

Sunday, December 28, 2025

11:00 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

Call to Worship *(responsive; from Hebrews 1:1-2)*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

In many and various ways God spoke of old to our ancestors through the prophets.

**But in these last days God has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed to be the heir of all things, through whom he also created the world.**

Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous, and give thanks to his holy name; for to us has come a Savior, Christ the newborn King.

\*Carol 157 ..... *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice* ..... In Dulci Jubilo

Prayer of Confession *(responsive)*

**Author of grace, we come before you with gratitude for sending your Son to be the joy of the world and the Savior of our lives. Yet we have not always responded in kindly ways. Not all of our memories of the past week, the past month, and the past year are positive ones. We bring before you any harsh words we have spoken, unworthy thoughts we have harbored, bitterness we have expressed, and prejudice we have displayed. Pardon us, we pray, for these sins and others, through Jesus Christ our Lord...** *(personal prayers of confession continue in silence)*

Assurance of Forgiveness

How We are Called to Live

Carol 151 ..... *Go, Tell It on the Mountain* ..... Go Tell It

Scripture Reading ..... Luke 2:22-38

Carol 343 ..... *Lord, Now Let Your Servant* ..... Quietude

Sermon ..... Rev. Scott D. Brown

Carol 169 ..... *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly* ..... *W Zlobie Lezy*

Offering our Tithes and Gifts

Offertory ..... Trad'l Appalachian Carol

*I Wonder As I Wander*

\*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.**

\*Affirmation of Faith *(unison)*

**I believe in God whose light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never extinguish it.**

**I believe that in Bethlehem there was born a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. I believe in the Word who has become incarnate, our very flesh and blood, yet full of grace and truth.**

**I believe in our Savior as Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace; of the increase of his rule and of his unique peace, there will be no end. The zeal of the God of hosts will do this. This I surely believe! Amen!**

Prayers of Gratitude to God and on Behalf of Others

The Lord's Prayer *(sung to the tune of "Away in the Manger")*

**Our Father in heaven all praise to your name!**

**Your kingdom among us, your will done the same**

**By mortals and angels, come Lord, reign alone:**

**O, hear us and bless us from heaven's high throne.**

**The bread that we yearn for provide us each day;**

**As we forgive others, our sins take away;**

**In times of temptation, to lead us be near;**

**From evil deliver your children most dear.**

**For yours is the kingdom, o'er all things you reign,**

**And yours is the power, all things you maintain.**

**To you be the glory, resounding again**

**From all of creation, forever! Amen.**

---

\*Please stand if you are able

**Bold italic print indicates congregational response**

\*Commissioning and Blessing

\*Sending Music.....Sussex Carol

*On Christmas Night All Christians Sing*

A Time of Fellowship and Greeting

Go Forth to Serve in the Name of Christ!

## COLTS NECK REFORMED CHURCH

P.O. Box 57, 139 Route 537, Colts Neck, NJ 07722

Office Phone: 732-462-4555 • Fax: 732-462-4500

Early Learning Center (ELC) phone: 732-462-4662

Office email: [office@cnrc.church](mailto:office@cnrc.church)

Website: <http://www.coltsneckreformed.org>

Minister: the Reverend Scott D. Brown

[revscottbrown@cnrc.church](mailto:revscottbrown@cnrc.church)

Family Life Minister: the Reverend Gene Ryan

[revgeneryan@cnrc.church](mailto:revgeneryan@cnrc.church)



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.

Elders		Deacons	
Kristi Cilenti	Krissy Garside	Paul Anderson	Pete Engelman
Tamar Goetke	Clark Petrie	Bob Gassaway	GINNE HOOPER
Joe Pisano	Peter Sokol	Stephen La Rue	Lucy Lennox

Director of Music & Worship Arts ([music@cnrc.church](mailto:music@cnrc.church)) .....Maggie Tripold

Organist/Sanctuary Choir Director..... David Tripold, Ph.D

Director of Early Childhood Ministries ([earlylearningcenter@cnrc.church](mailto:earlylearningcenter@cnrc.church)) ..... Stacey Savage

Church Administrator/Secretary ([office@cnrc.church](mailto:office@cnrc.church))..... Pam Licata

Congregational Care Coordinator ([cnrc.care@cnrc.church](mailto:cnrc.care@cnrc.church)) .....Sandy Freeman

Communications Coordinator ([communications@cnrc.church](mailto:communications@cnrc.church))..... Megan Valeski

Digital Coordinator ([tech@cnrc.church](mailto:tech@cnrc.church)) ..... Susan Linnell

Worship Schedule beginning January 4, 2026

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.

## THE REFORMED CHURCH COLTS NECK, NEW JERSEY

A WELCOMING AND AFFIRMING CHURCH OF  
THE REFORMED CHURCH IN AMERICA



Confess our Faith: Jesus Christ is Savior  
Nurture our Faith: Life-long Learning  
Reflect our Faith: Worship and Witness  
Carry out our Faith: Everyone in Ministry