



# the Reformed Church of Bronxville

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



Welcome

## ORDER OF SERVICE

Sunday, September 13, 2020

10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE *Sheep May Safely Graze* J.S Bach-E. Petri

INTROIT *Day by Day* Harold Friedell

Day by day, day by day,  
O, dear Lord, three things I pray:  
to see thee more clearly, love thee more dearly,  
follow thee more nearly, day by day.  
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O, dear Lord, three things I pray:  
To see thee more clearly, love thee more dearly,  
follow thee more nearly, day by day,  
by day, by day, by day.

### GREETING AND 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 482 *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty* LOBE DEN HERREN

*(Congregation sings verses 1 & 3; choir only on verse 2)*

### GATHERING PRAYER

### CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

*(Silence is kept for personal confession.)*

# 482 Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN 14.14.4.7.8

Joachim Neander, 1680  
Trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1863; alt.

Stralsund *Ernewerten Gesangbuch*, 1665  
Harm. *The Chorale Book for England*, 1863  
Desc. Craig Sellar Lang, 1953

*Descant*

3. Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

1. Praise ye the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -  
2. Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so won - drous - ly  
3. Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

The first system of the musical score consists of three staves. The top staff is a vocal line in treble clef, 3/4 time, with lyrics. The middle staff is a piano accompaniment in treble clef, 3/4 time, with chords. The bottom staff is a piano accompaniment in bass clef, 3/4 time, with chords. The key signature has one flat (Bb).

dore Him! All that hath life and breath, come now with

a - tion! O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy  
reign - eth, Shel - ters thee un - der His wings, yea, so  
dore Him! All that hath life and breath, come now with

The second system of the musical score continues the vocal line and piano accompaniment from the first system. It consists of three staves: vocal line, piano accompaniment in treble clef, and piano accompaniment in bass clef. The key signature remains one flat (Bb).

Music: Descant from *20 Hymn Tune Descants* (C. S. Lang). Reproduced by permission of Novello and Company Limited.

MORNING AND OPENING HYMNS

prais - es be - fore Him! Let the a - men Sound from His  
 health and sal - va - tion! All ye who hear, Now to His  
 gen - tly sus - tain - eth! Hast thou not seen How thy de -  
 prais - es be - fore Him! Let the a - men Sound from His

peo - ple a - gain; Glad - ly for aye we a - dore Him.  
 tem - ple draw near; Join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion!  
 sires e'er have been Grant - ed in what He or - dain - eth?  
 peo - ple a - gain; Glad - ly for aye we a - dore Him.

All Sing:

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Christ, have mer - cy up - on us.

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON

Hear the good news...

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel:

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

HYMN 578

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning,  
is now, and . . . . . ev-er shall be, world without end. A - men.

CHURCH SCHOOL TEACHER COMMISSIONING

Alexis Mastromarino

ANTHEM

*Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether*

Harold Friedell

Draw us in the Spirit's tether, For when humbly in Thy name,  
Two or three are met together, Thou are in the midst of them;  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Touch we now Thy garment's hem.

As the brethren used to gather, In the name of Christ to sup,  
Then with thanks to God the Father, Break the bread and bless the cup,  
Alleluia! Alleluia! So knit Thou our friendship up.

All our meals and all our living, Make as sacraments of Thee,  
That by caring, helping, giving, We may true disciples be.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! We will serve Thee faithfully.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 11:1-37

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

*Missing Community?*

The Rev. Dr. Matthew Waterstone

GATHERING AROUND THE TABLE

INVITATION

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

L: The Lord be with you.

**P: And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts.

**P: We lift them to the Lord.**

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**P: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is truly right and our greatest joy...Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with the angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, who forever sing to the glory of your name...



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of Hosts,  
Heaven and earth are full of Thy glo - ry:  
Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord Most High. A - men.

...Accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving as a living and holy offering of ourselves, that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen.

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again!**

## INSTITUTION

...With the confidence of the children of God, we pray together the prayer that Jesus taught us.

## 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.**

## SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

*Bread and juice have been placed on tables near the Narthex. When directed, exit your pew and walk to the rear of the Sanctuary, preserving adequate social distancing (six feet apart).  
Take a cup of juice and a sealed wafer packet and return to your seat.*

*You're invited to eat the bread individually to signify your personal relationship with God, but please hold the cup until the whole congregation returns to their seats to remind you of your relationship within the body of Christ. All wafers are gluten-free.*

## ANTHEM

*If Ye Love Me*

Thomas Tallis

If ye love me, keep my commandments,  
and I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comforter,  
that he may 'bide with you forever, e'en the spirit of truth.

