



ORDER OF WORSHIP



October 18th, 2026

10:30 AM

WELCOME TO THE REFORMED CHURCH OF BRONXVILLE

You belong here. We welcome all people into our community regardless of gender, race, ethnicity, age, physical or mental capacity, education, sexual orientation, gender identity and socioeconomic or marital status.

We warmly welcome you today to worship. We offer live-streaming of the service in The Gilchrist Room as well as The Children's Library, for families with children who might need to be more physically active or need a break during the service.

ASSISTIVE LISTENING DEVICES AVAILABLE

RCB has four assistive listening devices for those in need for the church! Should you or a family member want to try one for the Sunday service, please see an usher and you may return the device to any usher as you leave after the service.

TODAY'S NURSERY & CHURCH SCHOOL DETAILS

The nursery is available free of charge for all children three-years old and under. Parents/Guardians: Beginning no earlier than 10:15am, you may drop off children at the nursery located near The Calvin Room on the northwest side of the church. If you need assistance locating the nursery, please find an usher or a member of RCB Kids Leadership in the Narthex before entering the Sanctuary who will be able to assist you.

Please check-in your Church School participant in the Narthex with RCB Kids Leaders before entering Worship.



Today is Proper 24, the twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost. The chancel is adorned with green paraments (from the Latin paramentum, meaning "adornments") to represent the new life and evergreen hope we have in Jesus Christ.

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PRELUDE

Concerto in C Major BWV 595

J.S. Bach

Dr. Viktor Billa, Organ

INTROIT

This Is the Day

Berthier/Taizé

Chancel Choir

GREETING & CALL TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Kibbie Laird

(Based on Psalm 19)

Leader: The heavens declare the glory of God, and the skies proclaim the work of His hands.

People: Day after day they pour forth speech, and night after night they reveal knowledge.

Leader: Look upon the earth—at the quiet majesty of the mountains, the rhythm of the oceans, and the vibrant life in field and forest.

People: Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar and all that fills it.

Leader: From the smallest seed to the farthest star, creation sings a silent yet powerful song of praise.

People: Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; let all the earth tremble before Him.

Leader: Come, let us bow down in wonder and lift our voices together.

All: We open our hearts to praise the Maker of all things!

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN 39**

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

***GATHERING PRAYER**

*Indicates those who are able may stand.

39 Great Is Thy Faithfulness



1 *Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,



there is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee.
 sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove
 thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide,



Thou chang - est not; thy com - pas - sions they fail not.
 join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
 strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row:



As thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
 bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Refrain

Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness!
 오 신 실 하 신 주 오 신 실 하 신 주

Morn - ing by morn - ing, new mer - cies I see.
 날 마 다 자 비 를 베 푸 시 며

All I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed.
 일 용 할 모 든 것 내 려 주 시 니

Great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord un - to me!
 오 신 실 하 신 주 나 의 구 주

CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: God has called us to be a vibrant, active body of love, mercy, and justice in the world. Yet too often, we grow tired, distracted, or indifferent. When we see pain and look away, when we receive boundless grace and offer half-hearted devotion, we drift into apathy. Let us turn our hearts to God and confess our coldness:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

People: Righteous and merciful God, we confess that we have traded the wonder of Your presence for easy comfort. We have been apathetic to Your voice, slow to show compassion, and silent when Your justice required our courage. Forgive us for our complacency. Forgive us for loving You with conditions and our neighbors with convenience. Awaken our sleeping souls, replace our hardness with a heart of flesh, and reignite a fervent spirit within us. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

(Silence is kept for personal confession.)

KYRIE

All Sing:

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

7
Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have

12
mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON

Leader: Hear the good news: The 16th century reformed theologian John Calvin reminds us that when we gather to confess, the words of pardon tell God's people something that is already true: "All who believe and belong to Jesus and cling to Him as their only hope have been pardoned of their sin." Hear the good news of the gospel: You are not striving to earn an absent mercy; you are resting in a finished redemption. Through the precious blood of Jesus and the sealing of the Holy Spirit, your justification is complete. Friends, believe the Good News of Gospel:

All: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

***HYMN 581**

Glory Be to the Father

GLORIA PATRI

RCB KIDS BLESSING

Christian Verwys

Congregation: **May the Lord be with you as you Worship and learn together.**

RCB Kids: May the Lord be with you as you Worship together here.

