

Order of Worship
November 27, 2022 (1st Sunday of Advent--Hope)
10 am

Welcome to the Church-in-the-Gardens...

Whoever you are, wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

**We invite you to place your name and contact information on a Visitor Card in the pew rack. Please place it in the offering plate or give it to a greeter.*

**Please be sure to get a parking pass from a greeter if you have parked a car that does not already have a decal or parking pass displayed.*

**Please silence your cell phone*

God bless you as together we experience God's life-giving word.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Christmas Eve Services, Saturday Dec. 24, 4 p.m. and 9 p.m.

Christmas Day service, Sunday Dec. 25 at 10 a.m., will be in the lounge around the fireplace and Christmas tree.

Christmas will soon be upon us! Please join our merry crew to decorate the church sanctuary and the lounge for Christmas. We'll meet on **Saturday, December 10** beginning at 9 AM and will wrap up by 12 PM. Drop in for a bit or stay for the whole time! Many hands make for quick and fun work! Let Cindy Herendeen know at 718-961-7152 if you can help.

Advent Bible Study, Led by Rev. Dr. Frederick W. Weidmann (Rev. Fred), Wednesdays Dec. 7, 14, 21 at 7 p.m. on Zoom (Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85788371173>)

Please pray for

Rosa Agosto; Phylia Banks; Hanna Bassous; Constance Radut; Anne Sandager, Dora Shia; Reverend Willie Salmond

***Advent Greeting and Call to Worship**

One: As we begin the season of Advent, we wait in hopeful expectation

All: For the newness God has brought, and is bringing, into the world.

One: We seek to live as a people of hope,

All: Following and sharing the light of Christ.

One: Today, we light the first candle of the Advent Wreath, the candle of hope.

*** Lighting of Advent Wreath and Gathering Song** O Come, O Come, Emmanuel PH 110 v. 1

Opening Prayer

*** Opening Hymn PH 103** Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus vv.1-3

***Prayer of Confession**

One: We are called

All: To lift up our souls to God.

One: We prefer to lift up only what we're proud of.

All: God calls us to up our whole self.

One: O God, be with us in this brief time of silent reflections...

***Sung Response SING! 58** Children from Your Vast Creation

***Assurance of Pardon**

***Passing of the Peace of Christ**

The Peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you!

Scripture Lesson Matthew 24:37-42 pg. 26, red bible, pg.32, black bible

Sermon **Patterns of Hope** Reverend Elizabeth Perry

***Hymn SING! 172** Faith Begins by Letting Go vv. 1-2

***Pastoral Prayer**

Lord's Prayer

Sung Response Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Amen

Offering
Offertory

***Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God the source of all our gifts,

Praise Jesus Christ whose pow'r uplifts,

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit, Alleluia! Alleluia!

***Prayer of Dedication** Laura Jett

***Closing Hymn SING! 282** Song of Hope

***Benediction**

Postlude

**All who are able, please rise*

Children (and parents) are welcome to go downstairs to **Sunday School** for fun, learning, and activities—we leave worship following the Scripture Readings and before the Sermon.

There is a **Cradle Room** available downstairs for parents and infants/toddlers. Please join us for a **time of Coffee and Fellowship** following the service.

There are 4 ways you can **make a contribution to The Church-in-the-Gardens**:

1. Send a check to the church (50 Ascan Avenue Forest Hills, NY 11375)
2. Set up a "bill payment" through your bank to have checks mailed to the church.
3. Through Zelle. Our name is listed as Church in the Gardens, Forest Hills, NY; use email treasurer@thecitg.org
4. Collection plate at the back of the sanctuary