

The Oldest Christian School in New Jersey:

Eastern Christian School (EC) holds the distinction of being New Jersey’s oldest continuous Christian school. Its founding is deeply tied to the Dutch Reformed immigrant community in Paterson and the desire for distinctly Christian education.

*** 1892: The Humble Start:** The school began as the Christian School Society (later the Holland Reformed School Society) and opened its doors in August 1892 with 70 students. Its first physical home was the Amity Street Christian School in Paterson, NJ.

*** The Power of Association:** As the movement for Christian education grew, separate local schools later merged to form the Eastern Christian School Association (ECSA), strengthening their collective mission.

*** Campus Growth:** The school expanded significantly to serve its growing community. In 1919, a new board was formed for the high school, initially called Eastern Academy. The modern campus structure emerged in the mid-20th century:

*** The North Haledon campus** (Passaic County) opened as the new High School in 1954.

*** The Wyckoff and Midland Park campuses** (Bergen County) were developed for the Middle School and Elementary/Preschool grades, respectively, establishing the three-campus system in use today. For over 130 years, Eastern Christian has served as a premier example of Reformed Christian education, dedicated to equipping students to lead lives of Christian vision and influence within a Reformed worldview.

Church Calendar	
This Week	November 9
Door Monitor- John Everett	
Sound- Paul Cusack	
Video- Jon Englishmen	
Projector- Phil Verrengia	
Nursery- Sue Grimm, Mark Tolsma	
KidsChurch- Linda Van Lenten, Sandy Ruit	
Coffee- John & Beth Milkamp	
Prayers Of The People- Pastor Moses	
Children’s Message- Bill Faasse	
KidSpace- Barb Belanus	
Chosen- Emily Lotz	

Next Week	November 16
Door Monitor- Jim Calaski	
Sound- Paul Cusack	
Video- Dan Grimm	
Projector- Phil Verrengia	
Nursery- Kelly Delaney, Janet Jacobs, Jack Delaney	
KidsChurch- Barb Belanus, Alyssa Morin	
Coffee- Craig & Ginny Hoogstra	
Prayers Of The People- Krissy Vande Vrede	
Children’s Message- Pastor Moses	
KidSpace- Kelly Delaney	
Chosen- Barb Belanus	



- Second Collections:*
- November 9- New Hope*
 - November 16- SNL Youth Group*
 - November 23-Lighthouse*
 - November 27- Madison Ave*
 - November 30- New Hope*



	
Rev. Moses Kang Jay & Jess Everett, Worship Leaders	November 9, 2025
PRELUDE	
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS	
*GATHERING SONGS- “LOVE COME DOWN”	
*CALL TO WORSHIP	
*GOD’S GREETING & MUTUAL GREETING	
* OPENING HYMN- “BUILD MY LIFE”	
CALL TO CONFESSION- “COME, YOU DISCONSOLATE”	
PRAYER OF CONFESSION	
ASSURANCE OF PARDON	
SONG OF ASSURANCE- “PSALM 34 TASTE AND SEE”	
OFFERING	
<i>SPECIAL COLLECTION- NEW HOPE</i>	
CHILDREN’S MESSAGE	
*SONG OF PREPARATION- “BE THOU MY VISION”	
PRAYER FOR THE LIGHT OF THE SPIRIT	
SCRIPTURE- EXODUS 20: 15	
SERMON- “DECALOGUE: WHAT IS STEALING?”	
*SONG OF RESPONSE- “BEHOLD, OUR GOD”	
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE	
*CLOSING SONG- “FOREVER”	
*BENEDICTION	
*DOXOLOGY- “MY FRIENDS, MAY YOU GROW IN GRACE”	
POSTLUDE	
TIME OF FELLOWSHIP	
EVERYONE IS INVITED FOR A TIME OF FELLOWSHIP IN THE BARN.	
*Please rise, in body or in spirit	

TODAY, November 9,

- Is the twenty second Sunday after Pentecost

NEXT SUNDAY, November 16,

- Is the twenty third Sunday after Pentecost

FAITH COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS
A note from the Deacons: 2026 pledge cards are available in labeled envelopes on the table in the narthex. Please return your pledge by **today**. Please see Mike Tolsma or Dennis Crean with any questions.

