

Calendar of events

Saturdays: Saturday Night Live Open AA meeting in the Education Building, 8PM
Today: Sunday worship: All Saints Day with the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper and First Sunday brunch after worship, 10:30AM
November 2: New Jericho Choir rehearsal in the Lower Auditorium, 4PM
November 3: Election Day — Vote!
November 4: Adult Education in Coventry House, 10AM (in person) & 6PM (on Zoom)
November 5: Joyful Noise Choir rehearsal in the Lower Auditorium, 6PM
November 8: Sunday worship: Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost, 10:30AM
November 9: New Jericho Choir rehearsal in the Lower Auditorium, 4PM
November 9: Consistory meeting in the Education Building, 6:30PM
November 11: Bayshore Lunch Program, 9:45AM
November 11: Adult Education, 6PM ONLY on Zoom
November 12: Joyful Noise Choir rehearsal in the Lower Auditorium, 6PM

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
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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.
Notes from Pastor Trish
In the event of a pastoral emergency, please call Pastor Trish 212-729-9150 or e-mail at pastortrishmrc@gmail.com. You may also call the Church Office phone at 732-671-1786. Messages are picked up during the week. Pastor Trish’s office hours are Tuesday, 1-3, Wednesday, 2-4, Thursday, 1-3 or by appointment. Weekend and evening times are also available. Her day of Sabbath rest is Monday. She does not answer texts, emails, or phone calls on this day, unless it’s an emergency.

In our prayers

For the healing journey: Tara Nesci; Angela Hank; Chris Coll; Dale Snyder; Jane E; Brian Hegel; Eric Holderbaum; Dolores Hofmann; Barbara Mannix; Tom Baldino; Bob Bark; Diane Grady
For God’s support, strength, & comfort: the Thorpe family; the Hertzog family; Mercedes’ mother, Fran; Florence Horsman; Joy Sheffield; Magdala; Fleming

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

Social media

Website: www.mrchurch.us
Facebook: Middletown Reformed Church
YouTube: MRC: A Fabulous Church of Love
Instagram: middletownreformednj
Spotify: Middletown Reformed Church podcast
App: <https://tithely.app.link/middletown-reformed-church>



Scan the QR code for a link to our online giving opportunities, or go to www.mrchurch.us/give

The flowers today are in honor of Richard, Kim’s father’s birthday, Love, the Larson family
If you would like to place flowers in the Sanctuary for worship, contact Dolores Hofmann at 732.671.9308. The cost is \$25.

Our greeters today are Dolores Hofmann & Kim Larson.
Our greeters next week are Dara Steele & Jamie Zeller.

Our 2026 RCA Annual Denominational Assessment of \$140.00 per member is due. The total amount for the year is \$5,992.58, which the church pays on a quarterly basis (\$1,492.15). The per capita dues of \$7 for the New Jersey Association, UCC is also due. Total amount for both RCA and UCC is **\$147.00 per member**. If you wish to contribute toward the assessment/dues, please mark your check in the memo section “Denominational assessment/Dues.” You are welcome to request information at any time from the treasurer regarding the current fiscal status of the church.

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

All Saints Day 01 November 2026

We approach God

Prelude Sure Been Good

Votum & greeting

Passing of the peace

Message for all ages

Call to worship (from unfoldinglight.net)
Elder Dolores Hofmann, liturgist

Leader: Loving God, the saints through all the ages praise you.

All: Your glory shines. Alleluia!
The saints in our lives have borne witness to you grace.
Your mercy raises us to new life. Alleluia!

Fill us with your spirit, that we may be your saints, shining with your light in the darkness.
Your love shines in us; and we praise you and serve you. Alleluia!

*Opening hymn For All the Saints (254, v1-3, 5)

Prayer of confession (from unfoldinglight.net)
All: God of love, in the company of your saints, we are lifted by their faith. With them we are warmed by your grace and led by your Spirit. Sanctify us with them: restore in us our true, holy calling as your beloved people. May love be our worship; love be our lives. 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, hear the great news: Transformation is possible with the help of God. Receive the grace, courage, and strength the Holy One offers. Listen to the Spirit who guides and binds us in love and truth.

Law of Love/Faithful living

*Halle, Halle, Halle (768)
Halle Halle, Hallelujah!
Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!
Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

We listen to God

Scripture reading Luke 20.27-38

Anthem Lifting Me Up

Sermon God of the Living
Rev. Tricia Sheffield, PhD, preacher

We respond to God

Invitation to the offering

Offertory Sure Been Good (Reprise)

*Doxology
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. Amen

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper
(All are welcome to the table of the Lord. Communion bread is free of gluten, dairy, and eggs and the cup is grape juice.)

Prayers of the People with 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 There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy (689)

*Benediction

Postlude

*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.

