

Order of Worship – 10 a.m.
Sunday, January 25, 2026-Third Sunday after Epiphany

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

Announcements and Prayer Requests- see final page

Opening Prayer

***Call to Worship (based on Psalm 27)**

One: O God, we seek your face on Sunday morning and throughout the week,

All: To live in your presence all the days of our lives.

One: We call out for your grace, your strength, and your peace.

All: To guide us and hold us.

***Opening Hymn NCH 70** God Is Here! As We Your People Meet vv. 1,2,4

***Prayer of Confession and Renewal**

One: Holy God, you have expressed your hope for us

All: And your vision for life and life abundant for all.

One: Yet too often we settle for avoidance.

We do not pursue your will for us and the world.

All: Forgive us. Renew Us.

One: Be with us in the brief time of silent reflection...

***Sung Response Sing! 103 v. 1**

Come, Lord Jesus. Come, Lord Jesus. Come, Come Lord Jesus;

Come, and be born in our hearts.

***Assurance of God's Promise**

***Passing of the Peace of Christ**

The Peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you!

First Lesson Psalm 27:1, 4-9 pew bibles, pg. 619

Second Lesson 1 Corinthians 1:10-18 pew bibles, pg. 201

Sermon "Power" Reverend Frederick Weidmann

***Hymn NCH 451** Be Now My Vision vv. 1-2

***Pastoral Prayer**

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.

Sung Response Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Amen. (2x)

Offering

Offertory "The Lord is My Light" (Psalm 27) Sunny Knable

***Doxology** (with Alleluias)

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 NCH 198** Lift High the Cross vv. 1,4, 5

***Benediction**

Postlude

**All who are able, please rise.*

There is a **Cradle Room** available downstairs for parents and children, and coloring books and activities available at the back of the church.

Please join us for a time of **Coffee and Fellowship** following the service in the lounge.

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

Announcements & Upcoming Events

****No Wellness/Exercise group** this Sunday, 1/25.
****Join Garden Players kids & alum, The Scooches, and our Music Masterclass** participants for a joyful, all-ages **All Friends Winter Concert** of original songs, theater, global folk, and community singing. **Sunday, January 25 | 3pm & 5pm.**The CITG Community House, Forest Hills Numbered seats — tickets at gardenplayerstheater.com
****New Church Membership Directory-** We’re putting together a new church membership directory so it’s easier to stay in touch, reach out, and recognize familiar faces (and names!). If you’re part of our church family, we’d love to include you. Just swing by the info table after service to check your details, or send us your info and a photo (if you’d like; see also the note below re: photos) to admin@thecitg.org

Please Pray: Marcellina Astonitas (Carlos Pesantes’ mom); Dawn Burrowes; Jeanne DeYcaza; Karin Del Greco; Dylan Dujmic; Jessica Faas; Cynthia Faria; Christopher Henderson; Yang Oke Hwang; Noriko Iwamoto; Ethan Paxton LaBue; the Mains family; Allen Maurer; Constance Radut; Terry Van Ryn; Anne Sandager; Dora Shia; Zorica Tortoroli; F.S. Wang; Rama Waworuntu; Yuying Zhai (mother of Wendy Wang)

For all who are grieving or suffering loss of any kind including the Hyslop and DeRege family and all mourning the loss of Alisons’ Dad; Leah Fink and her family and all mourning the loss of her brother, J.T. Skadden; the Lanegran and Brooks family and all mourning the loss of Katie’s mom, Karen.

Prayers for those in residential care: Millicent Fairhurst; Nafees Watkins; Jackie Stuart

The Church-in-the-Gardens
A Congregational Church of the United Church of Christ
Minister: Reverend Dr. Frederick Weidmann
Music Director: Dr. Sunny Knable
Liturgist: Laura Jett

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Forest Hills, New York
An Open & Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Christ



Our Church Covenant

We covenant and agree with each other to unite as a Church of the Lord Jesus Christ, for Christian fellowship, for public worship and for the advancement of God’s kingdom in the world. We agree to maintain the institutions of the gospel, to promote the peace and prosperity of the Church, to walk together in brotherly love. (Adopted 1913)

Our Open & Affirming Covenant Statement

We affirm the worth and dignity of each individual. We welcome everyone into the full life and ministry of the church including persons of all sexual orientations, gender identity and expression, mental and physical ability, marital status, family structure, age, race, ethnicity, nationality, and any other way that people self-identify. As our clear expression of Christian love, we are open and affirming of all people. (Adopted 2024)