

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

May 28, 2023

Ten-thirty o'clock



The Reverend Jean A. Holmes is an honorably retired minister member of the Highlands of New Jersey Presbytery and a trained Spiritual Director. A graduate of Drew Theological Seminary in Madison, NJ, Rev. Holmes has been ordained as teaching elder in the PC(USA) since 1987. Also a graduate of 3 years of training with Oasis Ministries in PA, she is a practicing Spiritual Director. She is currently living with her husband of 51 years, Stewart, in Wanaque, New Jersey. Jean loves knitting and reading, but most of all she loves her grandsons, Russel George Holmes (10) and Christopher Steward Holmes (7).

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SUNDAY, May 28 Pentecost
10:30 am Worship/Sunday School
11:30 am Fellowship

Pastor Abbie will be on a much-needed vacation May 26 to June 9th. Rev. Jean Holmes will be guest preaching on May 28th and June 4th.

WEDNESDAY, May 31
10:00 am There will be NO Bible Study this day

THURSDAY, June 1
7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

SATURDAY, June 3
9:30 am Joyful Noise Rehearsal

SUNDAY, June 4
10:30 am Worship/Communion
No Sunday School

CORE VALUES OF GERMONDS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

We answer Christ's call by:

Worshiping God

Welcoming All

Caring for Human Dignity

Serving in the World

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 across the street. 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.

Coffee Hour – Need Volunteers!

Please sign up in Jensen Hall if you are available to set up coffee and provide snacks one week. If everyone takes a week it will not be so much work for others. Please help us keep this important time that keeps us connected as a faith family and congregation.

Soup Angels

Mondays, 4-7 pm: July 3, Aug. 21, Oct. 2, & Nov. 20

CIS has created a Germonds Team for an ongoing volunteer opportunity to assist **Soup Angels** in Nyack on Mondays approximately every 7 weeks, from 4pm to 7pm. Volunteers will be working in their Food Pantry, including helping with the distribution of prepared meals-to-go.

Our next opportunity is on **Monday, July 3, 4-7 pm**. Please talk to Des Olori (descobb@gmail.com) if you're interested in volunteering. For more information on Soup Angels go to: <http://www.nyackreformed.org/soup-angels.html>

Book Drive

Germonds will once again be conducting a book drive to support school libraries in Africa. Please Bring your book donations to the CE Building Walk-Thru room by the end of June. Books can be any reading level and on any subject. Contact Patty Zollinger at plzollinger@gmail.com with any questions.

LIFE IN THE CHURCH

Project Lighthouse Community Refrigerator

This is a nonprofit, supported and led by immigrants, that assists immigrants with food insecurity. Rockland has three such places: one in Pomona, one in Spring Valley, and one in Nyack.

How you can help. Bring a fruit or vegetable, or bread to church on Communion Sundays and place it in the bin outside the church office. Velta Upeslakis will pick it up and deliver it to the Pomona refrigerator. Look for more information in the May Herald.

Additionally, from June 4th to June 18th, we will be collecting shelf-stable (non-perishable) food to be distributed to local food agencies such as Proyecto Faro, Soup Angels and People to People. Please help the Sunday school children share food with those who need it. Food that has been donated will be displayed during our June 18th Sunday School Closing Service.



Today we will be receiving the Pentecost Offering.

The offering is devoted to ministries that support our young people. This includes youth ministry, young adult volunteers, those discerning ministry, and children at risk. When you give to this Offering, we will be able to keep 40% of your gifts to support programs for children at risk, youth and young adults in our own community. Please give generously! You can use the envelope in the pews or simply indicate "Pentecost Offering" on your check or envelope.

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Pentecost Sunday, May 28, 2023

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*He drew a circle that shut me out
Heretic, rebel, a thing to flout
But love and I had a wit to win
We drew a circle that took him in.*

Edward Markham

PRELUDE

Holy Spirit, Faithful Guide

Robert J. Hugh

WELCOME AND LIFE IN THE CHURCH

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Acts 2:1-4)

One: All together in one place;

All: They heard the rush of a violent wind;

One: It filled the entire house.

All: Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared and rested on each of them;

One: They were filled with the Holy Spirit.

*HYMN

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

GG: 286

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Spirit of God, we hesitate and doubt. You call us to act boldly but our fear keeps us from following your call. Forgive our lack of courage. Embolden us to dream big and trust the Spirit to fill us and use us. Help us be Christ's church without hesitation. Guided by your Holy Spirit, help us usher in your kingdom to come.

One: Let us silently confess our sins before God.

(A time for silent examination and confession.)

Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." (Acts 2:21)

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and freed. Amen.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove! (2x)* GG: 279

**Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove, with all thy quickening powers;
kindle a flame of sacred love in these cold hearts of ours.**

*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 each other.

HEARING THE WORD

ANTHEM

My Tribute

Andrae Crouch

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Sandra Schaefer

*HYMN

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

GG: 291

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE: Genesis 11:1-9, pg. 9

SCRIPTURE: Acts 2:1-21, pg. 119

One: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Coming Full Circle"

Rev. Jean A. Holmes

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Gratitude

G. Handel

*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.

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 Is My Song

GG: 340

*BENEDICTION

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

POSTLUDE

Jubilation

James Denton

*All who are able please stand.

Participating in Worship

Pastor and Teaching Elder

Guest Minister

Music and Choir Director

Organist

Liturgist

Ushers

Fellowship

Rev. Abbie Huff

Rev. Jean Holmes

Melissa Alexander

MaeRi Bae

Ann Singer

John Zollinger, Karin Valvo

Men's Group



The flowers enhancing the chancel this morning are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Muriel Hull from Michael, J. Michael, Nicole and Karen.

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