Congregation: **Go in Peace.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

The Rev. Kibbie Laird

INTRODUCTION

*BAPTISMAL
CREED

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.
He 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 the Dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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.*

BAPTISM

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

ANTHEM

This Little Light of Mine
Cathedral Choir

Mark Patterson

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 22:15-21
pg. 803

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“A Balancing Act”

Margaret Murtagh

OFFERTORY

Sing to the Lord a New Song
Chancel Choir

Robert Lay

*DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him, above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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 450**

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Toccata from *Suite Gothique*

Leon Boëllmann

Dr. Viktor Billa, Organ

TOWER BELLS

**BAPTISMS
TODAY**

Andres Longobardo Donado,

son of Anne Longobardo Donado and Eric Xavier Donado.

Aurelia Longobardo Donado,

daughter of Anne Longobardo Donado and Eric Xavier Donado.

Paul Muir is the elder assisting with the baptisms.

**PARTICIPATING
IN THE
SERVICE**

Margaret Murtagh, *Director, Nursery School & Lay Preacher*

The Rev. Kibbie Laird, *Associate Minister*

Yuliia Billa, *Director of Music*

Dr. Viktor Billa, *Associate Director of Music & Organist*

Christian Verweys, *Director of Children's and Youth Ministry*

Chancel Choir

Cathedral Choir

Teri Wood, *Tower Bells*

*The Chancel flowers are given in memory of
Pauline "Gigi" Sumner (Happy birthday, Grandma).*

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Be Thou My Vision

Capo 1: (D) E^b (G) A^b (D/F[#]) E^b/G (A7) B^b7 (D) E^b

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true Word;
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise;
 4 High King of Heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

(A) B^b (D) E^b (G) A^b (A) B^b

naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

(G) A^b (D) E^b (F[#]m7) Gm7 (G) A^b (A) B^b

thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tower;
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

(Bm) Cm (D/F[#]) E^b/G (G) A^b (D) E^b

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 raise thou me heaven - ward, O Power of my power.
 High King of Heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS IN PRAYER:

Church Members and Former Members:

Andy Rubenstein, Amber Cheng, Barbara Robinson, Gem Safford, Nancy Protzman

Friends and Relatives of Church Members, Staff and Visitors:

Arlene Shoemaker, Dr. Walter Hawthorne, Travis Womble, John Alexander Karanik,
Chip Cameron, Carmen Mitchell, Caroline Husted, Henry Nielsen, Dorothy Heyl,
Robert Dohrenwend, Amani Fahr, Truman Joseph Fisher III, Kris Greene,
Daniella Perez, John Gildea, Susan Mangrum, Norma Belt

Friends and families of the following individuals who have died:

Sr. Mechtilde Doherty (aunt of Margaret Murtagh),
Diane Trachter (sister of Fran Trachter and Linda Trachter),
Geraldine Kunstadter (mother of Lisa Kunstadter),
Nancy Milliken (mother of Kate Milliken Vaughey),
Fitzroy Wisdom (nephew of Barbara Wisdom),
Carleen Wisdom (sister-in-law of Barbara Wisdom),
Sally Quale,
Kerstin Rask (aunt of Stefan Dallendorfer),
Ann Johnson (mother of Dan Johnson),
Bradford Agry (cousin of Bob Diserens),
Jean-Pierre Allemann (father-in-law of Jackie Cagnon),
Headley Brown (uncle of Sophia Okeke),
Annella Matthy (mother of Emma Black).

*To add a name to this prayer list, please contact Rev. Kibbie Laird at
klaird@reformedchurch.org. Names will be kept on the public prayer list for two
months, unless requested otherwise.*

TODAY AT RCB

Morning Worship

8:30am & 10:30am, The Sanctuary.

Margaret Murtagh, Director, Nursery School preaching.

The Weekly Word Bible Study

9:30am - 10:15am, The Copenhaver Room.

To sign up and for more information, email: klaird@reformedchurch.org

Coffee Hour

11:30am, The Edwards Room.

After worship, all are welcome for coffee and fellowship.