## SHARING OUR FRIENDSHIP AND GIFTS

## HYMN 415

***Come, Labor On***

ORA LABORA

*(verses 1 & 4; choir only on verses 2 & 3)*

## BENEDICTION

## CHORAL

## BENEDICTION

*God Be with You Till We Meet Again*

God be with you till we meet again: When life's perils thick confound you,  
put unfailing arms around you: God be with you till we meet again.

## POSTLUDE

*Fugue from Sonata No. 2 in C Minor*

F. Mendelssohn

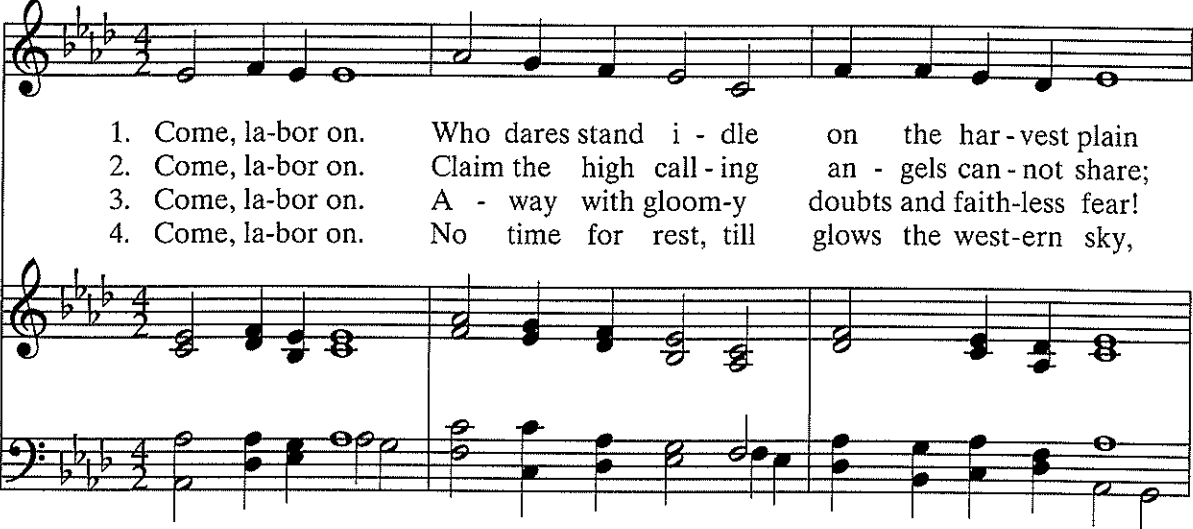
## Come, Labor On

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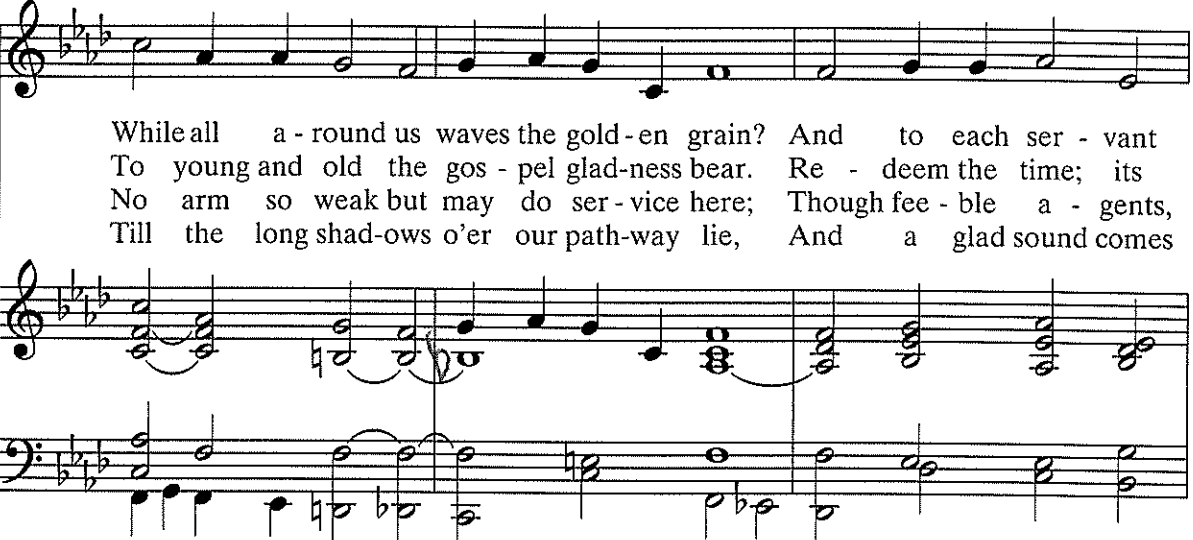
ORA LABORA 4.10.10.4

Jane Laurie Borthwick, 1859; rev. 1863; alt.

