

OLD NORTH CHURCH

*Our mission is to follow Christ and proclaim his word
in a lost and broken world so loved by God.*

January 4, 2026

EPIPHANY SUNDAY

9:30 A.M.

Rev. Debbie Rundecker
Pastor

Mr. Alan Newman
Organist and Music Director

PRELUDE WE APPROACH GOD

"A Lovely Rose is Blooming"
"How Far Is It to Bethlehem"

Johannis Brahms
arr. Richard Warner

GREETINGS AND OPENING PRAYER

Call to Worship

adapted from re-worship.blogspot.com

We gather wondering, 'Where will we find the Babe born in Bethlehem?'

We will find the Babe in the laughter of children, in the wisdom of grandparents.

We gather asking, 'where will we find the Child of Christmas?'

We will find the Child where the needy are gifted with hope, where the oppressed are set free.

We gather wanting to know, 'where will we find the Christ who has come for us?'

We will find our Hope where fear is overwhelmed by grace, where hatred is overwhelmed by love, where all people are overwhelmed by joy.

Come and worship the new born King!

HYMN #185

"We Three Kings"

Invitation and Unison Prayer of Confession

adapted from re-worship.blogspot.com

Most holy and most loving God, we admit to you and to each other, that we are creatures who either through foolishness or willfulness often choose darkness instead of light.

Here and now we surrender to you our fears and proud opinions, our short-sighted folly and our pompous wisdom, our deep-seated sins and our apathy towards change and renewal.

Please forgive the darkness and pain we have inflicted on others, and restore the light-starved hopes and ideals within our own souls.

Trusting your grace, we earnestly pray: "Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us." We ask this in Jesus' name, amen!

...a time of silence is kept...

KYRIE

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SHARING OF THE PEACE

**THE PEACE OF CHRIST BE WITH YOU!
AND ALSO WITH YOU!**

LIVING THE WAY OF JESUS

*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.***

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

YOUNG DISCIPLES' TIME

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 2:1-12

SERMON HYMN

"God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen"

(Insert)

SERMON

"Guiding Light"

CELEBRATING THE LORD'S SUPPER

(Insert)

All are welcome to share in the Lord's Supper. The only requirement is a desire to experience the love of God in Jesus Christ. The elements will be distributed by our Elders and Deacons, please hold them and we will partake together.

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

OFFERING

OFFERTORY HYMN #649 "We Give Thee but Thine Own"

*DOXOLOGY #809

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

DEDICATION OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Scott Benell

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.

*HYMN #576 "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

*BENEDICTION

*PARTING SONG

May the Lord, mighty God, bless and keep you forever.
Grant you peace, perfect peace, courage in every endeavor.
Lift up your eyes and see his face and his grace forever.
May the Lord, mighty God, bless and keep you forever.

POSTLUDE "Joy to the World" Don Hustad

*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

GUIDING LIGHT



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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.



An epiphany is a Christian feast day on January 6 celebrating Jesus' manifestation to the world (Magi, Baptism), but it also means a sudden, profound realization or insight into something's true nature, often a moment of clarity or spiritual awakening. Celebrated as Three Kings' Day, it involves traditions like Baptism renewals, water blessings, and gift-giving, marking the end of the Christmas season in many cultures.

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:

• Diana • Helen • Katie • Michael • Tom

For those chronic conditions and their loving caregivers; those seeking employment or vocation; those facing medical procedures or recovering from surgery, and safety for all who are traveling. Prayers for all who serve in the military and for all first responders.

Scheduled to serve today with our thanks:

Ushers & Greeters: Scott Benell, Karen DiBella, Nancy Gorman

Thank you to Kathleen West and Gail McNeill for hosting Coffee Hour today.

	Ushers & Greeters	Coffee Hour Hosts
1/11	Mikayla & Nate Schmude	Leslie Maro
1/18	Linda Treacy, Marianne Schmude	The Babicz Family
1/25	Donair Karkkainen, Ethel Reitsema	Nancy Gorman
2/1	Scott Benell, Karen DiBella, Steven	MaryBeth Frohlich

Congratulations to all of our Church Family who are celebrating a special event!

Happy Birthday!

1/3 Danielle Toscano – 1/6 Megan Passarotti – 1/12 Eric Frohlich
1/19 Vivienne Apriceno – 1/19 Jackie Toscano – 1/29 Richard Bennewitz



Danielle Toscano

Happy Anniversary!

1/9 Cheryl & James Rodgers



Our House & Properties meeting is TODAY following worship.

Our next Consistory meeting is on January 18th following worship.

The church office re-opens tomorrow.



Annual Congregational Meeting: The date is set for January 25, 2026.

Any confessing members who desire to have an item on the agenda must submit the item and the reason(s) to the office to forward along to our clerk at least two weeks prior to the meeting. All committee reports are also due back 2 week prior to the meeting. We will have a potluck lunch. If you have any questions, please ask.

Food Drive: Thank you to Santa for coming to help out at our Food Drive! We are grateful for the kindness of our community!



Angel Tag Gifts: Thank you! Year after year there has been overwhelming participation to fill the wishes of the adult residents of Hope Christian Services! We did it again! All wishes were answered!

Church Calendars: Frech-McKnight Funeral Home has provided us with Church Calendars for 2026. They are in the in the back of the church, the library and the church house.

Thrift Shoppe: The Shoppe will resume donation intake on January 6th.

Offering Envelopes: Offering Envelopes are available for 2026. If you do not already receive them and you would like to, please contact the office. You will receive an offering statement for your taxes at the end of the year