



# the Reformed Church of Bronxville

A FAMILY OF FAITH, A HOME FOR ALL, AT THE HEART OF THE COMMUNITY



# Welcome

Welcome! We're glad you joined us today.

During the current health situation, we ask everyone to please adhere to the following guidelines to ensure maximum safety for all:

- All worshipers are required to wear masks for the duration of the service. If you need one, please ask an usher. Extras are available in the Narthex.
- Please enter and leave the Sanctuary only through the large double doors facing Pondfield Rd. Ushers and ministers will guide you. If you need to enter through an accessible entrance, tell an usher, who will assist you.
- To maintain social distancing, please sit only in open pews. Couples and families may sit together, but all individuals and groups should sit six feet apart within the pews.
- Please refrain from hugs, handshakes, elbow bumps and other physical contact.
- Please remain seated through the end of the service, including the postlude, and then exit as instructed by the minister and ushers. Please do not enter the Chancel area at any time.

***Until further notice, all indoor church areas other than the Sanctuary and Narthex will remain closed. Please do not wander through the building.***

A restroom is available in the Gilchrist Room (the parlor off the Narthex). If you require an accessible restroom, please ask an usher, who will guide you.

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## ORDER OF SERVICE

Sunday, January 10, 2021

10:30 a.m.

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PRELUDE      *Brightest and Best*      James P. Harding

INTROIT      *The Snow Lay on the Ground*      Leo Sowerby

And thus that manger poor became a throne;  
For He whom Mary bore was God the Son.  
O come, then, let us join the heavenly host;  
To praise the Father, Son and Holy Ghost.  
*Venite adoremus Dominum.*

### CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Our help is in the name of the Lord

**P: Maker of heaven and earth.**

L: Praise the Lord!

**P: The Lord's name be praised.**

### \*HYMN 66

***We Three Kings of Orient Are*** (vs. 1 & 5)

THREE KINGS OF ORIENT

**We three kings of Orient are, Bearing gifts we traverse afar,  
Field and fountain, moor and mountain, Following yonder star.**

**Star of wonder, star of night, Star with royal beauty bright  
Westward leading, still proceeding, Guide us to thy perfect light!**

**Glorious now behold Him arise, King and God and Sacrifice;  
Alleluia, Alleluia Sounds through the earth and skies.**

**Star of wonder, star of night, Star with royal beauty bright  
Westward leading, still proceeding, Guide us to thy perfect light!**

### \*GATHERING PRAYER

*\*Indicates that those who are able may stand*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of glory,  
you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world,  
to reveal your love for all people.  
We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light.  
We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice;  
we do not strive for peace.  
In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin,  
and baptize us once again with your Spirit,  
that, forgiven and renewed,  
we may show forth your glory,  
shining in the face of Jesus Christ.**

*(Silence is kept for personal confession.)*

*All Sing:*

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have  
mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy up - on\_\_\_ us. Christ, have  
mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy up - on\_\_\_ us. God the  
Lord, the Sav - ior gave us, Je - sus Christ is born to save us; Lord, have  
mer - cy up - on\_\_\_ us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on\_\_\_ us. \_\_\_\_\_

—Mark Schweizer, from *St. James Christmas Service*

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON

Hear the good news...

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel:

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

**\*HYMN 579**

***Glory Be to the Father***

GLORIA PATRI

CHANCEL TALK

ANTHEM

*O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright*

J.S. Bach

O Morning Star, how clear and bright,  
your beam shines forth in truth and light!

My Sovereign meek and lowly!

O Root of Jesse, Promised One,  
my God and Ruler, you have won  
my heart to serve you solely!

You are holy,  
great and glorious, all-victorious,  
Rich in blessing,  
rule and might o'er all possessing.

Come, heavenly Brightness, Light divine,  
and deep within my heart now shine,  
there make yourself an altar!

