

OLD NORTH CHURCH

DIVINE WORSHIP

JANUARY 12, 2025

BAPTISM OF JESUS

9:30 A.M.

We welcome the Rev. Rob Miller to the pulpit today.

ORGAN PRELUDE Grand Fantasia on "Joy to the World" Marc Cheban
"I Wonder as I Wander" arr. John Jacob Niles

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENT Scott Benell

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Isaiah 51

LEADER: Our help is in the name of the Lord

ALL: Who made heaven and earth.

LEADER: Listen to me, my people. Hear me, my nation;

ALL: The law will go out from me; my justice will become a light to the nations.

LEADER: My righteousness quickly draws near, my salvation is on the way.

ALL: My arm will bring justice to the nations.

***HYMN #311** "God Has Spoken by His Prophets" Ode to Joy

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Seated)

LEADER: The Prophet calls us to confession. Isaiah 51

"I cried like a swift or thrush, I moaned like a morning dove. My eyes grew weak as I looked to the heavens. I am troubled; O Lord, come to my aid."

Let us pray.

ALL: Holy Lord of all creation, we are hungry for forgiveness. We put before you the confession of our hearts: that we have strayed from the righteousness you demand. We have not loved our neighbor as ourselves, nor have we provided for those in need. Not as we should, O Lord. So, forgive us, and cleanse us of all sins known and unknown. That at the coming of your son, we will be found in favor with God and all kindly souls. Amen.

KYRIE ELEISON (sung)

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

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS: Isaiah 38

LEADER: Here now these words of forgiveness from the prophet Isaiah.

"The Lord has saved me, and I will sing with stringed instruments all the days of my life in the temple of the Lord. 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 #641** "All the Way My Savior Leads Me" All the Way

A TIME FOR OUR CHILDREN *Children proceed to Sunday School following the message.*

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 43:1-7
Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

SERMON HYMN #342 "How Blessed Are They Who, Fearing God" St. Anne

PRAYER FOR THE INSPIRATION OF THE WORD

SERMON "Summoned By Name" Rev. Rob Miller

SERMON THEME God's Irresistible Grace

*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.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY "Caroling, Caroling" Alfred Burt

***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 #317** "All People That on Earth Do Dwell" Old Hundredth

PASTORAL 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 "To God Be the Glory" Mark Hayes

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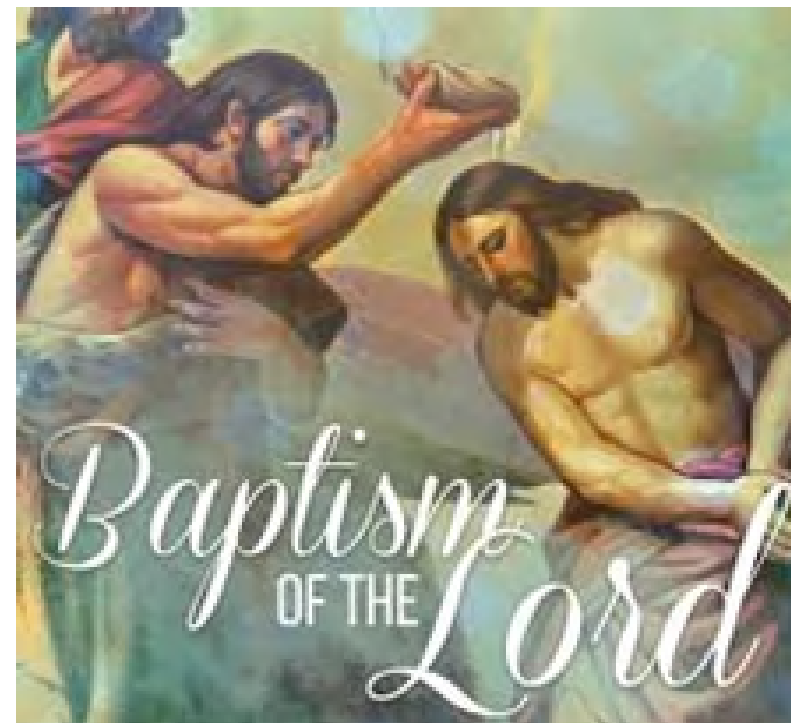
*Please rise, in body or in spirit. **Bold words indicate unison participation.**

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.

The Rev. Dr. Linden DeBie
Minister and Pastor

Mr. Alan Newman
Organist and Music Director



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Welcome to worship at Old North Reformed Church!

We are pleased you chose to worship with us today! 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 flowers on the chancel are given to the Glory of God by friends of Bonnie Bryant in loving memory of her.



The **Baptism of Jesus**, the ritual purification of Jesus with water by John the Baptist, was a major event described in the three synoptic Gospels of the New Testament (Matthew, Mark and Luke)^[a]. It is considered to have taken place at Al-Maghtas (also called Bethany Beyond the Jordan), today located in Jordan.

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:



- Adrienne
- Diana
- Janet
- 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.

Scheduled to serve today with our thanks:

Ushers & Greeters: Linda Treacy, Marianne Schmude

Thank you to Sandy Toscano for hosting coffee hour today.

	Ushers & Greeters	Coffee Hour Hosts
1/19	Helen Berthold, Ethel Reitsema	Nancy Gorman
1/26	Donair Karkkainen, Steven Cordova	Maureen Van Buren

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
1/12 Vivienne Apriceno - 1/19 Jackie Toscano – 1/29 Richard Bennewitz

Happy Anniversary!

1/9 Cheryl & James Rodgers



Our next Consistory meeting is on January 19th following worship.

Annual Meeting: January 26, 2025, has been set by the consistory for the Annual Congregational Meeting. All are encouraged to attend. **All committee reports are due by 1/20.**



**Food Drive & Thrift Shoppe Donation Drop
January 18th from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Our Food Drive is trunk to trunk. We take care of it!**



Thank you to all who contributed to the beautification of our Historic Sanctuary with lovely Poinsettias.

Church Calendars: Frech-McKnight Funeral Home has provided us with Church Calendars for 2025. They can be found in the back of the church, the library and the church house hallway.

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
Classis supervising minister The Rev. Rob Miller