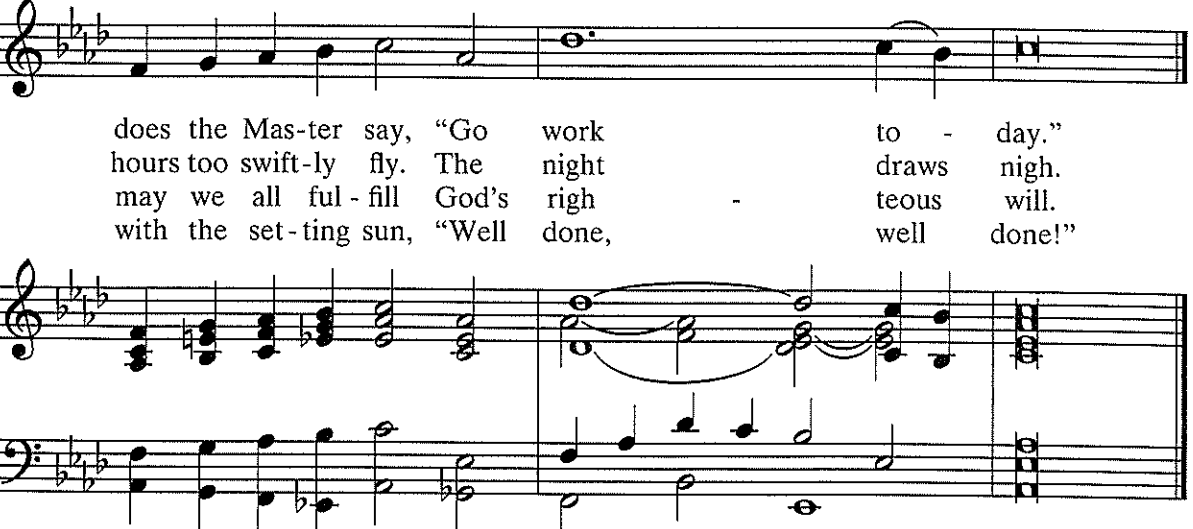
Thomas Tertius Noble, 1918



1. Come, la-bor on. Who dares stand i - dle on the har - vest plain  
 2. Come, la-bor on. Claim the high call - ing an - gels can - not share;  
 3. Come, la-bor on. A - way with gloom - y doubts and faith - less fear!  
 4. Come, la-bor on. No time for rest, till glows the west - ern sky,



While all a - round us waves the gold - en grain? And to each ser - vant  
 To young and old the gos - pel glad - ness bear. Re - deem the time; its  
 No arm so weak but may do ser - vice here; Though fee - ble a - gents,  
 Till the long shad - ows o'er our path - way lie, And a glad sound comes



does the Mas - ter say, "Go work to - day."  
 hours too swift - ly fly. The night draws nigh.  
 may we all ful - fill God's righ - teous will.  
 with the set - ting sun, "Well done, well done!"



## **PARTICIPATING IN THE SERVICE**

The Reverend Dr. Matthew Waterstone  
The Reverend Samuel T. Clover  
Caitlin Dowling, Director of Music and Liturgy  
Christian Verwys, Student Pastor  
Alexis Mastromarino, Director of Children's Ministries  
Slavina Zhelezova, *piano*  
RCB Schola

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## **PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS IN PRAYER**

### *Church Members and Former Members:*

Laura Danielsen, Karen Lichti, Charles & Kay Ridinger,  
David Talbot, Dawn Tyrrell, 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, Yolanda De Bisceglie, Elizabeth & Scott Landau, Gary Larscheid,  
Jonathan Marvin, Kathy Mestl, Ray Price, Stephen Robinson, LaMarse Taylor

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

George Young  
Anthony Ricciardi Jr. (cousin of Alexis Mastromarino)  
Hamel O. Suite (father of Derek Suite)  
Alphyn J. Moore (sister of Megan Moore Kau)  
Mary Anne Rittenhouse  
Alice King (aunt of Janet Dessart)  
Joan McCaffrey  
Erlinda O. Legler (mother of Mary Ann Weiler)  
Ann King (mother of Jim King)  
Georgina Feliciano (mother of Lorrie Feliciano)

*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

#### **Sunday Worship**

8:30am & 10:30am: The Rev. Dr. Matt Waterstone begins a new fall sermon series, "Something's Missing." *Note: The Gathering will begin at 5:00pm on October 4.*

#### **Church School**

Remote classes begin today. After prayerful consideration, we have decided the safest way to share our faith with our students is via distance learning until mid-October, at which point we will reassess with the hope of continuing on-site. The Nursery is suspended through December. Contact Alexis, alexis@reformedchurch.org.

