

Sunday, December 14, 2025

9:30 am

Welcome In-person and Online congregations

Announcements

(We ask you to please sign the "Welcome to Worship" pad, located at the end of the pew, next to the center aisle, and pass it along to your neighbor; then pass it back so that after the service you may take the opportunity to greet those sitting near you.)

Gathering Music Vicki Bedford
Hear the Angels, Hear Them Sing!

Call to Worship (responsive)

My soul magnifies the Lord!

Our spirits rejoice in God our Savior!

Mary sang of joy that lifts the lowly and fills the hungry.

We join her song of hope and holy emancipation.

For God's joy is breaking into the world!

Let us worship the God of Joy.

*Hymn 139 *To a Virgin Meek and Mild...* Lo Desembre Congelat

Litany at the Advent Wreath (responsive)

We light candles for Hope and Peace.

And today we add the candle of Joy.

Mary sang of God's mercy and justice.

Let her joy be born in us.

May God's Realm come on earth as it is in heaven!

My soul magnifies the Lord!

Lighting the Candle of Joy

Sung Response *My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout!*

My soul cries out with a joyful shout that the God of my heart is great, and my spirit sings of the wondrous things that you bring to the ones who wait. You fixed your sight on your servant's plight, and my weakness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my name be blest. Could the world be about to turn?

(Refrain) ***My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your justice burn. Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is about to turn!***

Though I am small, my God, my all, you work great things in me, and your mercy will last from the depths of the past to the end of the age to be. Your very name puts the proud to shame, and to those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the strong to flight, for the world is about to turn. (Refrain)

Baptism – Alexander Mathew Robinson and Sophie Ann Johnson

Anthem *Lullaby of the Angels* Jill Gallina

*Gospel for Children and Presentation of Christmas Gifts (*sing the first stanza of each carol*)

Carol 152 *Angels We Have Heard on High* Gloria

Carol 155 *O Little Town of Bethlehem* St. Louis

Carol 161 *Once in Royal David's City* Irby

Carol 171 *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing!* Mendelssohn

(Please bring your gifts forward using the center aisle and return to your seats using the side aisles. The children are dismissed for Sunday School. Those parents/guardians returning, are reminded to re-enter by the Route 537 entrance.)

*Affirmation of Faith – The Apostles' Creed (*unison*)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Scripture Reading Luke 1:26-56

Sermon ***If You're Happy and You Know It*** Gene Ryan

Hymn 422 *O God of Every Nation* Llangloffan

Offering our Tithes and Gifts

Offertory *Mary, Did You Know?* M. Lowry & B. Greene/
arr. C. Curry

*Presentation of the Offering – *Doxology* (to the tune "What Child is This"/Greensleeves)

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.

This, this is Christ the King,

whom shepherds guard and angels sing;

haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

Prayers of Gratitude to God and on Behalf of Others –
The Lord's Prayer (*unison*)

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 (*projected*) *Tell Out, My Soul*..... Finlandia

*Commissioning and Blessing

*Sending Music..... *Gentle Mary Laid Her Child*Piae Cantiones/
arr. Ernest Macmillan

A Time of Fellowship and Greeting

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The Colts Neck Reformed Church is a community of people committed to welcoming all into the life of our church family. We commit to affirm the beauty, value, and gifts of all individuals. These commitments are not subject to a person's color, race, ethnicity, place of origin, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, relationship status (single, married, separated, divorced), socioeconomic situation, or a person's mental, physical, or emotional health or ability. Everyone is welcome to participate fully in the life of our faith-filled community. Anyone seeking to know more about Jesus is welcome at Colts Neck Reformed Church.

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Worship Schedule

Worship Service..... 9:30 a.m.

This worship service is live-streamed via YouTube and Facebook.

Sunday school 9:50 a.m.

Coffee and Fellowship in Fellowship Hall 10:30 a.m.

On the first Sunday of the month, worship will be held at 9:30 and 11:00am.

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