

GERMONDS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
39 Germonds Road – New City, New York 10956

February 2, 2025

Ten-thirty o'clock



Participating in Worship

Pastor and Teaching Elder
Music and Choir Director
Organist/Pianist
Liturgist
Ushers
Fellowship
Communion Stewards

Rev. Abbie Huff
Melissa Alexander
Susan Buffington
Jake Fuller, Lilli Olori
John Zollinger, Tom Olori
Scouts

Des Olori, Rick Schaefer, Cyndi Sheridan, John Zollinger



THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, February 2

10:30 am Worship/Scout Sunday
11:30 am Fellowship Time

Tuesday, February 4

7:30 pm Music & Worship meeting via Zoom

Wednesday, February 5

10:00 am Bible Study via Zoom
7:00 pm Church in Society meeting via Zoom

Thursday, February 6

7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, February 9

10:30 am Worship

CORE VALUES OF GERMONDS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

We answer Christ's call by:

Worshiping God

Welcoming All

Caring for Human Dignity

Serving in the World

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LIFE IN THE CHURCH

We extend a warm welcome to all this morning! We invite you to join us for the fellowship time after worship. If you are looking for community, fun, fellowship, and a place to go deeper in your faith, we would be happy to tell you more about Germonds Presbyterian Church. Find out more on our website at germondschurch.org.

Bible Study – Wednesdays, at the Manse.

9:30 a.m. fellowship time, 10:00 a.m. study time.

Contact abbiehuff@germondschurch.org for more information.

First Wednesdays of the month will be on Zoom.

Food Donation - Today we will be collecting fresh fruits, vegetables, dairy and bread for the Community Fridge for Project Lighthouse. It's needed more than ever. Please drop your donation in the bin outside the church office.

Per Capita For 2025 is \$40.89 per communicant member. Thank you for your help with this expense.

It's not too late to make a **pledge** for you and your family. You can email it to Marion in the office and she'll take care of the paperwork. If you didn't find a box of envelopes for 2025 with your name on it and would like to have one to make it easier to keep track of your giving, please call or email the office and it will be taken care of immediately. If you would like a box of envelopes for your child/ren, please call the office or email Marion.

LIFE IN THE CHURCH

Scout Sunday today at Germonds

We are celebrating Scout Sunday during worship service. We welcome youth and leaders from Cub Scout Pack 46, Scouts BSA Troops 97B and 97G, and Venturing Crew 97, all of which are chartered by our church.

We love you and continue to pray for you in all your growing, leading, and doing!

Germonds Annual Congregational Meeting, February 16, after worship.

At this meeting we will elect new officers, as well as the 2025 Church Officers Nominating Committee. The 2024 Annual Reports of the committees and of the Treasurer will be presented for review. Also matters for the health and well-being of the congregation may be brought forth for discussion.

Serve at Soup Angels

The next volunteer opportunity to help with **Soup Angels** will be Monday, February 24th. Please speak with Des Olori (descobb@gmail.com) if you're interested in volunteering.

Flock Dinners Once Again!

Hey Flocks 1 and 3, you are invited to dinner at the Manse on Friday, February 28, 6:00 pm. Come get to know other church members and your Flock Leader(s) and enjoy a delicious dinner. Sign up to bring an appetizer, side, and deserts in Jensen Hall. Check the directory to find out what flock you are in!

Mark Your Calendars:

Tuesday, March 4, 5:30 – Pancake Supper

Wednesday, March 5, 7:30 pm – Ash Wednesday Service

Friday, March 14, 6:00 pm – Flock Dinner for 2, 4, 5

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
Scout Sunday

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

There are 2,000 verses of Scripture that tell us we must be committed to protecting the poor and the oppressed... There is no concern of Scripture that is addressed so often and so powerfully as reaching out to the poor. ~ Tony Campolo

PRELUDE

Sing a New Song

Psalm 98/arr. Dan Schutte

WELCOME AND LIFE IN THE CHURCH

INTROIT

Raise a Song of Gladness

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: In a world that cries out, "Fear me!"