Fill me with joy and strength to be  
your member, joined eternally  
in love that cannot falter;

Longing for you  
does possess me; turn and bless me;  
Here in sadness  
eye and heart long for your gladness.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 2:1-12

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

*Who Are You Following?*

The Rev. Dr. Matthew Waterstone

ANTHEM

*What Is This Lovely Fragrance?*

Healey Willan

What is this lovely fragrance wafting  
Like to the scents of flow'rs in spring?  
Shepherds, O tell us, whence such beauty  
Hear you not heav'nly caroling?  
What is this lovely fragrance wafting  
Like to the scents of flow'rs in spring?

What is this light so fair, so tender  
Breaking upon our wond'ring eyes?  
Never the Morning Star so radiant  
Followed his course o'er eastern skies.  
What is this light so fair, so tender  
Breaking upon our wond'ring eyes?

Shepherds, O haste with eager footsteps  
Seek the Saviour, born today.  
Low at His feet we lay our treasure,  
Heart's adoration, love for aye.  
Shepherds, O haste with eager footsteps  
Seek the Saviour, born today.

SHARING OUR FRIENDSHIP AND GIFTS

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our debts,  
as we forgive our debtors;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.  
Amen.**

**\*HYMN 63**      *As With Gladness, Men of Old* (verses 1, 2 & 4)

DIX

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*CHORAL**

**BENEDICTION**      *Love Came Down at Christmas*      Christina Rosetti

Love came down at Christmas,  
Love all lovely, Love divine;  
Love was born at Christmas;  
Star and angels gave the sign.

**POSTLUDE**      *Epilogue on "A Gallery Carol"*      Sidney S. Campbell

**PARTICIPATING IN THE SERVICE**

The Reverend Dr. Matthew Waterstone

The Reverend Samuel T. Clover

Caitlin Dowling, Director of Music and Liturgy

Slavina Zhelezova, Assistant Organist

RCB Schola





**PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS IN PRAYER**

*Church Members and Former Members:*

Laura Danielsen, Karen Lichti, Charles & Kay Ridinger,  
Gem Safford, Schatze Thorp, Liz Warren, Barbara Wisdom

*Friends and Relatives of Church Members, Staff and Visitors:*

Myron Armstrong, Andrew Barrett, Jane Benjamin,  
Avis Bryan, Beryl Bryan, Lorraine & Paul Conrad, Debby Diserens,  
Ellen Hay, Elizabeth Landau, Gary Larscheid, Kathy Mestl,  
Stephen Robinson, LaMarse Taylor

*Friends and families of the following individuals who have died:*

Sarah Sansbury Stephens  
Edna Moore  
Emily Barrett (mother of Katy Barrett)  
Brandon Sierra  
Anthony Cruz  
Tamari Watkins  
Randy Brisbane  
Devon Haywood  
Noah Collins (cousin of Starr Culpepper)  
Enrico Marsicano  
Skip Koch (father of Lisa Rao)  
Harvey Leff (father of Nick Leff)  
Yolanda De Bisceglie  
Scott Landau  
Robin Lescott (mother of Beau Lescott)

*To add a name to this prayer list, please contact The Reverend Samuel Clover,  
scllover@reformedchurch.org. Names will be kept on the public prayer list for two  
months, unless requested otherwise.*

## Community Highlights

### TODAY

10:30am, Sanctuary. The Reverend Dr. Matthew Waterstone is preaching.

### **Church School**

Remote classes will continue through February. The Nursery is suspended as well. Contact Alexis, alexis@reformedchurch.org.

### **Virtual Coffee Hour: On Zoom!**

Immediately after congregational meeting. Though in-person coffee hour has been suspended, join us on Zoom for a half hour of conversation and a chance to reflect on today's sermon or scripture. Questions? Email Judi, jmccandless@reformedchurch.org

- To join via computer, use this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87930381203>.
- To join via phone, use the following: Meeting ID: 879 3038 1203.  
One tap mobile: +19292056099,,87930381203# US (New York)
- For all of the above, the case-sensitive passcode is **coffee**.

### **Children's and Youth Handbell Choirs**

Rehearsals will resume on January 24. For more information, contact Daniel Potter at dpotter@reformedchurch.org.

### THIS WEEK

#### **High School Youth Group**

Mon., Jan. 11. Mon., 6:00-7:00pm, via Zoom. For info, contact cverwys@reformedchurch.org.

