

OLD NORTH CHURCH

DIVINE WORSHIP

FEBRUARY 23, 2025

EPIPHANY VII

9:30 A.M.

ORGAN PRELUDE

“Fanfare in C Major”
Libera Me from "Requiem"

Henry Purcell
Gabriel Faure

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Scott Benell

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 122

LEADER: I rejoice with those who said to me

ALL: Let us go to the house of the Lord.

LEADER: Our feet are standing in your gates, O Jerusalem.

ALL: For the sake of the house of the Lord, God,

LEADER: I will seek your prosperity.

*HYMN #20

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

Ode to Joy

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Seated)

Psalm 143

LEADER: The Psalmist calls us to confession this morning.

“O Lord, hear my prayer, listen to my cry for mercy; in your faithfulness and righteousness come to my relief. Do not bring your servant into judgment, for no one living is righteous before you.”

ALL: Holy and heavenly Father, to you alone we confess our sins, for you alone are righteous. In Christ you have washed away our sins which are many and grievous. No one can deny your power to forgive, and so we claim the promises of redemption brought to us in Christ your only Son. Amen.

KYRIE ELEISON

(sung)

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

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS:

Psalm 111

LEADER: Hear God’s merciful words of forgiveness.

“The Lord brings redemption for his people; he ordained his covenant forever— holy and awesome is his name. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow his precepts have a good understanding. To him belongs eternal praise.”

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 #330

“The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want”

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A TIME FOR OUR YOUTH

Children proceed to Sunday School following the message.

SCRIPTURE

Deuteronomy 30:15-20
1 Corinthians 3:1-9

SERMON HYMN #558

“Love Divine All, Loves Excelling”

Beecher

PRAYER FOR THE INSPIRATION OF THE WORD

SERMON

“Choosing Christ”

*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.

THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY "Brother James's Air" Searle Wright

*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 #743 "Christ For the World We Sing" Italian Hymn

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 "Pasticcio" Jean Langlais

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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.



OLD NORTH REFORMED CHURCH

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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.



Elders, Jon Babicz, Scott Benell, Karen DiBella and Carol Sushko and Deacons, Tim Frohlich, Rene Gallagher, Brianna Polbos and Rich Schmude will continue to serve on our Consistory. Thank you for your continued support of Old North.

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 •Betsy •Diana •Janet •Katie •Mary •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: Ethel Reitsema, Helen Berthold
Thank you to Rene Gallagher for hosting coffee hour today.

	Ushers & Greeters	Coffee Hour Hosts
3/2	Scott Benell, Karen DiBella, Steven Cordova	Cheryl Rodgers
3/9	Donair Karkkainen, Gail McNeill	Gail McNeill, Kathleen West
3/16	Carol Mc Carthy, Marianne Schmude	Donair Karkkainen

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



Happy Birthday!

- 2/1 Ed Hillermeier – 2/3 William Fleck – 2/7 Alexandra Toscano
- 2/8 Tim Frolich – 2/9 John Yanick – 2/15 Charlotte Edone
- 2/15 James Rodgers – 2/16 Rich McCarthy – 2/18 Valerie Apriceno
- 2/18 Gail McNeill – 2/18 Cheryl Rodgers – 2/22 Doris Thorne
- 2/23 Mary DeBie – 2/26 Gail Anderson



Our next House & Property Committee meeting will be on 3/9.

Our next Consistory meeting will be on 3/16.

Communicants Class: Our Class will meet next Sunday following worship.

Souper Saturday Food Drive: Thank you to all who participated. Thank you to our volunteers for transporting all the donations to Dumont Social Services.



Thrift Shoppe: Donations are accepted on Tuesday mornings from 9:30 – 11:30.

THRIFT SHOPPE SALE DATES 2025

3/8 - 4/12 - 5/10 - 6/7 - 9/6 – 10/4 - 11/8 - 12/6

Super Bowl Coffee Hour: Thank you to Ethel Reitsema and Linda Treacy for providing a post-Super Bowl celebration last Sunday.

Ash Wednesday: On March 5th ashes will be available in the Chapel from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm.

Capital Project Fund: Keep in your prayers our Capital Project Fund. The fund has been set up to maintain our beautiful Sanctuary and property. Contributions can be made by check to Old North or cash clearly labeled **CPF**.



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