

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

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POMPTON REFORMED CHURCH

October 11, 2026

10:00 am

Welcome and Christ Candle

May the light of Christ be in front of you and behind you. May the light of peace be on your right and on your left. May the light of hope and love guide your every step yesterday, today, and all your days to come.

Call to Worship

Christ calls us to come to worship **To rest from the things that are troubling us
To learn what Christ can teach of life To realize what we can offer to others
And so to return into the world to serve Let us worship God.**

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 #758

"Baptized in Water"

Prayer of Confession

For our time of corporate confession today, I am going to lead us in a prayer and I invite you to join me for the second half.

Incarnate God, you know us in our inner being. In your grace you offer us forgiveness even before we have the chance to articulate our sorrow. You embrace us in all our sinfulness and in doing so give us the chance to start again to learn from the example you have given us in Jesus, who chose the way of the Cross that all might know the depth of your love for all you have made.

Spirit of God open our hearts and minds that we may grasp your forgiveness, and as forgiven people, seek to forgive others and to live a life of reconciling love, modeled on the example of Jesus Christ in whose name we pray. Amen

Words of Assurance

Friends, here these words of hope and assurance today! 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! **Alleluia! Amen.**

Living the Way of Jesus

Jesus gave us an incredibly tangible picture of how to serve the world and live lives of mercy and compassion. He ended a parable in Matthew 25 by saying, 'For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.' **"Then the righteous answered him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?'"** Jesus replied, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.' Friends, this is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Baptism of Lachlan Rhys Carroll

Announcements

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Sunday School Dismissal (K-5th grade)

Offering

Offertory – "10,000 Reasons"

Doxology – Blue #45 vs.1 *"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"*

Scripture: Psalm 24:1-6 and Matthew 22:15-22

Sermon: "The One Who Deserves It All"

Our Shared Faith: From *The Nicene Creed*

We believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, begotten from the Father before all ages, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made; of the same essence as the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He will come again with glory His kingdom will never end. And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life. He proceeds from the Father and the Son, and with the Father and the Son is worshiped

and glorified. We look forward to the resurrection of the dead, and to life in the world to come. Amen.

Closing Song – Blue #502 *“Amazing Grace”*

Benediction