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

Immediately after 10:30am livestream worship. Though in-person coffee hour has been suspended, join us on Zoom for a half hour of conversation with each other, and a chance to reflect on today's sermon or scripture.

- 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, Passcode: Coffee. One tap mobile: +19292056099,,87930381203# US (New York)
- For all of the above, the passcode is **Coffee**.

Questions? Email Judi at [jmccandless@reformedchurch.org](mailto:jmccandless@reformedchurch.org).

### THIS WEEK

#### **High School Youth Group Kick-Off**

Mon., Sep. 14, 6:00-7:00pm, in the Cloister. Ninth-twelfth graders are invited to meet old friends and new at the first HSYG meeting of the year. For more info, contact [cverwys@reformedchurch.org](mailto:cverwys@reformedchurch.org).

#### **Praying Through the Pandemic: Online Gatherings**

Tue., Sep. 15-Oct. 27, 9:00-10:00am, via Zoom. Are you sensing an undercurrent of sadness, anxiety or loneliness during these unsettling pandemic times? Are you wondering how to help your loved ones? Let's gather virtually and deepen our ties as a faith community through prayer, by listening to one another, and by cultivating ways to draw closer to God in our daily lives. For info or the Zoom link: [jmccandless@reformedchurch.org](mailto:jmccandless@reformedchurch.org).

#### **Children's and Youth Vocal Choirs Begin September 16**

Wed., Sep. 16, various times from 4:00-6:00pm, Choir Room. Vocal choir rehearsals for grades 1-12 begin today. Due to health guidelines, rather than focus on singing, students will explore all aspects of choir and music. Masks and social distancing required. (Youth handbell choirs begin Sunday, Sep. 20.) For complete schedules and more information, contact Caitlin Dowling, [cdowling@reformedchurch.org](mailto:cdowling@reformedchurch.org) or ext. 126.

### **Middle School Youth Group Kick-Off**

Wed., Sep. 16, 6:00-7:00pm, in the Cloister. Sixth-eighth graders are invited to meet old friends and new at the first MSYG meeting of the year. For more info, contact [cverwys@reformedchurch.org](mailto:cverwys@reformedchurch.org).

### **New Weekly Worship Opportunity: Wednesday Evening Prayers, and Cook-Out!**

Wed., Sep. 16, 6:30-7:00pm (fellowship at 6:00pm), Cloister. In the tradition of a quiet compline service, Wednesday Evening Prayers services will offer the opportunity to pause and connect with God and each other. Worship time will feature contemplative scripture reading, a brief homily, meditative music and communal and individual prayer. Our first meeting on 9/16 will be a joyful outdoor gathering in the Cloister with free hotdogs and hamburgers!

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

Thu. afternoons, beginning Sep. 17, 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, so that we can best care for our children. Loving attachment is key to raising an emotionally mature child. As parents, we must nourish our loving attachment to God. This group will share, listen, pray, and consider how we can better attach ourselves to our loving God. For info and the Zoom link, contact Judi at [jmccandless@reformedchurch.org](mailto:jmccandless@reformedchurch.org).

## **FUTURE EVENTS**

### **Confirmation Information Session**

Sun., Sep. 20, 12:00pm, via Zoom. For students entering eighth grade through high school: come explore your faith with Pastors Matt and Christian as we embark on an eight-month journey of service projects, mentoring, stimulating classes and new friendships. No commitment required, but the meeting is required for those who want to be confirmed. For more information, and the Zoom link, email Christian at [cverwys@reformedchurch.org](mailto:cverwys@reformedchurch.org).

### **Children's and Youth Handbell Choirs begin September 20**

Sun., Sep. 20, various times from 12:30-1:45pm, Choir Room. Handbell choir rehearsals for grades 6-12 begin today. For complete schedules and more information—or if you're interested in joining Calvin Ringers (grades 5-6)—contact Caitlin Dowling, [cdowling@reformedchurch.org](mailto:cdowling@reformedchurch.org), ext. 126.