This Thanksgiving season, join us in sharing the gift of hope through New Hope’s first annual “Give Food, Give Hope” food drive! Choose from five themed shopping lists designed to meet the needs of different family types. Pick the list that speaks to your heart, grab a bag from the table in the narthex, shop, and help provide a Thanksgiving meal to a local family in need. If you would rather donate, feel free to grab the Thanksgiving coupon! Bags should be returned to the narthex by TODAY. Please see Kelly with any questions.

Choir is returning! We will be singing for our Thanksgiving service on Thursday, November 27th. Our rehearsals will be Wednesday, November 12th, Wednesday, November 19th, and Tuesday, November 25th from 7 to 8:15 PM. Please stay tuned for rehearsal dates for our Lessons and Carols service in December. Talk to Phil Verrengia if you have questions.

Heirborne will be hosting a pancake breakfast on Saturday, November 15th from 8-10 am at Cedar Hill Church to raise money for their retreat in January! Please mark your calendar to come out and support our youth by enjoying a delicious breakfast made and served by our Heirborne students! Any questions contact Rick Botbyl at 973-464-6986.

Please join us in the Barn following morning worship on Sunday, November 23rd for cake, honoring Karel de waal Malefy’s 98th birthday.

Save the date! We will be hosting a cookie swap in the Barn on December 6th - more details to follow!

Men’s Bible Study will meet on Thursdays at 9:30 am. They meet in the room next to the nursery. The group is studying the Ten Commandments. Please see Bob Jacobs to sign up or with any questions.

Ladies: Join us each Thursday at 10 am in the church basement (blue room) for an hour of fellowship and Bible Study. If you need a ride, contact Linda Van Lenten at 973-432-3783.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS
The Cathedral Choir will present their 81st annual performance of *Messiah* by George Frederic Handel December 6th at 7:00 PM. The *American Chamber Orchestra* will again accompany the *Cathedral Choir* with a quartet of soloists and Robert F. Davis conducting.

FREE admission! On Saturday, November 15th, join the 9th annual shopping event – “SHOP TO STOP Human Trafficking” - where you can purchase fantastic fair trade and ethically produced merchandise. The event will feature vendors selling home goods, jewelry, art, coffee, chocolate, and much more! Enjoy FREE fair-trade coffee, refreshments, and a chance to win a great door prize! This year, all proceeds from the event will benefit two critical ministries on the front lines, **Love Links** and **Heart of Mercy Mission**. Eastern Christian Middle School, 10am to 2 pm.

- Next Events at Windmere:**
- **Senior Safety: Staying Safe from Scams**
Come to an informative presentation by Passaic Co. Sheriff’s Dept. on how to protect yourself from getting scammed! Wednesday, November 19th at 3 pm at Windmere. RSVP to Lori @ 973-427-4087, ext. 667.
 - **Employment Opportunity:**
Part-time Receptionist needed at Windmere. The hours are Monday-Friday from 3:30 pm – 8 pm. We are looking for an outgoing, organized person with some computer skills. Contact Lori Westerhoff 973-427-4087 ext. 667

OUR FAITH COMMUNITY FAMILY
John Butler remains at Care One in Ridgewood recovering from a broken wrist. The phone number to reach John is 201-652-1950. Please keep John in your prayers.

Please pray for *Carrie Johnson* (wife of Rev. Michael Johnson of Cedar Hill Church) as she undergoes cancer treatment.

Charlie Ackerman is in Valley Hospital, awaiting rehab, due to a fall. Please keep Charlie in your prayers.



- 11/10 Rafael Rivera
- 11/15 Amy Brooks
- 11/15 Theo Tolsma

Second collections recap:
11/2/25- Missions, \$551

Save the dates:

- 11/17- Council Meeting
 - 11/30- Elder’s Meeting
 - 12/15- Budget Council Meeting
 - 1/4- Congregational Meeting to approve budget
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