

The Church in Brielle

A Congregation of the Reformed Church in America



Center for Spiritual Wellness



Simply Christmas

Advent, 2018

Week 1

December 2, 2018

WELCOME!

Please accept a special welcome to this service of worship. God has gathered us as his people and we pray the worship hour will bring refreshment, renewal and inspiration. Guests are encouraged to fill out the *Welcome cards* found in the pew racks. Prayer requests can be written on the flip side of those cards and placed in the collection plate. We will include your prayers in today's service. Please join us for fellowship at our coffee hour following the service. Nursery care (up to 3 yrs. old) and Sunday School are offered during the worship hour. If you are not sure where to find these services, please speak with the usher.

Please silence your cell phone when entering the sanctuary
Large Print Bulletins Are Available From The Ushers

First Sunday of Advent

10:00 am

Prelude

Welcoming, Announcements & Greeting

The Lighting of the Candle of Hope and Introit: *“Come, Lord Jesus, Come”*

Advent is a time to be filled with anticipation and hope.

We wait and hope for the One who will bring light to the darkness.

Advent is a time to remember that God’s love extends to all people.

We wait and hope for the One who will bring justice.

Advent is a time to renew our determination.

We wait and hope for the One who will bring righteousness.

Advent is a time to strive for understanding.

We wait and hope for the One who will bring peace.

♪**Hymn #135:** *(please stand)* **“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”**

Minute for Mission – FIRST at Long Branch: Paul Malloy

Presentation of Gifts, Tithes, and Offerings

Anthem

♪**Doxology: #809** *(please stand)*

Prayer of Dedication:

In this moment of worship, we embrace Your presence again, O God.

And we offer You our love.

In this moment of prayer, we proclaim again Your purpose for the world, O Savior.

And we offer You our resources.

In this moment of giving, we hear Your call again, O Lord.

And we offer You ourselves.

Use us – all that we have and all that we are, to touch the world with the Christmas message:

God is love. God is with us. God will never leave us.

So, may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ

The Love of God

and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit

Be with us all now and forever. Amen.

Children's Message and The Lord's Prayer: Don Van Antwerpen

♪ **Hymn #140:** *(please stand)* **"Emmanuel, Emmanuel"**

Prayer of Illumination

The Gospel Reading: Matthew 1:18-23

(Page 1 in the New Testament section of your pew Bible.)

Response to the Lesson: Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.
All: **Thanks be to God**

Sermon: "Simply Christmas – The Power of God" Reverend Louis LaFazia

Acknowledgement of Stephen Ministry Team

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

♪ **Hymn #171:** *(please stand)* **"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"**

Benediction *(please remain standing)*

Postlude

The Church in Brielle

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Our Kingdom Goals

Maximizing the use of our Church Facility

Stephen Husarik and Ken Olenyik

Focus on Children and Youth

Don Van Antwerpen, John Linfante, Allison Devereux, Pam Bachler,
Shannon Nish and Tamara Christiani

Expand our Mission and Outreach

Mission and Outreach Ministry under the leadership of Candace Moose

**Provide Support and Counseling Opportunities for our Congregation
and our Community**

Candace Moose, April Humes, and Lorrie McGough

**Offer Opportunities to Grow the Spiritual and Physical Health of our
Congregation and our Community**

Lisa Clark and Allison Devereux

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