minds can comprehend. And yet, you have come to us in Jesus and he invites us to follow him. Even with this invitation, we often make our own way.

Lord, hear our prayer. **Lord have mercy.**

We are invited to live a life of love, yet at times we bring hate or indifference.

We are invited to live a life of peace, yet at times we add to the conflict.

We are invited to live a life of justice, yet we allow injustice and corruption to rule.

Lord, hear our prayer. **Lord, have mercy.**

We come, hesitant, yet drawn by your love. Immerse us in the waters of your grace.

**Let us find strength at the communion table. Pour your Holy Spirit upon us.
Teach us to love one another with the love of Christ.
Lord, hear our prayer. Lord, have mercy.**

Assurance of God's Grace

Friends, the mercy of God and love of God changes our lives forever.
In the waters of our baptism, God declares: "You are my beloved child."
Now we are community, called to flood our world with the love we have received.
This week, whenever anyone or anything makes you feel small or insignificant or alone,
remember your baptism and live into your calling. It is the gift of God's grace for you.
Friends, the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Living the Way of Jesus

As followers of Jesus, our lives are shaped by the grace and peace of God. Our lives are shaped by the life of Jesus. Hear this meditation by St. Teresa of Avila and remember them as we live the way of Jesus in the word. Christ has no body but yours, No hands, no feet on earth but yours, Yours are the eyes with which he looks Compassion on this world,

**Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good,
Yours are the hands, with which he blesses all the world.
Yours are the hands, yours are the feet,
Yours are the eyes, you are his body.**

Christ has no body now but yours, No hands, no feet on earth but yours, Yours are the eyes with which he looks compassion on this world.

Christ has no body now on earth but yours. Amen.

Announcements

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

Offertory –[Choir Anthem] *"Breathe"* (Matt Redman)

Doxology – Blue# 559 verse 1 *"Make Room Within My Heart, O God"*

Scripture: Philippians 1:1-11

Sermon: Grace and Peace

Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus, To all God's holy people in Christ Jesus at Philippi, together with the overseers and deacons Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart and, whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God's grace with me. God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.

Communion Liturgy- (See insert)

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper **We are offering Gluten-free bread only**

Communion Song – “Alive” (Natalie Grant)

Closing Song – Blue# 239 “I Know That My Redeemer Lives”

Benediction