ASSEMBLE & DELIVER HAPPY HALLOWEEN BOXES

Today, Sunday, Oct. 18th, Following 10:30am Worship, The Copenhaver Room

We'll be putting together our Happy Halloween Boxes to deliver to seniors and others in our RCB family who could use a little extra cheer. And we need your help filling the boxes! Please bring 2 dozen of something, candy, cookies, or any Halloween treat you'd like to share on the 18th. Rice Krispies Treats, oatmeal cookies, chocolate chip cookies, a couple bags of KitKats or Twix, whatever says Halloween to you! Homemade or store-bought, it's all welcome. And don't forget the tricks! Write down a Halloween joke, riddle, or silly message to tuck inside a box. If you have questions, please reach out to Rev. Kibbie Laird at: klaird@reformedchurch.org.

REFORMED CHURCH NURSERY SCHOOL

Interested in learning more about our Nursery School? We welcome you to schedule a tour! Please contact Nursery School Director Margaret Murtagh at margaret@reformedchurch.org or call the Nursery School office at 914-337-6332.

CONNECT @ RCB

*We invite you to connect with friends and neighbors at RCB.
Please reach out to Rev. Kibbie Laird at: klaird@reformedchurch.org to
sign up for our classes, ministry teams, and programs.*

Life-Long Learning

- **Men's Bible Study:** Fridays, 7am-7:45am with The Rev. Dr. Matthew Waterstone
- **The Weekly Word:** Sundays, 9:30am-10:15am
- **Lectio and Lunch:** First Fridays of Each Month, 10:30am-12:30pm (RSVP Required)
- **Young Mom's Dinner and Bible Fellowship,** Sundays, 7pm - 8:30pm, once a month
- **Thursday Morning Women's Bible Study:** 9am-10am
- **Contemplative Tuesdays:** Tuesdays, 9am-10am on Zoom

Congregational Life

- **Tea Time for Seniors:** Third Thursday of the month, 3pm-4pm
- **New Members:** If you would like to join us in membership, please reach out to The Rev. Dr. Matthew Waterstone or Mrs. Margaret Murtagh for information.
- **Care Givers Support Group:** Contact Mary Mackintosh at: mmackintosh@reformedchurch.org.

RCB Cares

- **Pastoral Care Team**
- **Newborn Gifts**
- **Prayer Chain**
- **Flower Ministry***
- **Transportation Ministry***
- **Meal Delivery***
- **Christmas Joy Delivery and the Cookie Project ***
- **Friendly Phone Calls***

() Denotes these ministries are looking for new members*

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

For more information about our Mission opportunities, please reach out to Mary Mackintosh at: mmackintosh@reformedchurch.org

Monday

- 9am-11am: Sort donations for the Clothing Closet
- 3pm-4:30pm: Destination College - Tutor Girl's Soccer or Volleyball team members at Mount Vernon High School
- 6:30pm-8pm: Wellness Group and Dinner (Cooks needed!! Topics this week - Coping with Stress, Anxiety, and Anger Management)

Wednesday

- 3pm-4:30pm: Destination College - Tutor Boy's Soccer or Girl's Tennis team members at Mount Vernon High School
- 5pm-5:45pm: Serve at Community Service Associates, 38 1st Street, Mount Vernon

Thursday

- 1pm-3pm: Sort donations for the Clothing Closet

Friday

- 11am-12:15pm: Join Afghan women learning English for coffee and conversation

Wednesday, October 21st

- 6pm-8pm: Knowing our Neighbors Speaker Dinners - Meal and Program with Mission Partners featuring The Rev. Carter Via, Crossing Thresholds

Mission Opportunities Information & Sign Up Form

Our Mission ministry has numerous opportunities for you to be the hands and feet of Christ. Scan the QR code to see more information and sign up for our upcoming opportunities. If you have any questions, please email Mary Mackintosh, Director of Missional Engagement at: mmackintosh@reformedchurch.org



YOUTH

*For more information about our Youth opportunities, please reach out to
Pastor Christian at: cverwys@reformedchurch.org*

Mondays

High School Youth Group 6pm - 7:30pm

Wednesdays

56ers Youth Group 6pm - 7pm
Middle School Youth Group 7pm - 8pm

MUSIC

*For more information about our Music opportunities, please reach out to
Yuia Billa at: ybilla@reformedchurch.org*

