

# OLD NORTH CHURCH

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

January 18, 2026

9:30 A.M.

Rev. Debbie Rundecker  
Pastor

Mr. Alan Newman  
Organist and Music Director

## WE APPROACH GOD

### PRELUDE

"The Lost Chord"  
"There's a song in the Air"

Arthur Sullivan  
Wilbur Held

### GREETINGS AND OPENING PRAYER

\*HYMN #20                    "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

### \*Call to Worship

*adapted from ministrymatters.com*

We are caught up in the trials and tribulations of our everyday lives.  
**The world seems to swirl around us, as a whirlpool, pulling us downward.**  
Bad news blasts us from every direction.  
**We need God's healing touch right now.**

Help us to believe in your healing love, O Lord.

**Help us to focus our lives on your redeeming presence.**

Enable us to reach out to each other and to our community.

**Give us the strength, determination, and commitment to speak your word of peace.**

And the people who seek the Lord shout:

**AMEN!**

\*HYMN #9                    "Sing Praise to the Father"

### Invitation and Unison Prayer of Confession

*adapted from ministrymatters.com*

**Lord, we want the easy way out! When things go wrong, we want to find who to blame for our misfortune. When we don't get what we want, we want to punish whoever we believe prevents us from our goals and desires. We don't want to look at the ways in which we have perverted your love for us. We treat you as though you are a puppet who will dance to our demands. We act like spoiled children who want everything immediately, and who will become sullen and spiteful if we don't get what we ask for. We stopped listening to you. Systems of greed and injustice replaced your command to**

**"love one another". And now we come to you, asking for forgiveness and healing. Our hearts and lives are empty without your love. Our spirits wither and die in this greedy wasteland. Give to us your life-sustaining presence. Heal our souls. Help us to truly worship you and to willingly work for healing and hope in this world. We ask these things 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

John 2:13-25

SERMON HYMN #291                    "Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

SERMON                                    "Cleaning Day"

### WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

\*Heidelberg Catechism                    Lord's Day 14

(Insert)

#### OFFERING

OFFERTORY                                    "My Jesus, I Love Thee"

Don Hustad

**\*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 #229**

"Lift High the Cross"

**\*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**

"Trumpet in Dialogue"

Louis Clérambault

\*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



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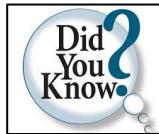
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## Welcome to worship at Old North Reformed Church!

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.



Helen Berthold has moved. Her new address is, The Bristol at Englewood, 412 S. Van Brunt Street, Room 660, Englewood, NJ 07631. Her new phone number is 551-775-6187.



**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: Linda Treacy, Marianne Schmude  
Thank you to The Babicz Family for hosting Coffee Hour today.

	Ushers & Greeters	Coffee Hour Hosts
1/25	Donair Karkkainen, Ethel Reitsema	Pot Luck/Annual Meeting
2/1	Scott Benell, Karen DiBella, Steven	MaryBeth Frohlich
2/8	Carol McCarthy, Rich Schellberg	Ethel Reitsema, Linda Treacy
2/15	Gail McNeill, Kathleen West	Sign up in the Auditorium
2/22	Kay Hughes, Cheryl Rodgers	Sign up in the Auditorium

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



Happy Anniversary!

1/9 Cheryl & James Rodgers



Our Consistory meeting is today following worship.



**Annual Congregational Meeting:** January 25, 2026 following worship. During our meeting we will vote for new Consistory members. The nominees are and Nick DiBella as Deacon and Rich Schmude and Jena Rand Babicz as Elder. We will have a potluck lunch. The sign-up sheet is available in the Auditorium.

### WAYS TO SERVE.....

#### Food Drive

Monthly Food Drives. Contact Scott Benell if you have any questions. Our next Food Drive is on 2/7. Souper Saturday!

#### Liturgists

Sign up to read scripture during Sunday Worship. You will receive the scripture that you will read prior to Sunday.

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

**Thrift Shoppe:** Our Grand Re-opening for the New Year is on February 14<sup>th</sup>. We are excited to set up for the sale with all of our new donations! Thank you to our volunteers and donors!

**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.

Ray Ruffley has a new phone number – 201-961-9557. Update your directory.