

## Calendar of events

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

**Today:** Sunday worship: Trinity Sunday, 10:30AM. Baptism of Leighton Francisco Lee

**June 1:** New Jericho Choir rehearsal in the Lower Auditorium, 5:30PM

**June 7:** Sunday worship: Pride Sunday, **9:45AM (note earlier worship time)** After worship, we will march in the New Jersey Pride Parade

**June 8:** New Jericho Choir rehearsal in the Lower Auditorium, 5:30PM

**June 8:** Consistory meeting in the Education Building, 6:30PM

**June 10:** Bayshore Lunch Program, 9:45AM

**June 12:** Prime Time Day Care graduation event in the sanctuary, 6PM

**June 14:** Sunday worship: Children's Sunday, 10:30AM. Brunch will follow worship in the Education Building

**June 16:** Girl Scouts meeting in the Education Building, 5PM

**June 21:** Sunday worship: Fourth Sunday after Pentecost with the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, 10:30AM

## 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.

### 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](mailto: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:** Donovan Mikula; Nancy Coffin; Jim D'Amico; Maureen; Adrienne B; Barbara Mannix; Tom Baldino; Jamie Zeller; Stephanie Curry; Bob Bark; Henry Thorpe; Diane Grady

**For God's support, strength, & comfort:** Cheryl & Charlie A; John & Patti Wilson; the family of Linda Grasso (Cindy & Lloyd); the Hertzog family; Mercedes' mother, Fran; Florence Horsman; Magdala; Fleming; Linda G

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](http://www.mrchurch.us)

**Facebook:** Middletown Reformed Church

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

**Instagram:** middletownreformednj

**Spotify:** Middletown Reformed Church podcast



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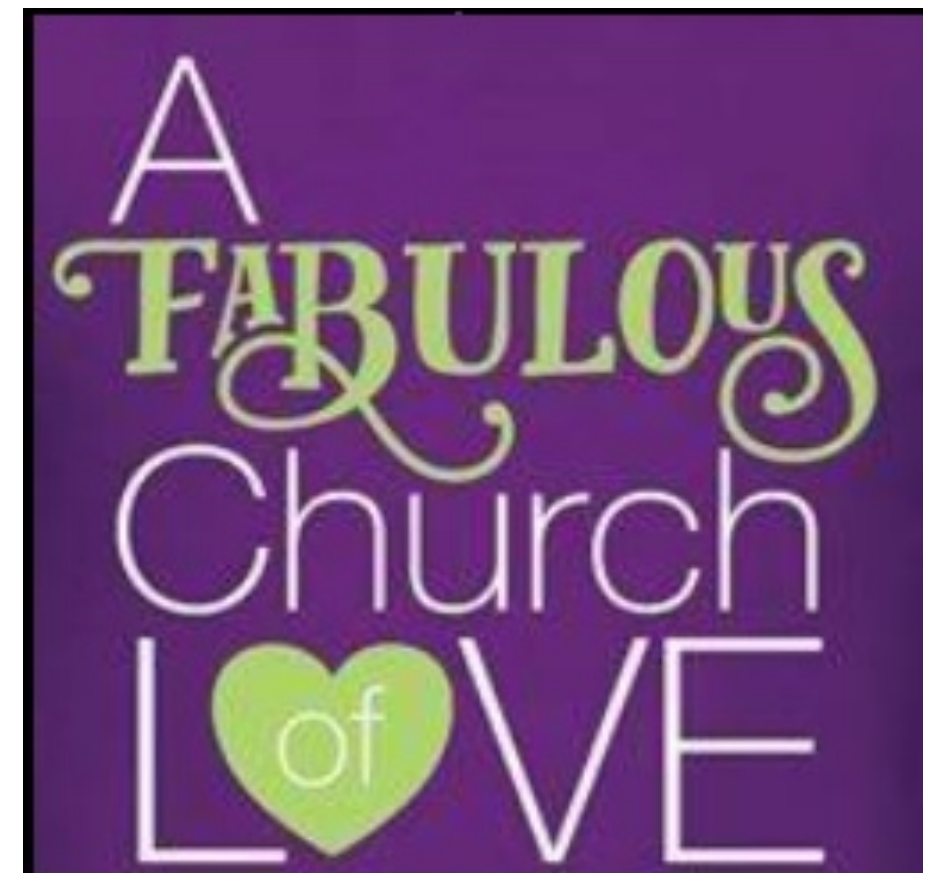
The flowers today are from the Flower Fund

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 Dara Steele & Beverly Bova Scarano.  
Our greeters next week are Dolores Hofmann & Abbey Thorpe.

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). This assessment supports the work of our Classis and the General Synod. The per capita dues of \$7 for the New Jersey Association, UCC is also due. These dues support the work of the Association. 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.

# Middletown Reformed Church



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

Trinity Sunday

31 May 2026

## We approach God

Prelude

*The Love Of God*

Votum & greeting

Passing of the peace

Message for all ages

Call to worship

(adapted from *unfoldinglight.net*)

Elder Beverly Bova Scarano, liturgist

Leader: Eternal God, infinite and invisible Love: we are in awe.

**All: Beyond us, beside us, within and among us, you are our life.**

Christ, Beloved, Word made flesh, brother in the journey: we are your love.

**Beyond us, beside us, within and among us, you are our life**

Holy Spirit, love of God breathing in us, making us one: we are in you.

**Beyond us, beside us, within and among us, you are our life.**

\*Opening hymn

*Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty*  
(538)

Prayer of confession (adapted from *The Worship Sourcebook*)

**All: Wondrous and compassionate God, you have loved us with unending, self-giving mercy, but we have not loved you as we should. You constantly call us, but often we do not listen. Forgive us, O faithful God! And see beyond our apathy, our thoughtlessness, our wrong choices. We repent in spirit and in truth, admit our sin, and gratefully receive your forgiveness. 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

Law of Love/Faithful living

\*Celtic Alleluia



## We listen to God

Scripture reading

Isaiah 65.17-25 (OT page 655)

Matthew 28.16-20 (NT page 29)

Anthem

*Be Not Afraid*

Joyful Noise Adult Choir

Sermon

*Never Gonna Give You Up*

Rev. Tricia Sheffield, PhD

## We respond to God

The Sacrament of Baptism

Leighton Francisco Lee

Born: November 3, 2025

Parents: Serina Figueiras & Andrew Lee

Godparents: Teresa & Alexis Macias

Invitation to the offering

Offertory

*The Love of God* (Reprise)

\*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**

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

*Child of Blessing, Child of Promise*

(804)

\*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.*