Sundays

Jubilant Bells 12pm - 1:30pm
Kirk Ringers 1:30pm - 2:30pm

Tuesdays

Concert Ringers 12pm - 1:30pm
Celestial Chimes 1:30pm - 2:30pm

Wednesdays

Cherub Choir 4pm - 4:30pm
Cathedral Choir 4:30pm - 5pm
Kirk Singers 5pm - 5:50pm

Thursdays

Chancel Choir 7:30pm - 9pm

Email For Practice Time

Matin Ringers (Adult)
Cathedral Ringers (Grades 2 - 5)

UKRAINIAN CONCERT

Saturday, Oct. 24th, 6pm, The Sanctuary

Featuring our own Yuliia Billa and Dr. Viktor Billa, we invite you to the fascinating world of Ukrainian music. Traditional Ukrainian music is easily recognized by its somewhat melancholy tone, severe tension, or sadness in some songs. Through the music, you can feel the spirit of Ukraine and the mood of this beautiful country. It's a story about Ukrainian traditions, nature, and people's interactions with them. Come and hear the varied stories in many Ukrainian songs, performed by a bright lyric coloratura soprano.

The unique Ukrainian organ music can give you a new imagination of music; you can listen to it by Viktor Billa, as this music is not so famous yet. You will hear the clarity of musical lines, the use of new styles such as neoclassicism and neofolklorism, and an extraordinary energy with dissonant harmony, which shows the raging life with all her concerns. A special place is taken by "Toccata" by V. Nazarov, which is full of powerful energy, reminding us of the individual's fight for life, for his place in this world, for happiness.

This wonderful concert is free for all to attend. If you have any questions, please email Yuliia Billa, Director of Music, at:
ybilla@reformedchurch.org

CAREGIVER GROUP

Join a small community of people caring for a sick spouse, parent, or child for a monthly time to focus on your own needs. The groups will be led by Vicki Hertlein, Lisa Sorensen, and Mary Mackintosh. The first session will be held on Wednesday, October 21st from 10am - 11:30am. To learn more, please email Mary at:
mmackintosh@reformedchurch.org

FALL 2026 CLOTHING CLOSET DONATIONS

The Clothing Closet drop-off bin is currently accepting donations. We gratefully accept: Clothing, Fashion Accessories & Shoes, Jewelry (our biggest seller), Linens, Housewares, Toys & Games, Home Decorating Items, and Christmas Decorations. Please note, we cannot accept books or furniture.

For more information and to sign up to volunteer, please email the Clothing Closet at: clothingcloset@reformedchurch.org.

YPIE NEEDS FALL CAREER COACHES AND ESSAY COACHES!

As Yonkers Partners in Education (YPIE) prepares for another exciting school year, they're looking for volunteers who want to make a meaningful difference in the lives of Yonkers students. Every mentoring session, essay, and resume has the power to shape a student's future. Whether you can volunteer for one afternoon or an entire semester, there's a rewarding opportunity to get involved this fall. To learn more, please visit www.ypie.org/volunteer or email Mary Mackintosh at: mmackintosh@reformedchurch.org

YOGA FOR REBALANCING AND REALIGNMENT

RCB Member Gretchen Pingel will meet you in The Calvin Room every Tuesday from 9:45am - 11am to lead you through a variety of yoga poses. All ages and levels welcome and mats and props provided. \$28 drop in fee for a single class or \$225 for a 10 class card, good for 6 months. For more info or to register, contact ggpingel@yahoo.com.

SPONSORING CHANCEL FLOWERS

It is our hope to have fresh flowers in the sanctuary each week to give glory to God and to bring back the beloved tradition of having our pastoral care team remember and visit with those members who are unable to get out and to those who need extra support, nurture, and care. The cost is \$200 for the two arrangements. Many thanks for your support of this important ministry. Following each service, the RCB Cares Flower Ministry delivers bouquets to church members in their homes, many of whom are unable to come to the church. Please fill out the form below and we will contact you to secure a date and receive payment.

Requested Sunday (please print):

Your Name (please print):

Your Email Address (please print):

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2026 - 2027 CONSISTORY

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Officers: The Reverend Dr. Matthew Waterstone, President; Jim Hoch, Vice President; Brian Buttigieg, Treasurer; Laura Hale, Clerk of Consistory

Pastoral Care: If you or someone you know needs help, please contact Rev. Dr. Waterstone or Rev. Kibbie Laird.

In case of an emergency, please call Rev. Kibbie Laird's cell phone at 203-219-3535.

For professional counseling, contact our partner, The Counseling Center, at 914-793-3388 or www.counselingcenter.org.

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