



THE WYCKOFF REFORMED CHURCH
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The Baptism of the Lord

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The Belgic Confession Article 28: The Obligations of Church Members
 We believe that since this holy assembly and congregation is the gathering of those who are saved and there is no salvation apart from it, no one ought to withdraw from it, content to be by himself, regardless of his status or condition.
 But all people are obliged to join and unite with it, keeping the unity of the church by submitting to its instruction and discipline, by bending their necks under the yoke of Jesus Christ, and by serving to build up one another, according to the gifts God has given them as members of each other in the same body.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE APPROACH TO GOD

PRELUDE

SHARING OF CONCERNS AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

RINGING OF THE BELL

INTROIT

“Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross”

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 40:1-4)

L: I waited patiently for the Lord; he inclined to me and heard my cry.

P: He drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.

L: He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord.

P: Happy are those who make the Lord their trust.

*SALUTATION

*OPENING HYMN

“Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies”

#47

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

O Jesus, you call us to follow you. We confess that our lives are very busy. You see us where we are and love us for who we can be. We look at the world as we would like it and grumble about the problems we've created. Lord, we have overlooked your presence and turned a deaf ear to your call to follow you. Awaken us from our self-importance and from our distractions. Move us into the joy of serving you through Christ Jesus our Lord. (silent prayer) Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

L: Give thanks to God always for the grace he has given you in Christ Jesus.

P: In every way God has enriched us in Christ with speech and knowledge.

L: The testimony of Christ is confirmed among you in forgiveness.

P: It is Christ who sustains us guiltless to the end.

L: Trust the promises of God in Jesus Christ: we are forgiven.

THE PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

“God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord (1 Corinthians 1:9).”

ANTHEM “His Love Never Fails” Courtney
(soloists: Wendy Ammirati, Steve Gregory, Sandra Ondrof, Jim Button)
(William Di Marzo, drums)
Gregory Nalesnik, Organist and Music Director

*The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST READING Isaiah 49:1-7
GOSPEL John 1:29-42

V. This is the Word of the Lord
R. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON “An Unexpected Intrusion”
Rev. James J. O’Connell, Jr.

*HYMN “More About Jesus Would I Know” #316

PASTORAL PRAYER

*CLOSING HYMN “Shine, Jesus, Shine ” #128 (G)

BENEDICTION “Give Thanks to the Lord”
(please be seated after the benediction)

POSTLUDE

* PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE.

Late comers, please be seated during the opening hymn.

The Wyckoff Reformed Church

The Wyckoff Reformed Church is a congregation of the Reformed Church in America, which is the oldest Protestant communion in the United States having a continuous ministry. The Reformed Church in America traces her beginnings to the Reformation in the Netherlands and is in communion with the confessional family of Presbyterian and Reformed Churches throughout the world.

LEADERSHIP

Ministers: Rev. James O’Connell (201-891-0808); Rev. David Bach (201-891-7058)
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OUR MISSIONARIES

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Rev. Terry Troia, Project Hospitality, NY Dr. Joel Zacarias, Honduras
Ruth Estell, China

THE CONSISTORY

The Elders

<i>Class of 2008</i>	<i>Class of 2009</i>	<i>Class of 2010</i>
Hellin Desiderio, Krystle Laub, Sue Naumann, Sally Anne Pilcer	Kathy Bowers, Jon Denekamp, Sandy Prestifilippo, Barbara Wiley	Frank Castellvi, Jenny DeRosa, Barbara Van Hassel

The Deacons

<i>Class of 2008</i>	<i>Class of 2009</i>	<i>Class of 2010</i>
Kristi Austin, Dana Christie, Peg Marra, Melba Sweetman, Ed Thor	Dave Beaver, Brian Clark, Robert Joseph	Ed Conlon, Valerie DeRose, Sandy White

The Wyckoff Reformed Church celebrates the Sacrament of *Holy Baptism* after arrangements have been made with the minister, approval has been granted by the Board of Elders, and a baptismal seminar has been provided for parents’ nurture.

The Sacrament of *Holy Communion* is celebrated on the first Sunday of each month and the major festivals. Anyone in communion with any branch of Christ’s one, holy, catholic, and apostolic church is invited and encouraged to receive Holy Communion.

A person may become a communicant member of the Wyckoff Reformed Church by either (1) Baptism and Confession of Faith, (2) letter of transfer from another Christian Church, or (3) Re-affirmation of Faith. Membership classes are conducted in the autumn and spring.