#### **"Be Not Afraid"**

Six Tuesdays, beginning Jan. 12, 9:00-10:00am via Zoom. How do we counter the fear that can creep into our lives and impact our sense of peace, even our faith? On Tuesday mornings we will consider how important it is to take that antidote to fear mentioned in Psalm 46:10: "Be still and know that I am God..." For further information or the Zoom link, email Judi at jmccandless@reformedchurch.org.

#### **Women's Bibles, Books and Faith Conversations: Taking a closer look at the Parables**

Seven Wednesdays, beginning Jan. 13, 9:30-10:45am via Zoom. Parables were a way for Jesus to tell stories that are easy to remember, seem true to life, and yet are so full of profound meaning. Come join us on Wednesday mornings for this seven-week study. We'll use a resource book published by The Kerygma program. Because materials will be sent to participants in advance, registration will be required. If you plan to participate, please contact Judi McCandless by January 6. jmccandless@reformedchurch.org.

### **Children's and Youth Vocal Choirs**

Wed., Jan. 13, via Zoom. For more information, contact Caitlin Dowling, [cdowling@reformedchurch.org](mailto:cdowling@reformedchurch.org) or ext. 126.

### **Middle School Youth Group**

Wed., Jan. 13, 6:00-7:00pm, via Zoom. For info, contact [cverwys@reformedchurch.org](mailto:cverwys@reformedchurch.org).

**Wednesday Evening Prayers** are suspended until Ash Wednesday, February 17.

### **Weekly Parent Support Group: Where's Your Oxygen Mask?**

Thu., Jan. 14, 1:00-2:00pm, via Zoom. Are you parenting a child of nursery school to middle school age? Caring for our souls is like putting on our own oxygen mask first, to best care for our children. This group will share, listen, and pray together. We are using Bishop Michael Curry's uplifting book, *Love Is the Way*, to help us "hold on to hope in troubling times." For more info & Zoom link, email [jmccandless@reformedchurch.org](mailto:jmccandless@reformedchurch.org).

### **FUTURE EVENTS**

#### **All-Church "Day of Service" on Martin Luther King Day, January 18**

*Join congregants of all ages at any of the event below for a day of service.*

- **Cook for Mount Vernon First Reformed Church Grab-and-Go Dinner.** Cook at home. Deliver to RCB before 3:00pm; pack and serve at 4:30pm. Every Monday, the First Reformed Church in Mount Vernon cooks for its food pantry patrons. You may cook pasta or bake cookies at home for 10-12 people; a skeleton team will prepare chicken and vegetables in the RCB kitchen. You may also help pack "grab-and-go meals" at First Reformed (135 S. 6th Ave., Mt. Vernon) at 4:30pm to distribute at 5:00pm.
- **Westhab Hard Hat Tour and Book Donation.** 11:00am. Meet at 217 Elm St., Yonkers. Street parking. Join Westhab CEO Rich Nightingale for a tour of the new Dayspring Complex, including 63 units of affordable housing and a community center in a renovated church. Bring a children's book to donate to the center's new library; you may also drop off the book at RCB. For a virtual tour (recorded in July), email [mmackintosh@reformedchurch.org](mailto:mmackintosh@reformedchurch.org) for the link.
- **Fuller Center Building Project.** Meet at 6 Moquette Row South, Yonkers, 12:00-3:00pm. Volunteers needed for light construction indoors and outdoor clearing of greenspace to prepare for a garden in the spring. Bring masks, warm clothes and warm gloves!
- **Online Film and Discussion with Carter Via, Executive Director, Crossing Thresholds.** The film *A Light Between the Cracks* explores life in the Kibera Slum of Nairobi, Kenya, and how a people's faith (and RCB's support!) led to new hope in one of the world's poorest communities. Watch any time during MLK Weekend; Zoom discussion with Carter follows at 6:30pm on Jan. 18. For a link to the film and the discussion, RSVP [mmackintosh@reformedchurch.org](mailto:mmackintosh@reformedchurch.org).