### **Concert in the Cloister: Orpheus Chamber Orchestra**

Sun., Sep. 20, 5:00pm, Cloister, free. RCB's fall concert series kicks off with a live outdoor performance by members of Grammy-winning Orpheus Chamber Orchestra. Free tickets required (two per person limit) available through the Orpheus website, [www.orpheusnyc.org](http://www.orpheusnyc.org). Experience this glorious music outside! Masks and social distancing required.

### **Bibles, Books and Faith Conversations**

Wed. starting Sep. 23, 9:30-10:45am, via Zoom. This women's small group has been meeting virtually since March, incorporating meditations, the Bible, books and our own stories into our

conversations. For the next several weeks, we will be discussing Drew Hart's book, *Trouble I've Seen: Ending the Way the Church Views Racism* (see description immediately below). To join this wonderful community of women, contact Judi at [jmccandless@reformedchurch.org](mailto:jmccandless@reformedchurch.org).

**Four-Part Book Discussion: *Trouble I've Seen: Changing the Way the Church Views Racism*, by Drew Hart**

Four Thursdays: Sep. 24, Oct. 8 & 22, Nov. 5, 7:00-8:00pm, via Zoom. Our bi-weekly gathering will use Hart's book as a basis for conversations about racism and what we are called to do as Christians. Additional resources will include articles, podcasts, and video clips meant to inform and motivate us as individuals and as a church. We will meet via Zoom and the group size will be capped, so please register with Judi McCandless at [jmccandless@reformedchurch.org](mailto:jmccandless@reformedchurch.org).

**Tea Time**

Thu., Sep. 24, 3:00-4:00pm, via Zoom. We miss our Tea Time friends, and hope you will join our virtual attempt to re-connect. Bring your own tea or snacks, and join in conversations with a community of friends. RSVP by Sep. 20 to [jmccandless@reformedchurch.org](mailto:jmccandless@reformedchurch.org) to get the Zoom link. Not familiar with Zoom? Reach out to us in advance, and we will be happy to help!

**New Member Class**

Sun., Sep. 27, 1-2:30pm, via Zoom. If you are interested in becoming a member of our church, we hope you will join us! We will gather virtually and you'll have the chance to learn more about us from Pastors Matt and Sam. Included is an explanation of what it means to be "Reformed," an overview of our programs and ministries, and a discussion of our vision as a faith community. Required for membership. For info or to RSVP, contact Judi McCandless by Sep. 22, [jmccandless@reformedchurch.org](mailto:jmccandless@reformedchurch.org) or ext. 120.

**GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Nomination of Bill Ferguson as Elder**

We are pleased to announce that Bill Ferguson has accepted the Nominating Committee's invitation to serve as elder in the class of 2023. Bill will finish the unfinished term of Mary Mackintosh, who resigned from Consistory to become RCB's Director of Missional Engagement. We thank Mary for her service on Consistory and are excited to have her on staff! Per our Standing Rules, after this announcement has appeared in the bulletin three consecutive Sundays, the congregation will vote on Bill's nomination at a brief meeting. That meeting will be held after 10:30am worship on September 27. After election, Bill will be ordained and installed at a time to be determined.

## PROGRAM STAFF

The Rev. Dr. Matthew Waterstone, Senior Minister, ext. 131 | [mwaterstone@reformedchurch.org](mailto:mwaterstone@reformedchurch.org)

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\* *indicates part-time staff, 15-28 hours per week*

## CONSISTORY

**ELDERS** Beth Fulton, James Hoch, Dan Johnson, Tony Lemberger, Gary Reetz, Doug Sesler, Paul Shoemaker, John Torell, Rosanne Welshimer (Chair)

**DEACONS** Lela Agnew, Donald Bringle, Brian Buttigieg, Joe French, Fran Harris, Jessica Hogue, Jennifer Lescott, Mark Liggitt, Paul Muir (Chair), Amy Parsons, Gretchen Pingel, Laura Redican, Jenny Shively, Kate Milliken-Vaughey

**OFFICERS** The Reverend Dr. Matthew Waterstone, President; Rosanne Welshimer, Vice President; Jim Hoch, Treasurer; Dan Johnson and Jenny Shively, Co-Clerks of Consistory

*Pastoral care: If you or someone you know needs help, please contact one of our pastors. For professional counseling, contact our partner, The Counseling Center, at 914-793-3388 or [www.counselingcenter.org](http://www.counselingcenter.org).*