

OLD NORTH CHURCH

DIVINE WORSHIP

FEBRUARY 25, 2024

LENT II

9:30 A.M.

ORGAN PRELUDE

“A Quiet Prelude”
“The Holy City”

Frederick Jacobs
Stephen Adams

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Scott Benell

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 98

LEADER: Come, let us bow down in worship

ALL: Let us kneel before the Lord our Maker;

LEADER: For he is our God

ALL: And we are the sheep of his pasture.

*HYMN #22

“Come, We That Love the Lord”

St. Thomas

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Seated)

Psalm 31

LEADER: The Psalmist calls us to confession this morning.

“Praise be to the Lord, for he showed his wonderful love to me when I was a besieged city. In my alarm I said, I am cut off from your sight! You heard my cry for mercy when I called to you for help.”

Let us pray.

ALL: Ever present God, who looks deep into the hearts of men and women and who knows our thoughts, we acknowledge our hearts are filled with sin and our thoughts are unworthy of your calling. Purge us, Lord, and set us right. Put us on paths of righteousness that are made clear by your word. May your word guide us such that our hearts and our thoughts be always of you, and our deeds always a reflection of that gift from above. We pray this in Christ’s name. Amen.

KYRIE ELEISON

(sung)

Lord, have mercy upon us, Christ have mercy upon us, Lord have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS:

Psalm 32

LEADER: Hear God’s merciful words of forgiveness.

“Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord—and you forgave the guilt of my sin.”

In the name of this most gracious God, I declare us a forgiven people.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

*GLORIA PATRI #805

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost! As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end; Amen, Amen.

*SALUTATION AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

LEADER: Grace to you and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

May the peace of the Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

*HYMN #353 (Verses 1-4)

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

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A TIME FOR OUR YOUTH

Children proceed to Sunday School following the message.

SCRIPTURE

I Corinthians 3:1-15

John 8:31-41

SERMON HYMN #484

“The Old Rugged Cross”

Old Rugged Cross

PRAYER FOR THE INSPIRATION OF THE WORD

SERMON

“Grateful Servants”

*APOSTLES’ CREED

I believe in God the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father almighty, from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY “Praise To The Lord, The Almighty” arr. Diane Bish

*DOXOLOGY

*“Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.”*

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.*

***HYMN #45** “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” Nettleton

PASTORAL BEDICTION

***PARTING SONG** Eidelweiss

May the Lord, mighty God, bless and keep you forever.
Grant you peace, perfect peace, courage in every endeavor.

POSTLUDE “Open Now Thy Gates Of Beauty” Edward Broughton



*Please rise, in body or in spirit. **Bold words indicate unison participation.**

Welcome to Old North. *We are pleased you chose to worship with us today!
Please fill out a welcome card if you would like us to have a record of your visit, more
information about Old North, or wish to be contacted by the Pastor.*

Prayer Requests: If you have a prayer request this morning, please fill out the Prayer Request section of the welcome card located in the pew and place it in the offering plate.

THE CONSISTORY OF OLD NORTH

ELDERS: Jon Babicz, Scott Benell, Karen DiBella, Carol Sushko,
DEACONS: Tim Frohlich, Rene Gallagher Brianna Polbos, Richard Schmude,
Interim Minister: The Rev. Linden DeBie
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Welcome to worship at Old North Reformed Church!

If you would like to be added to our mailing list, please leave your contact information in the guest book in the entrance to the sanctuary before leaving today.

We encourage you to keep this copy of the bulletin and take it home to share with a family member or with a friend. The service can be experienced anytime online via Old North's YouTube channel or Facebook page.



Lent is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday. Lent comes from the Anglo-Saxon word *lencten*, meaning “lengthen” and refers to the lengthening days of spring. The forty days represents the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, enduring the temptation of Satan and preparing to begin his ministry. Lent is a time of repentance, fasting and preparation for the coming of Easter. It is a time of self-examination and reflection. In the early church, Lent began as a period of fasting and preparation for baptism by new converts and then became a time of penance by all Christians. Today, Christians focus on relationship with God, growing as disciples and extending ourselves, often choosing to give up something or to volunteer and give of ourselves for others.

Prayer Chain: If you wish to add the power of prayer in times of celebration, healing, or transitions in life, please call Pat Hooey, 201-843-4456.

Your prayer requests are uplifted by our prayer team, and confidentiality is honored.

Church Family Prayer List:



•Arthur •Bob •Diana •Katie •Michael •Search Committee

Uplift those undergoing medical procedures and thanksgiving for those who are recovering, comfort for those in mourning, strength for those fighting cancer and for all caregivers, and those seeking spiritual and emotional well-being.

Scheduled to serve today with our thanks:

Ushers & Greeters: Marianne Schmude, Nancy Gorman

Thank you to The Schmude Family for hosting Coffee Hour today.

	Ushers & Greeters	Coffee Hour Hosts
3/3	Scott Benell, Karen DiBella, Ethan Cordova	Sandra Toscano
3/10	Linda Treacy, Ethel Reitsema	Maureen Van Buren
3/17	Jack & Betsy Erhard	The Frohlich Family

**Congratulations to all our Church Family who are celebrating a special event!
Happy Birthday!**



2/1 Ed Hillermeir – 2/3 Cliff Fleck – 2/7 Alexandra Toscano
 2/8 Tim Frohlich – 2/15 Charlotte Edone – 2/15 James Rodgers
 2/18 Valerie Apriceno – 2/18 Gail McNeill – 2/18 Cheryl Rodgers
 2/23 Mary DeBie – 2/26 Gail Anderson
 3/9 Henry Gorman – 3/9 Russel Suson



Bible Study: Join Pastor Linden in the Lounge on Tuesdays from 12 – 1 p.m.



Thrift Shoppe: There will be a Thrift Shoppe meeting **TODAY** in the lounge immediately following worship. Donations are accepted on Tuesday mornings from 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. Consider donating when you start your spring cleaning! Our next sale is on 3/9. **Our Thrift Shoppe was recognized in The Record last Sunday in the Local section!**

All women are invited to a brief rehearsal after church today in the chapel. We will rehearse the music for Lent and Palm Sunday. Come join us!



Lenten Offering Coin Folders: Lenten Coin Folders are available in the library if you would like to participate.

Lovely ladies sharing the same birthday!



It is with great sadness that we inform you that Lois Anderson passed away on February 10, 2024, in Dumont, NJ. Lois was laid to rest in Cedar Grove Cemetery, Flushing, NY. Lois will be dearly missed by her family, friends, and all who knew her. May she rest in eternal peace.