

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

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POMPTON REFORMED CHURCH

July 12, 2026

10:00 am

Christ Candle

Let us be in the light, as he is in the light. May the light of peace and light surround us today. -Inspired by 1 John

Call to Worship from Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes to the hills—where does my help come from?

My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot slip—he who watches over you will not slumber; indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

The LORD watches over you—the LORD is your shade at your right hand; the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night. The LORD will keep you from all harm—he will watch over your life; the LORD will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.

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- (screens)

“Come Now Is the Time to Worship”

Call to Confession

We don't need to hide from God or put on some kind of façade and try to fake it. We can come to him as we are: made in his image, broken and sinful, belonging to him.

Holy God, we cannot earn or reserve a place in your presence

We have not led a blameless life. We have not done what is right in your sight or spoken the truth that you have sealed in our hearts.

We have hurt those we love and to those we refuse to love as we should.

We have not been faithful stewards of that which we have been given and have hoarded that which should be shared with the least of these.

Hear our cry, God of our hope, as we confess that which weighs us down. Amen.

Assurance of God's Grace and Peace

Because we are not worthy to enter God's dwelling, God came to dwell with us through the body and being of God's Son, Jesus Christ. Christ came to be with us, amongst us, and for us. Hear the good news of the Gospel: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

So now, we can live in that grace and peace.

Friends, may the peace of God move in and through you.

And also with you.

Living the Way of Jesus

As followers of Jesus, our lives are shaped by the grace and peace we have received and we are called to bring that peace to the world. These are the words of St. Francis that were written 8 centuries ago.

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace: where there is hatred, let me sow love;

where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Amen.

Announcements

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

Offertory – (screens) *“Who Am I?”* [Casting Crowns]

Doxology – Green #19 *“Holy, Holy, Holy, My Heart”*

Scripture: Psalm 34:4-8 and Matthew 11:25-30

Sermon: “Remedy for Weariness”

“Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you will recover your life. I will show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me – watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won't lay anything heavy or ill fitting on you. Keep company with me and you will learn to live freely and lightly”

From Eugene Peterson's paraphrase of Matthew 11:28-30 in *The Message*.

Our Shared Faith: *The Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Closing Song – Blue #721*“Shine, Jesus, Shine”***Benediction**