

OLD NORTH CHURCH

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

February 22, 2026

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

9:30 A.M.

Rev. Debbie Rundecker
Pastor

Mr. Alan Newman
Organist and Music Director

WE APPROACH GOD

PRELUDE

“The Holy City”
“Speak, Lord, In the Stillness”

Stephen Adams
Don Hostad

GREETINGS AND OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN #95

“All Hail the Power of Jesus Name”

*Call to Worship

adapted from thepastorsworkshop.com

In your wisdom, O God, you call us here to worship you.

We gather, alive to the Word of God.

You call us to be fully alive with your life abundant,

ready to listen and respond with heart, soul, strength, and mind.

We listen, alive to the Word of God.

You call us to be always watchful for your Word of wisdom,

sometimes startling and unexpected, sometimes still and quiet,

but always dwelling among us.

We watch and wait for the Word of God.

*HYMN #72

“To God Be the Glory”

Invitation and Unison Prayer of Confession

adapted from thepastorsworkshop.com

Loving and gracious God, we know we do not always live the life to which we are

called. We turn away from You, and from our true selves. You command us to shine

Your light, but we often hide it instead. We are prideful and self-righteous, and desire

control instead of trusting You to guide our steps. We know that You love us, that You

do not abandon us, and that You pursue us even when we turn away from You. Thank

You for loving us unconditionally. Forgive us, we pray, 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 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 11:1-44

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SERMON HYMN #441

“Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling”

SERMON

“Thunders in the Spirit”

INSTALLATION

Rich Schmude, Office of Elder

Jena Rand-Babicz, Office of Elder

Nick DiBella, Office of Deacon

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

*Heidelberg Catechism

Lord’s Day 18

(Insert)

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Voluntary in C”

Francis Linley

***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 #669**

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

***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

Psalm XVIII "The Heavens Declare Their Glory of God"

B. 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, Scott Benell, Karen DiBella, Carol Sushko

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



OLD NORTH REFORMED CHURCH

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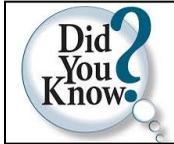
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Welcome to worship at Old North Reformed Church!

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 consistory governs the life and ministry of a congregation. It is made up of those who hold three offices in the church: minister, elder, and deacon. The three offices within the consistory complement each other and are mutually supportive and mutually accountable. A common misconception is that a congregation is built like a pyramid, with the minister at the top, the consistory next, and the congregation as a broad but somehow less-than-equal base. However, the structure of an RCA congregation is better represented as a circle that encompasses the whole congregation and the consistory, including the pastor. The whole circle stands together under the wisdom and guidance of the Word of God. The same Word measures each and all of us.

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: Kay Hughes, Cheryl Rodgers

Thank you to Carol McCarthy and Rich Schellberg for hosting Coffee Hour today.

	Ushers & Greeters	Coffee Hour Hosts
3/1	Scott Benell, Karen DiBella, Steven Cordova	Jack & Betsy Erhard
3/8	Mikayla & Nate Schmude	The Schmude Family
3/15	Marianne Schmude, Linda Treacy	Debra Connolly & Briana Polbos
3/22	Nancy Gorman, Kay Hughs	Sandra Toscano

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

Happy Birthday!

- 2/18 Gail McNeill – 2/18 Cheryl Rodgers – 2/22 Doris Thorne
- 2/26 Gail Anderson – 3/2 Pastor Debbie – 3/8 Leslie Maro
- 3/9 Henry Gorman – 3/18 Sandy Schwarz

CONGRATULATIONS to Rich Schmude, Jena Rand-Babicz and Nick DiBella who were elected to serve three-year terms on the Consistory. Today Nick will be ordained to the office of Deacon and Rich and Jena will be ordained to the office of Elder. We celebrate and give thanks to those members of Consistory who are continuing their terms of service at this time: Elders Jon Babicz and Carol Sushko and Deacons Brianna Polbos, Tim Frohlich and Rene Gallagher. Special thanks and gratitude for Karen DiBella and Scott Benell for their leadership as they finish their terms.

MARCH HAPPENINGS

3/8 Daylight Savings Time - set your clocks ahead 1 hour.



3/14 - Thrift Shoppe Sale 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

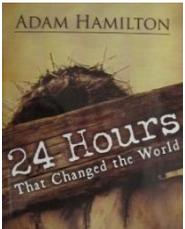
3/21 - Food Drive 9:00 am to Noon

3/29 - Palm Sunday, Holy Week begins



Marilyn's Musings: If you don't already read Marilyn's Musing we encourage you to check them out! <https://www.facebook.com/oldnorthdumont> or on our website - <https://oldnorth.church>

Lenten Bible Study: We began on February 12th and we will continue for another 5 weeks on Thursdays in the Lounge at Noon and again at 7:00 pm. Join Pastor Debbie for "24 Hours That Changed the World" by Adam Hamilton.



It is with great sadness and confidence in the resurrection that we inform you of the death of one of the beloved saints of the church, Helen Berthold. Helen died on February 15, 2026. She will be missed as our greeter at our Thrift Shoppe sales.

WAYS TO SERVE.....

Coffee Hour: Sign up to host Coffee Hour one Sunday.

Food Drive: Monthly Food Drives. Contact Scott Benell if you have any questions.

Liturgists: Sign up to read scripture during Sunday Worship. You will receive the scripture that you will read prior to Sunday.