All: We will listen to Jesus' words, "Don't be afraid!"

One: In a world that wants us to hate the other...

All: We will live Jesus' call to, "Love God.

Love your neighbor, as you love yourself."

One: In a world that radicalizes...

All: We, too, will be radical. Radical with our hospitality.

Radical with our hope. Radical with our love.

One: Then come to this place, ready to be who we are called to be.

All: Let us gather together and worship God.

*HYMN

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

GG: 727

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

We confess that in our lives we often hide behind our work and play, schools and jobs, fun and fashion. We let ourselves get so busy that we forget the cause of the poor and the suffering. We confess we allow the powers of this world to seduce us

into selfishness and silence our witness. Forgive us these failures. Renew our courage and commitment and call. Teach us to champion the cause for justice for all, strengthen us to love our neighbor and speak truth no matter the penalty.

One: Let us silently confess our sins before God.

(A time for silent examination and confession.)

Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: We are assured of God's unbounded love for us.

All: Let us go from this place with authority, knowing that God's Word gives us strength to love our neighbors near and far and power to speak up for those in need of our defending.

One: Thanks to the grace of God!

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *Lord, Listen to Your children Praying* GG: 469

Lord, listen to your children praying.

Lord, send your Spirit in this place.

Lord, listen to your children praying.

Send us love; send us power, send us grace.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: Hear the teaching of Christ: A new command I give you, that you love one another as I have loved you. The peace of Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us share the peace of Christ with one another.

HEARING THE WORD

ANTHEM

Enter Into His Courts With Praise

Marty Parks

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

*HYMN

For Everyone Born

GG: 769

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE: Proverbs 6:16-23, pg. 589

SCRIPTURE: Luke 6:32-42, pg. 64

One: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Actually Following Jesus”

Rev. Abbie Huff

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Veni, Creator Spiritus
from Chorale Preludes on Gregorian Hymns

Flor Peeters

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER (see insert)

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, 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.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

One: It is truly right and our greatest joy...Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels, and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

GG: 552

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

GOING OUT INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN

We Are One in the Spirit

GG: 300

*BENEDICTION

Please be seated for the Choral Benediction and Postlude. Instead of applause at the end, please respond with a loud, “Amen!”

CHORAL BENEDICTION *God Be With You Till We Meet Again*

POSTLUDE

Abide With Me

Lyte & Monk/arr. Hogan

*All who are able please stand.

A Scout Prayers of the People

One: God of all creation: Make us trustworthy,

All: For there are those who trust us and rely upon us to be there for them.

One: Make us loyal,

All: For through loyalty we create bonds of community and connection.

One: Teach us to be helpful,

All: For through helping others we forget our self-centeredness.

One: Make us friendly,

All: For there are so many who need a friend.

One: Train us in courtesy,

All: For courtesy is the carpet on life's floor. It deadens the sound of shuffling feet and adds warmth to silence.

One: Make us kind,

All: For kindness is what can lift someone out of depression, it offers a brightness and hope in a world that can feel so unkind.

One: Teach us obedience,

All: For there are times when we would rather not shoulder responsibility and hardship, but sometimes it is necessary and worthy.

One: Make us cheerful,

All: For cheerfulness is the green grass among the rocks in the path of life and a good way to greet each day.

One: Train us in thrift,

All: For thrifty habits brighten our future.

One: Make us brave,

All: Brave in the dark and brave in the light, and remind us that it is not the absence of fear that makes one brave, but courage in the face of it.

One: Help us to be clean,

All: Clean in thought, in speech, and in deed.

One: Above all, O God, help us to be reverent in all things;

All: That we would hold in our hearts the awe for nature, for friendship and community, for the mysteries we do not understand, and for the power of love to overcome the darkness of this world.

In all these things we ask that you help us.

Together we pray the words that Jesus taught us: