

# OLD NORTH CHURCH

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

December 21, 2025

YOUTH SUNDAY 9:30 A.M.

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Rev. Debbie Rundecker  
Pastor

Mr. Alan Newman  
Organist and Music Director

## WE APPROACH GOD

<b>PRELUDE</b>	"Go Tell It on the Mountain" "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" "Lo! How a Rose E'er Blooming"	arr. Wilbur Held arr. Wilbur Held G. Winston Cassler
<b>INTROIT</b>	"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"	Christmas Choir

## GREETINGS AND OPENING PRAYER

**LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF LOVE** Sunday School, Briana Polbos and Debra Connolly  
New life is coming!

**We can count it in days now.**

God is breaking through.

**God's Word will change the world.**

We will all be changed by the Language of Love.

**The covenant has come down through the generations.**

The love of God is never-ending.

**We give thanks for God's faithfulness.**

Today we light the candle of Love.

...the candle of Love is lit...

**We give thanks for God's steadfast Love!**

**Sung Response** "He Came Down" (verses 1, 2, 3, & 4) (Insert)

## Invitation and Unison Prayer of Confession

**Call to Confession**

*Holy God, Your love is amazing, steady, and unchanging. Your love is relentless, passionate, and astounding. We thank you for the sacrifice of Jesus which has redeemed us and restored us to a right relationship with You. We confess that we take this gift for*

*granted; we fail to grasp the significance of the sacrifice; we continue to live as unredeemed people. Forgive us for our sinfulness. Cleanse us. Restore us. And ignite our hearts with a passion to live for You. We humbly ask, 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 THE LOVE OF CHRIST

**THE LOVE 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

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** "Twas the Night Before Christmas"

Charlotte Edone

Thomas Edone

Emily Frohlich

Julius Frohlich

## PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

**SCRIPTURE** John 1:1-5, 9-14 Nate Schmude

**Christmas Hallelujah** Mykala and Marianne Schmude  
Nick DiBella on piano

**SERMON** "Miracle of the Manger – Love"

**Story of Silent Night** Marilyn and Skylar Hashway  
Jack Soltis on guitar

**Silent Night #164**

## WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

**OFFERING** Little Lambs Bring the Gifts

Evie Costantino and Tessa Coughlin

**OFFERTORY HYMN #165**

"I Wonder as I Wander"

### \*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 #151

"Go Tell it On the Mountain"

BENEDICTION

O Holy Night

Ethan Benell

POSTLUDE

"How Far is it to Bethlehem"

arr. Richard Warner

\*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 MIRACLE OF THE MANGER LOVE

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### THE CONSISTORY OF OLD NORTH

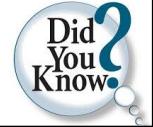
ELDERS: Jon Babicz, Scott Benell, Karen DiBella, Carol Sushko

DEACONS: Tim Frohlich, Rene Gallagher, Brianna Polbos, Richard Schmude

## 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.



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.

**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: Carol McCarthy, Rich Schellberg**

**Youth Greeter: Ashton DiBella**

**Thank you to Rene Gallagher for hosting Coffee Hour today.**

	<b>Ushers &amp; Greeters</b>	<b>Coffee Hour Hosts</b>
12/28	Marianne Schmude, Linda Treacey	Ethel Reitsema
1/4	Scott Benell, Karen DiBella, Nancy Gorman	Kathleen West & Gail McNeill
1/11	Mikayla & Nate Schmude	Leslie Maro



**JOIN US FOR OUR FAMILY CHRISTMAS EVE  
CANDLELIGHT SERVICE AT 6:00 PM  
DECEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>**



**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



Our next House & Properties meeting is on January 4<sup>th</sup> following worship.

Our next Consistory meeting is on January 18<sup>th</sup> following worship.



**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.

**Longest Night:** TODAY at 6:30 p.m. we will have a Longest Night worship in the Chapel. A time to gather, slow down and seek the heart of God. This is a service for those who struggle during this time of year, whether it is mourning the loss of a loved one, the rush of the season or some other reason, join us as we wait for the presence of God to illuminate our darkness.



**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!

**Christmas Choir:** There will be a rehearsal following worship today.

**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 be closed from tomorrow, December 22<sup>nd</sup> through January 5<sup>th</sup> and will resume donation intake on January 6<sup>th</sup>.