

# OLD NORTH CHURCH

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

December 7, 2025

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

9:30 A.M.

Rev Debbie Rundecker  
Pastor

Mr. Alan Newman  
Organist and Music Director

## WE APPROACH GOD

**PRELUDE** “Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming” arr. Mark Hayes/Johannes Brahms  
“The First Noel” arr. Richard Ellsasser  
“How Far Is It to Bethlehem?” Richard Warner

**INTROIT** “Light the Advent Candle”

## GREETINGS AND OPENING PRAYER

### Lighting the Candle of Peace

Can you hear it?

**What is it?**

God’s Word is coming.

**We’re listening. We’re eager to hear.**

A voice cries out and declares the Promise of Peace.

**We stand in awe.**

Things are going to even out in the world.

**All people will embrace each other.**

Today we light the candle of Peace.

...the candle of Peace is lit...

**Our peace comes from God!**

**Sung Response** “He Came Down” verse 1 & 2 only (Insert)

## Invitation and Unison Prayer of Confession

### Call to Confession

*adapted from thepastorsworkshop.com*

**God of mercy, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world.**

**Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as**

**we cling to the values of a broken world. Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive**

**us. Please set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in**

**Jesus Christ. We offer our silent prayers of confession to you now...**

...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** Hebrews 1:1-3 Carol McCarthy

**SERMON HYMN #170** “It Came upon the Midnight Clear”

**SERMON** “Miracle of the Message – Peace”

## CELEBRATING THE LORD’S SUPPER (Insert)

*All are welcome to share in the Lord’s Supper. The only requirement is a desire to experience the love of God in Jesus Christ. Worshippers are invited to come forward to receive the bread and the cup. The pastor will break a piece of the bread and hand it to you and there will be a communal cup to dip into. If you are unable to come forward, please signal the pastor and the elements will be brought to you.*

## WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

## OFFERING

**OFFERTORY** “From Heaven Above to Earth I Come” Alfred Fedak

**\*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** “Let There Be Peace on Earth” (Insert)

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*PARTING SONG #133** “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” (verse 1 & 3)

**POSTLUDE** “Prepare the Way, O Zion” G. Winston Cassler

\*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



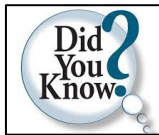
**MIRACLE OF THE MESSAGE - PEACE**

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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 word intinction is the administration of the Communion elements by dipping the bread into the cup, thus offering both elements to the participants simultaneously. When we sit to receive the elements and are served in our seats, we are remembering the grace of God which comes to us freely. When we receive the elements by intinction we are remembering that God's grace comes to us freely, but we are called to participate in receiving the grace of God for ourselves and for the world.

**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: Scott Benell, Karen DiBella, Steven Cordova**

**Thank you to Nancy Gorman for hosting Coffee Hour today.**

	Ushers & Greeters	Coffee Hour Hosts
12/14	Ethel Reitsema, Donair Karkkainen	Sandra Toscano
12/21	Carol McCarthy, Rich Schellberg	Rene Gallagher
12/28	Marianne Schmude, Linda Treacey	Ethel Reitsema

**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.**



**Advent Bible Study "The Journey"**

Join us as we prepare for Christmas.

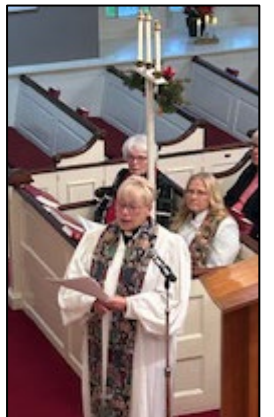
12/11 & 12/18 Noon & 7



**Pastor Debbie's Installation:** We are so pleased to officially welcome Pastor Debbie to Old North. We are blessed to have her.

**Food Drive:** Our Christmas Food Drive will be next Saturday, 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>.

**Offering Envelopes:** Offering Envelopes for 2026 will be available next week. If you do not already receive them and you would like to, please contact the office.

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