

# OLD NORTH CHURCH

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

November 30, 2025

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

9:30 A.M.

Rev Debbie Rundecker  
Pastor

Mr. Alan Newman  
Organist and Music Director

WE APPROACH GOD

PRELUDE

“Pastorale on a French Carol”  
“I Wonder As I Wander”  
“O, Come, Emmanuel”

Gordon Young  
Appalachian Carol  
Wilbur Held

INTROIT

“Light the Advent Candle”

Christmas Choir

GREETINGS AND OPENING PRAYER

Lighting the Candle of Hope

Troop 64

Something’s coming.  
We’re waiting. We’re eager.  
It’s more than presents.  
It’s more than lights.  
We open the Book of Hope and read the promise.  
God will be with us.  
Our hearts hold no fear; we trust in God’s faithfulness.  
God’s never-ending love surrounds us.  
Today we light the candle of Hope.

...the candle of Hope is lit...

Our hope is in the Lord who is with us!

Sung Response

“He Came Down”

verse 1 only

(Insert)

Invitation and Unison Prayer of Confession

Call to Confession

adapted from thepastorsworkshop.com

Loving and faithful God, as we begin the season of Advent, we celebrate that Jesus has come, and that He promises to come again! Jesus came to bring light and hope, but our hearts are often shrouded by darkness and despair. Jesus came to bring joy and peace, but our hearts are often encased by sorrow and turmoil.

Jesus came to bring life and love, but our hearts are often hardened by resistance and contempt. As Jesus entered the world to conquer sin and death, we open our hearts in confession to be cleansed from our sinfulness and to be restored and our feet set on the path of discipleship.

...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

John 3:16-17

Thank You, God, that You so loved the world, that You gave Your Son so that we might not perish, but have eternal life. Thank you we are not only cleansed and given new life but given reason and purpose in Jesus, in whose name, we pray, Amen.

SHARING OF THE HOPE

THE HOPE 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

Galatians 4:4

Troop 64

SERMON HYMN #135

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

SERMON

“Miracle of the Moment – Hope”

**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD**

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY** Trumpet Tune on “Sleepers, Wake” Martha Sobaje

**\*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**

**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 #134** “The King of Glory Comes”

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*PARTING SONG #133** “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” (verse 1 only)

**POSTLUDE** “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” Lani Smith

\*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



# MIRACLE OF THE MOMENT - HOPE

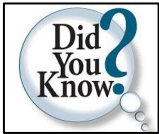
## OLD NORTH REFORMED CHURCH

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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.**



The first Sunday of Advent in 2025 is November 30th. This day marks the beginning of the Advent season, a period of four weeks that precedes Christmas and is a time for Christian reflection and preparation for the birth of Jesus.

**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: Mikayla & Nate Schmude**

**Thank you to Troop 64 for hosting Coffee Hour today.**

	Ushers & Greeters	Coffee Hour Hosts
12/7	Scott Benell, Karen DiBella, Steven Cordova	Nancy Gorman
12/14	Ethel Reitsema, Donair Karkkainen	Sandra Toscano
12/21	Carol McCarthy, Rich Schellberg	Rene Gallagher
12/28	Marianne Schmude, Linda Treacey	Ethel Reitsema



Greetings friends. If you would like to talk or I can help you with anything, please call or text me at 973-600-5848.

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



12/1 Evan Benell – 12/2 Eli Apriceno – 12/2 Mathew Cordova  
12/2 Rene Gallagher – 12/6 Brianna Polbos  
12/15 Ben Toscano – 12/24 Anthony Apriceno



**Happy Anniversary!**

12/13 Valerie & Steve Apriceno – 12/26 Betsy & Jack Erhard

**Pastor Debbie's Installation:** Old North Reformed Church has called Rev. Debbie Rundecker to be our Minister of Word and Sacrament. Please join us for the installation at 3:00 p.m. today. There will be a reception to follow in the Auditorium.

**Community Thanksgiving Service:** We gathered, friends and family as we worshipped together and shared gratitude and celebrated God's blessings! All churches were well represented. The offering will be split between Bergenfield and Dumont EMS.



**Thrift Shoppe:** We cannot believe that the last sale of 2025 is already upon us. Where did this year go?? December 6th is the date, and the hours are the usual 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., so mark your calendar for an end-of-year extravaganza.

**Food Drive:** Our Christmas Food Drive will be on December 13<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Contact Scott Benell to volunteer. Help is always needed!

**Christmas Choir:** There will be a rehearsal following worship today. Help to make this Advent/Christmas season the most joyous ever by adding your voice to our Christmas choir. Men, woman and children are encouraged to join the choir.

**Angel Tag Gifts:** All tags have been claimed! Return your **unwrapped** gift to the church with the **tag attached** to it. The deadline is December 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Triple Header Update:** Food Drive – Thrift Shoppe Donation Drop – Winter drive for Bergen County Housing & Human Services was a great success! **Thank you to all volunteers and donors. All recipients were extremely grateful!**