OLD NORTH CHURCH

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

October 25, 2026 **9:30 A.M.**

We Prepare Our Hearts for Worship

"Autumn is really the best of the seasons; and I'm not sure that old age isn't the best part of life." - C.S. Lewis

Today we welcome Rev. Sun Ju as our guest minister.

Rev. Debbie Rundecker — Pastor
Brian Princing — Guest Musician

WE APPROACH GOD

PRELUDE "Give Me Jesus" traditional American Spiritual Arranged by Molly Ijames

GREETINGS AND OPENING PRAYER

***HYMN #669** "God of Grace and God of Glory"

***CALL TO WORSHIP**
God moves with us throughout this earth and nurtures the soil,
Our neighbors are awed by God's works.
God's river flows with water, and the fields are blessed by the Spirit,
Our neighbors are awed by God's gifts.
God's wilderness fields overflow with joy.
Our neighbors are awed by God's grace.
With joyful hearts, let us worship God.

***HYMN #483** "Arise, My Soul, Arise"

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Holy God, your truth is so often sharp and unsettling. We confess the ways we skirt the hard edges of your Word, turn up the volume on lesser noises, and lean into the comfort of our own certainty rather than submit to the discomfort of your challenge. You send us messengers, and we sidestep them; you challenge us, and we defend ourselves. Again and again, Holy God, we resist what we do not want to hear. And yet you keep calling. Have mercy on us. Interrupt our evasions. Soften what pride has hardened in us. Let us hear and receive your truth. 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 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 Joshua 24:1-28 Carol McCarthy

SERMON HYMN #43 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

SERMON "At the Crossroads of Choice"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

***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

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 #380** "Thanks to God for My Redeemer"

***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 "Solfeggietto" Carl Philipp Emanuel Bach

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

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: Jena Rand-Babicz, Jon Babicz, Rich Schmude, Carol Sushko
DEACONS: Nick DiBella, Tim Frohlich, Rene Gallagher, Brianna Polbos

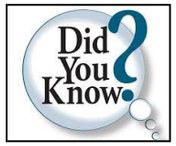


OLD NORTH REFORMED CHURCH

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Welcome to worship at Old North Reformed Church!

If you are a visitor, please sign our guest book at the entrance to join our mailing list. Please fill out a welcome card if you would like more information about Old North or a visit from our Pastor. We are so glad you are here today.



Reformation Sunday is observed the last Sunday in October to commemorate the anniversary of Martin Luther posting his Ninety-five Theses on October 21, 1517, which marked the beginning of the Protestant Reformation. It is a time for Protestant churches to reflect on their history and the core tenets of their faith.

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:

- **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 – Ethel Reitsema, Kay Hughes
Thank you to Deb Connolly & Brianna Polbos for hosting Coffee Hour.

	Ushers & Greeters	Coffee Hour Hosts
11/1	Steven Cordova, Scott Benell, Rich Schmude	The Frohlich Family
11/8	Marrianne & Mikayla Schmude	Ethel Reitsema
11/15	Donair Karrkainen, Caren Pane	Leslie Maro
11/22	Kay Hughes, Sarah Rylick	The Babicz Family
11/29	Ethel Reitsema, Nancy Gorman	Scout Troop 64

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

Happy Birthday!

11/7 Betsy Erhard – 11/8 MaryBeth Frohlich – Marilyn Hashway
11/16 Aiden Babicz – 11/17 Keneth Huth
11/22 Kathleen West - 11/23 John Babicz

Happy Anniversary!

11/6 Tara & Sean Coughlin

Upcoming Meetings Following Sunday Worship
CONSISTORY – November 15th

Food Drive: Thank you to all participants for donating items or volunteering to collect them. Mark your calendars for our upcoming Food Drives on 11/14 & 12/12.

Bible Study: We will resume on October 29th. There is so much in popular culture about angels. Are they good? Are they bad? What are demons or dark angels? Join us Thursdays at Noon or 7 p.m. to see what the Bible says about angels.

Bergen County Housing & Human Services: We are collecting gloves, hats, scarves[illegible] toiletries, deodorant, shaving cream, razors, toothpaste, [illegible] Bring your donations on Sundays and place them [illegible] nctuary. There will also be a container in the Auditor[illegible] you have any questions, contact Donair Karkkainen. Deadline to drop off items is 10/25. **ONLY NEW ITEMS PLEASE!**

THANK YOU!





Daylight Savings Time ends on November 1st.
Remember to set your clocks back 1 hour on Saturday night!

Blessing of the Animals
All our pets were so well behaved in church! Thanks for coming out with them.



