

Sunday, January 18, 2026

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 *Blessed Assurance* arr. Mark Hayes

Call to Worship (responsive)

This is the day that the Lord has made;

We will rejoice and be glad in it.

We gather in person and online –

with weakness and strength,

with our youth-filled spirits and aging bodies.

Strong in faith and eager with questions,

singing our praise and whispering our prayers,

we worship as your people, O God.

Filled with saintly determination,

made strong in your endless love for us,

yet mindful of our human limitations,

we worship as your people, O God.

We know ourselves to be yours and that

Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth!

*Hymn 689 *The Church's One Foundation* Aurelia

A Responsive Litany (*In the words and spirit of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.*)

We gather in the presence of the living God, the One who created every person in love and purpose.

We affirm that all people are made in the image of God, endowed with dignity that cannot be erased or denied.

Dr. King reminded us that "injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."

So we refuse indifference, and we open our eyes to the suffering of our neighbors.

God calls us beyond words of belief to lives shaped by justice, mercy, and humility.

Faith without action is empty; love without courage is incomplete.

Dr. King proclaimed that the moral arc of the universe is long, but it bends toward justice.

We trust that promise, O God, and we commit ourselves to bending that arc through faithful living.

When fear tempts us to remain silent, and comfort tempts us to look away—

Give us the strength to speak, the courage to act, and the grace to love.

Jesus calls us to love our neighbors as ourselves, to welcome the stranger, to lift up the poor, and to seek reconciliation.

Make us instruments of your peace, champions of dignity, and builders of beloved community.

May our worship lead us outward, our prayers lead us toward action, and our faith bear fruit in the world.

Until justice rolls down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. Amen.

Gospel for Children

(The children are dismissed for Sunday School. Those parents/guardians returning, are reminded to re-enter by the Route 537 entrance.)

Hymn (projected) *Draw the Circle Wide*... Gordon Light/Mark Miller

Scripture Reading Selections from Revelation 2 and 3

Sermon Rev. Scott Brown

Hymn (projected) St. Brendan's
They'll Know We Are Christians

Offering our Tithes and Gifts

Offertory *Be My Church* David Lantz

*Presentation of the Offering – Doxology

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.

*Affirmation of Faith (responsive; *Heidelberg Catechism Q&A #1*)

What is your only comfort in life and in death?

That I am not my own, but belong with body and soul, in life and in death, to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from all the power of the devil. He also preserves me in such a way that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, all things must work together for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit he also assures me of eternal life and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live for him. Amen.

Prayers of Gratitude to God and on Behalf of Others

*Hymn 632 *The Lord's Prayer* Malotte

*Commissioning and Blessing

*Sending Music *Roll Down, Justice!* Mark A. Miller

A Time of Fellowship and Greeting

Go Forth to Serve in the Name of Christ!

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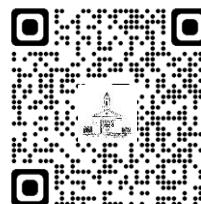
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The Colts Neck Reformed Church is a community of people committed to welcoming all into the life of our church family. We commit to affirm the beauty, value, and gifts of all individuals. These commitments are not subject to a person's color, race, 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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