

OLD NORTH CHURCH

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

March 29, 2026

PALM SUNDAY

9:30 A.M.

Rev. Debbie Rundecker
Pastor

Mr. Alan Newman
Organist and Music Director

WE APPROACH GOD

PRELUDE

“O World, I Must Leave Thee”

Johannes Brahms

“To God Be the Glory”

W.H. Doane

“Nimrod”

Edward Elgar

INTROIT Palm Sunday Choir

“The Palms”

Jean Baptiste Faure

GREETINGS AND OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN #204

“All Glory, Laud and Honor”

*Call to Worship

We come to worship on a day filled with mixed emotions:

celebration and shouts of joy, entrance into the city of Jerusalem, a beating drum of judgement coming closer for Jesus.

We come to worship at the start of a week filled with mixed emotions: precious moments with friends, hospitality and food, betrayal and corruption, trial and execution.

We come this hour filled with mixed emotions: singing in praise with palm branches waving, weeping in despair at innocence snuffed out, yet still we come.

Come, let's together worship the God who loves us as we are, filled with mixed emotions and imperfect, yet thoroughly belonging to him.

*HYMN #203

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

Unison Prayer of Confession

adapted from revgalpals.blogspot

God of all times and all places, we confess that we would rather join the crowds than stand alone. We prefer the popular point of view to a solitary witness for justice and truth. We like safety and security while shrinking from the risk of involvement. We'll sing "hosanna" when everyone else is doing it—but not when the hostile "Good Friday" forces may hear us. We do not like to admit our lukewarm response to you, but neither do we want to be considered fanatics.

We believe Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. We know that means us, not just other people involved in obvious evils everyone knows about. We ask you to help us understand our own guilt. Then pour out your forgiveness in such a way that we are forever transformed. In the name of Jesus Christ. 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

John 12:12-19

SERMON HYMN

“Open Our Eyes Lord”

(Insert)

SERMON

“Hosanna”

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

*Heidelberg Catechism

Lord's Day 23

(Insert)

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Speak, Lord, in the Stillness”

Don Hustad

***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 #211**

"Lead Me to Calvary"

***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

"The Heavens Declare the Glory of God" Benedetto Marcello

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



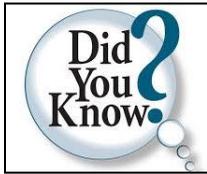
OLD NORTH REFORMED CHURCH

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Welcome to worship at Old North Reformed Church!

If you 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.



Palm Sunday marks Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem, initiating Holy Week and the final week of Lent. Christians commemorate this event by blessing palm branches, holding processions, and recalling the Bible story where crowds welcomed Jesus as King by waving palms and laying coats on his path. As told in the Gospels (e.g., Matthew 21:1-11), Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey to fulfill prophecy, with crowds shouting "Hosanna" and waving palm branches. This event occurred just days before his passion, crucifixion, and resurrection, marking the start of the week commemorating his final days.

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 • 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: Gail McNeill, Leslie Maro

Join us for our Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast!

	Ushers & Greeters	Coffee Hour Hosts
4/5	Karen DiBella, Nick DiBella, Rich Schmude	Happy Easter!
4/12	Nancy Gorman, Kay Hughes	Nancy Gorman
4/19	Donair Karkkainen, Cheryl Rodgers	Rene Gallagher
4/26	Marianne and Mikayla Schmude	Cheryl Rodgers

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

Happy Birthday!

- 4/4 – Scott Benell – 4/5 Eleanor Woerner – 4/8 Rich Schmude
- 4/12 Linda Treacy – 4/16 Janet Fleck – 4/20 Seppo Karkkainen
- 4/23 Ashton DiBella – 4/25 Kay Hughes -

Our next House and Property meeting is April 12th following worship.

Our next Consistory meeting is April 19th following worship.



Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast Today

Adults \$8.00, Children \$4.00 - Pay at the door



Food Drive – Thrift Shoppe Donation Drop: We are consistently overwhelmed by the generosity of our donors and volunteers. Thanks to all who came out on Saturday!

Maundy Thursday Potluck with Communion: Join us on Maundy Thursday. There is a sign-up sheet available during Coffee Hour with options to bring soup, bread or dessert. Whether you bring something or not you are welcome.

Maundy Thursday Potluck with Communion
April 2nd - 6:00 p.m.

Good Friday, Service of the Shadows
April 3rd – 7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunrise Service at Coopers Pond in Bergenfield
April 5th – 7:00 a.m.

Family Easter Service
April 5th - 9:30 a.m.



Choir Practice: All are invited to join us in preparation for the special music on Easter. We will hold a short rehearsal in the Chapel after church this morning. Come join us!