

OLD NORTH CHURCH

HOLY COMMUNION

DECEMBER 24, 2023

ORGAN PRELUDE

“Christmas Suite for Organ”

Theodore Marier

*CAROL #147

“Away in a Manger”

Paul Rutz

COLLECT

Celebrant: In the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

O God, who makes us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ; Grant that as we joyfully receive him for our Redeemer, so we may with sure confidence behold him when he shall come to be our Judge, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of us all, we have praised the holy life of Jesus and celebrate his birth; but we have not followed the example of his life. We have not shown compassion, kindness, lowliness, meekness, patience, and forgiveness. Forgive us when our living fails to confirm our Baptism. Take possession of our hearts and transform our lives by the presence of your Son. In his name we pray. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

Celebrant: God has shown us the measure of his mercy, he has given his only Son to be the expiation of our sin. In him we are forgiven and granted newness of life.

People: Amen.

And pray, my brothers and sisters, that our memorial offering be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

People: May the Lord accept this Sacrament in and with Christ which is made on our behalf for the praise and glory of his holy name, and the good of all his Church.

ADVENT IV

9:30 A.M.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Celebrant: Let us pray. Father of all, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in Your Son and brought us home.

People: **Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.**

Celebrant: May we who share Christ’s body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.

People: **Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us; so that we and all your children may be free; and the whole earth live to praise your name.**

Amen.

CAROL #174

“Angels From the Realms of Glory”

DISMISSAL

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

POSTLUDE

Psalm XVIII

“Heavens Declare the Glory of God”

Benedetto Marcello

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*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.

Merry Christmas



The Rev. Dr. Linden DeBie
Minister and Pastor

Mr. Alan Newman
Organist and Music Director

THE CONSISTORY OF OLD NORTH

ELDERS: Karen DiBella (2025) Scott Benell (2023) Carol Sushko (2023, 2nd term)

DEACONS: Brianna Polbos (2024) John Passarotti (2025)

Richard Schmude (2023) Tim Frohlich (2025) Rene Gallagher (2025)

Interim Minister: The Rev. Linden DeBie

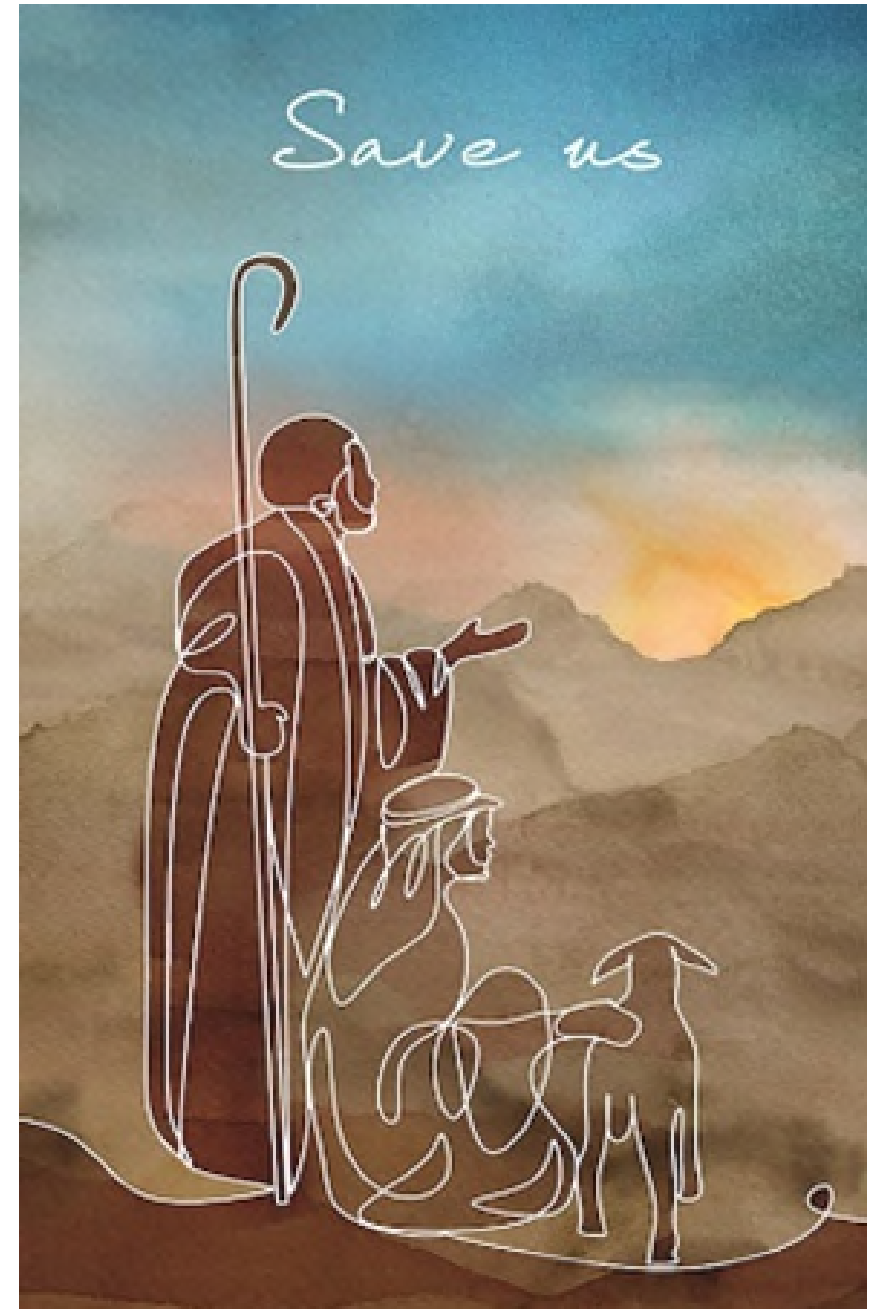
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THE CHRISTMAS STORY

