

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

April 21, 2024

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
Guest Musician
Soloist
Liturgist
Ushers
Fellowship

Rev. Abbie Huff
Melissa Alexander
Susan Buffington
Harper Duff
Karin Valvo
Tom Milbury, John Zollinger
Church in Society Committee



THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, April 21

10:30 am Worship
11:30 am Fellowship
12:00 pm "Keep Rockland Beautiful" light lunch and clean-up
May Herald Deadline

Wednesday, April 24

10:00 am Bible Study
7:15 pm Session @ Manse

Thursday, April 25

7:30pm Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, April 28

10:30 am Worship
11:30 am Fellowship

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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.

We Need Ushers!

One of the simplest volunteer opportunities at the church is helping with ushering. It only requires getting here a little early, turning on lights and putting up hymn numbers, then greeting people and handing out bulletins before taking the offering. Let Marion know if you are interested or available!

Bible Study – Wednesdays at 9:30-11:30 at the manse

(First Wednesdays of the month 10-11:30 on Zoom)

Join us for a discussion of next Sunday's scripture. Conversation is lively and a great place to go deeper in faith, no matter what level of familiarity you have with the Bible. Contact Walt Powers for details at waltr@optonline.net

Capital Campaign – Leaping into the Future with Germonds

We have begun our three-year capital campaign with the goal of \$200,000. The Stewardship Committee is asking you to prayerfully consider what you can contribute in addition to your annual pledge. It can be given over the next three years. We ask that you submit your commitment as soon as possible. Thank you for your generosity! We're half way there!

LIFE IN THE CHURCH

Earth Day Clean-up

Sunday, April 21st 12pm after fellowship time today

Dress casual on this Sunday and join for a light lunch-like fellowship time, then head out into the neighborhood to pick up litter and make our community beautiful! This is an event sponsored by Keep Rockland Beautiful.

Soup Angels – May 6, July 8, September 16, November 4, December 30

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. If you are interested in serving, please contact Des Olori at Descobb@gmail.com.

Save the Date: Senior Luncheon

Saturday, May 4, 12 pm

Let's get together for lunch! Anyone over the age of 65 is welcome to attend for free. Look for a sign-up sheet in Jensen Hall.

No Excuse Workday, Saturday, May 13, 9:00 am

Refreshments will be provided. The task list will be emailed beforehand.

Scout Troop 97 Annual Pancake Breakfast & Basket Raffle

Saturday, May 18, 9 am – 12 noon, Jensen Hall

They'll cook 'em, you eat 'em. There will also be basket raffles. Purchase tickets (\$10 per person, kids 8 & under eat free) from Lilli Olori or Jake Fuller. Proceeds to benefit the scouts of Troop 97.

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Fourth Sunday of Easter

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

"We are now faced with the fact that tomorrow is today. We are confronted with the fierce urgency of now. In this unfolding conundrum of life and history, there 'is' such a thing as being too late. This is no time for apathy or complacency. This is a time for vigorous and positive action."
~ Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

PRELUDE

Pastoral Prelude from Ballade #2

Frederic Chopin

WELCOME AND LIFE IN THE CHURCH

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The Earth is the Lord's, and everything in it,

All: The world and its inhabitants too.

One: For the water that sustains us:

All: We thank you Creator God.

One: For the plants that breathe for us:

All: We thank you Creator God.

One: For the soil that nourishes us:

All: We thank you Creator God

One: For the light that guides us and darkness that restores us:

All: We thank you Creator God.

One: For the Earth that is a home for us:

All: We thank you Creator God. Amen.

*HYMN

For the Beauty of the Earth

GG:14

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

God, you called us to love our neighbors, and to care for the wonder of your creation, but time and again we act in ways that defile the Earth and bring misery

to its inhabitants. You gave us plenty of fresh, clean water, but we have allowed such overwhelming contamination and overuse that millions have nothing to drink. You instructed us to till and to keep, but in our ravenous hunger for resources, too often we have interpreted this as a license for exploitation. Help us recognize our complicity in ecological violence. Remind us that we were created as part of the ecosystem that is your Creation, not parasites draining its life. Remind us that we are creatures made by a loving Creator, made to love and to care for each other and all of creation.

One: Let us silently confess our sins before God.

(A time for silent examination and confession.)

Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: Friends, believe and proclaim the good news: in Christ, we are a new creation.

All: We are set free to love God and love God's creation with our whole selves.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!* (2x) GG:839

This is my story; this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;

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*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

May the Hope of Jesus Find You

Randy Edwards
Harper Duff, soloist

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

*HYMN *God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens* GG:24

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 104:24-30, pg. 555

SCRIPTURE: Genesis 1-28, pg. 1

One: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

SERMON “Care of Creation” Rev. Abbie Huff

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Psalm 23: Shepherd Me, O God* Marty Haugen

*DOXOLOGY *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* GG: 60

**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 *Let All Things Now Living* GG:37

*BENEDICTION

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

POSTLUDE *What a Wonderful World* Weiss & Thiele