

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

January 19, 2025

Ten-thirty o'clock



CORE VALUES OF GERMONDS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

We answer Christ's call by:

Worshiping God

Welcoming All

Caring for Human Dignity

Serving in the World

Participating in Worship
Pastor and Teaching Elder
Music and Choir Director
Organist/Pianist
Liturgist
Ushers
Fellowship

Rev. Abbie Huff
Melissa Alexander
Susan Buffington
Des Olori
Marjorie Soomair, John Zollinger
Ann Singer



THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, January 19

10:30 am Worship/Church School
11:30 am Fellowship Time
Herald Deadline

Wednesday, January 22

7:15 pm Session

Thursday, January 23

7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, January 26

10:30 am Worship/Church School
11:30 am Fellowship Time
12:00 pm GRO Committee

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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.

Next Herald deadline is today, January 19th.

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

LIFE IN THE CHURCH

Scout Sunday at Germonds on Sunday, February 2nd.

We will celebrate 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.

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.

All committees are required to submit **their** report to the church office for the Annual Report no later than **January 31st**. Thank you for your help with this.

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.

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.

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Second Sunday after Epiphany

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

A lot of people are waiting for Martin Luther King or Mahatma Gandhi to come back – but they are gone. We are it. It is up to us. It is up to you. ~Marian Wright Edelman

PRELUDE

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

Isaac Watts
American Folk Tune

WELCOME AND LIFE IN THE CHURCH

INTROIT

Raise a Song of Gladness

*CALL TO WORSHIP (see insert)

*HYMN

Swing Low, Sweet Chariot

GG: 825

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison) (adapted from a quote from Dorothy Day)

God of justice, we confess that in the pursuit of our own dreams and desires, we have not always been civil, not always humane, not always right. Guided by your Spirit, what we would like to do is change the world – make it a little simpler for people to feed, clothe, and shelter themselves as You intended them to do. Help us to be your witnesses, by fighting for better conditions, by crying out unceasingly for the rights of the workers, the poor, of the destitute – the rights of those we deem worthy *and* unworthy, so that we can, with your help, change the world. Enlarge our hearts to love each other, to love our neighbor, and to love our enemy as our friend.

One: Let us silently confess our sins before God.

*(A time for silent examination and confession.)
Amen.*

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: Sisters and brothers, God is at work in us and with us! God has promised to come for the healing of human hearts, for the breaking of chains, liberation for the prisoners, justice for the oppressed.

All: Thank you, Holy God, for setting before us your vision of wholeness and restoration. Change our hearts that we might long for this vision above all else and make our actions and words align with its construction. Change us, and change this world.

*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

I Dream a World

Andre J. Thomas
Text by Langston Hughes

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

*HYMN

We Shall Overcome

GG: 379

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE: Proverbs 1:8-19, pg. 584

SCRIPTURE: Luke 4:14-21, pg. 61

One: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“The Year of the Lord’s Favor”

Rev. Abbie Huff

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Andante in F major from BWV 964

J. S. Bach

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

GG: 606

All: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God all creatures here below;

Praise God above ye heavenly host;

Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

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.

GOING OUT INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN

This Little Light of Mine

(see insert)

*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

Lift Every Voice J. W. and Rosamund Johnson

*All who are able please stand.

Call to Worship

Written by Rev. Eric Thomas.

The Prophet Micah told us that the LORD requires us to do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with God. As we celebrate Martin Luther King's witness, let us be called to worship by some of the prophets of the Civil Rights Movement.

In 1963, in his challenging letter to complacent white clergy in the South, Dr. King wrote, "We will have to repent in this generation not merely for the vitriolic words and actions of the bad people, but for the appalling silence of the good people. In the end, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends."

O God, we pray, transform our silence into action, our fear into courage.

President John F. Kennedy in an address that led to the Civil Rights Act of 1964 said, "The heart of the question is whether all Americans are to be afforded equal rights and equal opportunities; whether we are going to treat our fellow Americans as we want to be treated."

O God, we pray, help us to love you and to love others as ourselves.

Rosa Parks said, "You must never be fearful about what you are doing when it is right. I have learned over the years that when one's mind is made up, this diminishes fear; knowing what must be done does away with fear."

O God, we pray, remind us that you did not give us a spirit of fear.

Ann Braden, a white Southern activist and ally of the Civil Rights movement wrote, "In every age, no matter how cruel the oppression carried on by those in power, there have been those who struggled for a different world. I believe this is the genius of humankind, the thing that makes us half divine: the fact that some human beings can envision a world that has never existed.

O God, we pray, help us to envision and struggle for a world where justice will roll down like water, righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

This Little Light of Mine 118

90 - 80

1. This lit-tle light of mine, I'm gon-na let it shine.
2. Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm gon-na let it shine.
3. Build - ing up a world, I'm gon-na let it shine.

Oh Oh

This lit-tle light of mine, I'm gon-na let it shine.
Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm gon-na let it shine.
Build - ing up a world, I'm gon-na let it shine.

Oh

This lit-tle light of mine, I'm gon-na let it shine. Let it
Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm gon-na let it shine. Let it
Build - ing up a world, I'm gon-na let it shine. Let it

Oh

shine, let it shine, let it shine.
shine, let it shine, let it shine.
shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Words & music: African American spiritual, c. 1750-1875,
harmony by Horace Clarence Boyer, 1935-

LATTIMER
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