Luke 2:1-20

Marilyn Hashway

OFFERTORY

“Away in a Manger”

Paul Rutz

Celebrant: Therefore, as we celebrate the memorial of his death and resurrection, we offer you, Lord, the bread of life and the chalice of salvation, giving thanks that you have held us worthy to be in your presence.

People: Through him, with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, forever and ever.

People: Amen

THE COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

(Brief Silence)

Celebrant: Blessed are you Lord, God of all creation. You gave us this good earth, with its rich abundance. You gave us life and being, and you provide for all our needs.

People: Blessed are you, Lord God.

You called Abraham in the desert and he became the Father of a holy people. And when they were oppressed by the Egyptians you saved them, and brought them out of slavery into a promised land. You covenanted with them and gave them the law and prophets to guide them.

People: Blessed are you, Lord God.

And when the time was accomplished you delivered them from their bondage to sin and death by sending your Son, Jesus the Messiah, for the salvation of the whole world. He gave us this feast as the memorial of his death.

People: Blessed are you, Lord, God.

Through your goodness we have this bread and this wine to offer, which the earth has given and human hands have made. By your Spirit they will become spiritual food.

People: Blessed be God forever.

Celebrant: On the night the Jesus was betrayed , , ,

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Come Holy Spirit and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be for us the Body and Blood of Christ. Redeem and bless us that as we receive Christ at this table, we may enter into the mystical union with him and one another. We here also offer you our faith and praise for the Body of Christ given to the world. Make us one with Christ, oh gracious Spirit, that we may be one with all who share this feast, united in ministry throughout the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast with him in eternity.

People: Amen.

Celebrant: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

People: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again. Dying you destroyed death, rising you restored life. Lord Jesus, come in glory.

THE INTERCESSIONS

Holy Lord, we pray for the oppressed, the sick, the hungry, the homeless, those who suffer violence and warfare. We pray for our pastors and leaders. May they rely on you for wisdom and deal justly with all people. We pray for the Church and its witness of justice and peace throughout the world. We pray for our members and friends especially those sick or grieved . . . (here we mention those in special need).

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever.

People: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

THE FINAL BLESSING AND BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant: The bread which we break is the communion of the body of Christ.

The cup of blessing which we bless is the communion of the blood of Christ.

People: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

THE COMMUNION

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God.

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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.

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
- John
- 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: Ethel Reitsema, Linda Treacy

No Coffee Hour – Merry Christmas!

	Ushers & Greeters	Coffee Hour Hosts
12/31	Marilyn Hashway, Nancy Gorman	Scout Troop 64
1/7	Scott Benell, Karen DiBella, Nate Schmude	Rene Gallagher
1/14	Donair Karkkainen, Marianne Schmude	Kathleen West
1/21	Steven Cordova, Ethel Reitsema	The Toscano Family



**YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR
FAMILY CHRISTMAS EVE
CANDLELIGHT SERVICE
6:00 P.M.**



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

Happy Birthday!

12/24 Anthony Apriceno - 1/3 Danielle Toscano - 1/6 Megan Passarotti
1/12 Eric Frohlich - 1/19 Jackie Toscano - 1/29 Richard Bennewitz

Happy Anniversary!

12/26 Betsy & Jack Erhard 1/9 – Cheryl & James Rodgers

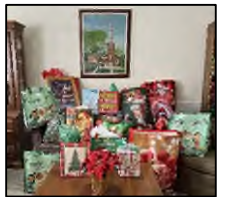


There will be no Sunday School today and 12/31.

Annual Congregational Meeting: With the change to Quick Books for our financials and the addition of a new accountant, we are still in the process of setting up the new system. As soon as we have a completed budget to present, we will call for a meeting of the congregation. Thank you for your patience.

Bible Study: “The Characters of Christmas” written by Daniel Darling. Take a fresh look at the Christmas story. Join us on Tuesday from 12 – 1 p.m. No class 12/26 and 1/2. Class resumes on 1/9.

ECCR 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!**



Thank you to our “Old North Carolers” for spreading Christmas spirit to our homebound!

A special thank you to our Sunday School students for doing such an amazing job telling the story of Christmas!

