

## Calendar of events

**Saturdays:** Saturday Night Live Open AA meeting in the Education Building, 8PM.

**Today:** Sunday worship: Easter Sunday/Resurrection of the Lord with the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, 10:30AM. An Easter egg hunt will follow worship.

**April 6-20:** Pastor Trish on vacation

**April 6:** NO New Jericho Choir rehearsal

**April 9:** NO Joyful Noise Adult Choir rehearsal

**April 11:** Woman's Club of Middletown meeting in the Education Building, 11AM

**April 12:** Sunday worship: Second Sunday of Easter, 10:30AM. Elder Terri Sadler, preacher

**April 13:** New Jericho Choir rehearsal in the Lower Auditorium, 5:30PM

## Consistory

### Elders

Dianne Asay, Financial Secretary, Alt Clerk  
Dolores Hofmann  
Beverly Bova Scarano, Vice President  
Jamie Zeller  
Rev. Tricia Sheffield, President

### Deacons

Pam Ehrlich  
Kim Larson, Clerk  
Dara Steele  
Abbey Thorpe

## Middletown Reformed Church Vision Statement

(Adopted by the Consistory 9 May 2016)

Middletown Reformed Church is a welcoming and affirming congregation, where the inclusive grace of God is the guiding principle for all our ministries. We are people of faith committed to boldly proclaiming and intentionally living out God's command to do justice, share love, show mercy, and walk humbly with our God in our local and global communities. We are a church on the side of love for all God's people – providing for those who are in need, advocating for all oppressed peoples, and caring for our earth – we love because God first loved us.

## Social media

**Website:** [www.mrchurch.us](http://www.mrchurch.us)

**Facebook:** Middletown Reformed Church

**YouTube:** MRC: A Fabulous Church of Love

**Instagram:** [middletownreformednj](https://www.instagram.com/middletownreformednj)

**Spotify:** Middletown Reformed Church podcast



Scan the QR code for a link to our online giving opportunities.

## In our prayers

**For the healing journey:** Maureen; Dolores; Barbara; Adrienne B; Barbara Mannix; Tom Baldino; Jamie Zeller; Diana V; Sherrill; Stephanie; Bob Bark; Henry Thorpe; Diane Grady; Tom Smigel

**For God's support, strength, & comfort:** the family of Linda Grasso (Cindy & Lloyd); the Hertzog family; Donna Arnold; Mercedes' mother, Fran; Florence Horsman; Magdala; Fleming; Linda

Please continue to remember all those who have served our country, especially those who are serving: Joseph Petrone, United States Air Force; Michael Howlett & Lloyd Petrone, United States Marine Corps; and all those serving overseas now in the Middle East

## Easter flowers

### Tulips

In memory of loved ones from the Scarano and Ward families, from Beverly Bova Scarano

In memory of loved ones, from Bob and Dolores Hofmann

In memory of Dolores and Vinny Heller, from Jo-Ann LoSapio

In memory of Angelo and Dolly LoSapio, from Jo-Ann LoSapio

In memory of Freddie and Laurie Eldridge, from Gladys Eldridge

### Daffodils

In memory of loved ones, from Cindy and Lloyd Reya

In memory of Dianne's mother and father, Christian and Marie Eigenrauch

In memory of Dianne's sister, Clare

In memory of Ralph and Shannon Herrmann, from Kathleen Miles

In memory of loved ones, the Bova and Scarano families

In honor of the perseverance of Magdala Cazeau and Fleming, from Beverly Scarano

### Lilies

In memory of William and Mina Goltz, from Linda Goltz

In memory of Robert and Dorothy Armour and Edwin Eldridge, from Gladys Eldridge

In memory of Bargie, Walter, Theresa and John T. Hagan from Gladys Eldridge

Our greeters this week are Pam Ehrlich & Dara Steele.  
Our greeters next week will be Dianne Asay & Beverly Scarano.

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Rev. Tricia Sheffield, PhD, *Pastor*  
Thomas Martucci, *Director of Music*  
Julie Hertzog, *Coordinator for Children & Youth*

Easter Sunday

05 April 2026

## We approach God

Prelude *Spring Song* Mendelssohn

Votum & greeting

Passing of the peace

Message for all ages *Easter Medley* New Jericho Choir

Call to worship

(from *unfoldinglight.net*)  
Deacon Dara Steele, liturgist

Leader: Christ is risen!

**All: Christ is risen in deed!**

Leader: Light out of darkness!

**All: Life out of death!**

Leader: Hope out of despair!

**All: Power out of surrender!**

Leader: God, this is your grace, marvelous and wonderful!

**All: This is your way, always and forever.**

Leader: You raise us up with Christ, and we thank you.

**All: You create us anew, and we worship you. Alleluia!**

\*Opening hymn *Christ The Lord Is Risen Today* (182)

Prayer of confession

(adapted from *Worship Ways*)

**Holy Love, in every ending, there is a beginning. In the same way, beginnings signal an end. May the promise of new life enable us to end the things that do not serve us, to end the attitudes that do not honor you, and to end the ways in which we are complacent and complicit in the world. Empower us to leave those things in the tomb and follow your path. Grant us grace when the realities of life overwhelm, threaten to consume us, and mire us in the past. For the newness of life, we pray. Through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray, who became what we are to make us what he is. Amen**

Kyrie eleison

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**Christ, have mercy upon us.**

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Assurance of God's grace (adapted from *Worship Ways*)

Beloved, Jesus is risen. The Holy One is yet alive, and therefore, doing a new thing. Receive the grace of God. Embrace the grace of God to move forward boldly in new life. Hold fast to the grace of God to guide you in living the resurrected life. Amen

Law of love/Faithful living

\*Glory be to the Father

Henry W Greatorex

Glo-ry be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly

Ghost; As it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er

shall be, world with-out end. A - men, A - men.

We listen to God

Scripture reading

John 20.1-18 (NT page 100)

Anthem

*Behold the Lamb* Joyful Noise Adult Choir

Sermon

*When Jesus Calls Our Name*  
Rev. Tricia Sheffield, PhD

We respond to God

Invitation to the offering

Offertory

*Siciliano* Kreisler

\*Doxology

**From all that dwell below the skies; Let faith and hope with love arise. Let peace, goodwill on earth be sung; Through every land, by every tongue!**

**Amen**

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

(All are welcome to the table of the Lord)

Song

*Come People Of The Risen King*

Sarah Hanvey, soloist

Prayers of the People with the the Lord's Prayer

(You are invited to pray the Lord's Prayer in any version or language you wish)

**Ever-loving and holy God, 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**

\*Closing hymn

*Thine Is the Glory* (187)

\*Benediction

Postlude

A special thank you to our guest musicians Sarah Hanvey, vocals and Andrew Olenik, violin

*\*Please stand in body or in spirit*

*The baptismal font is filled with water every Sunday to remind us of the sign and seal of God's love for us in our baptism.*

*+ Our restroom is located downstairs through the entryway next to the filing cabinets.*