

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

February 22, 2026

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
Kona Van Dunk
Emma and Hudson Fuller
Damarie O'Toole



THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, February 22

10:30 am Worship

11:30 am Fellowship/Light Lunch

Hana and Jiri Marsik will share their experience of growing up under communism in what is now the Czech Republic.

3-5:30 pm Germonds Puzzle Party in Jensen Hall

Wednesday, February 25

7:15 pm Session

Thursday, February 26

7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, March 1

10:30 am Worship/Communion

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.

It's not too late to turn in your pledge for 2026.

The Per Capita for this year is \$41.31 per member.

Lenten Devotionals

This is the first Sunday in Lent. Go deeper in your own spirituality this season by reading a devotion each day. You can pick up a Lenten Devotional in the Narthex or outside Jensen Hall.

Lenten Series "I Am"

This Lent we will be examining the "I am" statements of Jesus, and how better understanding who Jesus is changes who we are.

Join us to reflect on these statements at Bible Study (Wednesdays 10:00 a.m. at the manse) and learn more about them in worship. Lent is a time of work, where we seek to become better followers of Jesus.

LIFE IN THE CHURCH

February 22 – "This Is My Story"

Hana and Jiri Marsik will share their experience of growing up under communism in what is now the Czech Republic, how it impacted their faith, and how they escaped and ended up here at Germonds. We will provide refreshments. We will work on making this a zoom recorded event for those who cannot attend in person.

Germonds Puzzle Party 3-5:30 pm

Join us in Jensen Hall for an afternoon of puzzling. There may even be a friendly puzzling competition.

Flock Dinners

March 6th, 6:00pm - Flocks 1 & 3,

March 20th, 6:00pm - Flocks 2, 4 & 5.

Come to the manse to have dinner and better get to know your church family. Meet the Deacon who leads your "flock" and enjoy a fun night together. Sign up to bring an appetizer, side, or dessert on the sign-up sheet in Jensen Hall.

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

First Sunday in Lent

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

People are like stained-glass windows. They sparkle and shine when the sun is out, but when the darkness sets in, their true beauty is revealed only if there is a light from within.
~ Elisabeth Kubler-Ross

PRELUDE *Erbarm' dich mein, o Herre Gott* J.S. Bach
(Have Mercy on me, O Lord God)

WELCOME AND LIFE IN THE CHURCH

INTROIT *Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness."

All: We come seeking light in a world full of shadows.

One: His light shines in the deepest night and leads us home.

All: In him, we find clarity, courage, and peace.

One: Let us worship the Light that never goes out.

All: Jesus, Light of the World, we follow you.

*HYMN *The Lord Is My Light (4x)* GG: 842

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

God of light, this morning we come to you, nervous to allow your light to shine into the things we have purposefully kept in the dark. Secrets, lies, shame and sin, things that we are afraid will come to light. But your light does more than uncover. It is holy and purifying, and takes that which was harmful and burns it away, allowing healing, new starts, and growth to occur. Give us your light. May it illuminate the whole of our lives and guide us in our choices each day. Help us to reflect your light into the world.

One: Assured of God's grace, let us silently confess our sins before God.

(A time for silent examination and confession.)

Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: In your light, our sins are seen and forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God! In repentance we find hope. Renew us and reveal to us the way forward.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *I Am the Bread of Life* GG: 522

I am the bread of life. You who come to me shall not hunger, and who believe in me shall not thirst.

No one can come to me unless the Father beckons.

and I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,

and I will raise you up on the last day.

*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 *Promised Land* (American Folk Hymn) arr. Hellums/Harlan

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

*HYMN *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* GG: 377

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE: Kings 3:5-15, pg.306

SCRIPTURE: John 8:1-13, pg. 100

One: The word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“I Am the Light of the World”

Rev. Abbie Huff

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Jesus, So Lowly

Williams/Friedell

*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

Come! Live in the Light!

GG: 749

*BENEDICTION

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

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Trust in God

POSTLUDE

Infinite Light

trad. English

*All who are able please stand