

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

November 23, 2025

Ten-thirty o'clock



Each of you must give as you have made up your mind,
not reluctantly or under compulsion,
for God loves a cheerful giver.

2 Corinthians 9:7

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
Caryn Gauzza
Marjorie Soomair, John Zollinger
Stewardship Luncheon



THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, November 23

10:30 am Worship/Sunday School/Turkey Round Up
11:30 am Stewardship Luncheon – Jensen Hall

Wednesday, November 26

10:00 am Bible Study at the Manse
7:00 pm Deacons

Thursday, November 27 – Happy Thanksgiving Everyone!

Saturday, November 29

9:00 am Physical Resources
10 am – 12 pm Hanging of the Greens

Sunday, November 30 – First Sunday of Advent

10:30 am Worship/Sunday School
11:30 am Fellowship Time
12:00 pm GRO meeting
12:00 pm New Member Class

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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.

Stewardship Season:

Inspired by Faith, Renewing Our Contract

November is the time of year when we renew our pledges to the church, working towards an inner spirit of generosity, as well as an outward act of our commitment to supporting the ministries and mission of the church. Please prayerfully consider your support for the year 2026 at Germonds.

Today is our Annual Stewardship Luncheon after worship in Jensen Hall.

Join us to celebrate the generosity and joy we have at Germonds. This church faithfully supports its ministries and so this is a time to thank *you* for your offerings and enjoy fellowship together as a church family. A special thanks to Sue Hyatt and Meridith Goldberg, who make this meal happen. Also thank you to our Stewardship and Finance Committee for all their hard work year round.

LIFE IN THE CHURCH

Today we have our annual “**Turkey Round-Up**” for People to People. Coolers are set up outside Jensen Hall. You may also take them directly to their office at 121 W. Nyack Road in Nanuet.

“Hanging of the Greens” on Saturday, November 29th 10am-12pm.

Please come help to decorate the sanctuary for our Advent/Christmas season. Join as you are able to help usher in the season!

Soup Angels

CIS has created a Germonds Team for an ongoing volunteer opportunity to assist **Soup Angels** in Nyack on Mondays approximately every 7 weeks, from 4-7 pm. Our next opportunity is on **Dec. 1**. Please talk to Des Olori (descobb@gmail.com) if you’re interested in volunteering.

Forms for **Poinsettia** orders are in the Herald, and on the Jensen Hall and Church Office bulletin boards. Order one for \$12 or make a donation to the Music Program to remember loved ones who have passed away or honor special people in your life. Names will be listed in the Christmas Eve bulletin.

Blue Christmas – December 10th, 5:30pm at New Hempstead Presbyterian Church. This holiday season can be hard for a lot of different reasons. We often feel grief and loneliness more acutely this time of year. Join for a music and reflection service at New Hempstead Church. There will be a guest musician who specializes in music as therapy for addressing grief.

Ring the Bell for Salvation Army, December 20, 9:00 am – 7:00 pm at the Nanuet Stop n Shop. Sign-up sheet in Jensen Hall.

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Christ the King/Reign of Christ

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Let gratitude be the pillow upon which you kneel to say your nightly prayer. And let faith be the bridge you build to overcome evil and welcome good. Maya Angelou

PRELUDE *Panis Angelicus* Cesar Franck/arr. H. Coates

WELCOME AND LIFE IN THE CHURCH

INTROIT *Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise*

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: O God, we come into your courts with praise and thanksgiving!

All: We come in celebration and song.

One: We come in gratitude of your inheritance.

All: We come as those who have received blessing upon blessing.

One: We hear the cry of the poor in the land, and ache to offer them relief.

All: We come to bring them blessing upon blessing, in Jesus' name.

One: O God, we come into your courts with praise and thanksgiving!

All: We come in celebration and song.

*HYMN *"For the Beauty of the Earth"* GG: 14

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison) (A Prayer by Thomas Merton)

Almighty God, we thank you for all the gifts You have given us: our lives, our loved ones, all that we have and all that we are. Most of all, we thank You for Jesus, your Son and our Redeemer, who came among us to show us the way to eternal life. Jesus was the perfect steward of your gifts, showing that complete trust in You is necessary, and that giving of self is a most important part of following Him. May the offerings of our time, our talents, and our material resources be made in the same spirit of sacrifice that Jesus taught us by His life and death for us.

One: Let us silently confess our sins before God.

(A time for silent examination and confession.)

Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: The God of our salvation, the God who weeps for us and for our world, desires everyone to be embraced. Christ Jesus, a human like us, gave himself, showing what radical love looks like.

All: Love without boundaries, love that accepts us fully, Christ's love is a place of renewal and hope. May we live into that hope and resurrection each day.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (sung) *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace* GG: 753

Make me a channel of your peace.

Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.

Where there is darkness, only light,

And where there's sadness, ever joy.

*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 His Courts with Praise* Mary Parks

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

*HYMN *"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"* GG: 367

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE: Lamentations 3:22-24, pg. 766

SCRIPTURE: Colossians 3:12-17, pg. 201

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

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Let Us give Thanks and Sing”

Rev. Abbie Huff

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

MINUTE FOR MISSION

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STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Thanksgiving Carol

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*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.**

LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

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

“For the Fruit of All Creation”

GG: 36

*BENEDICTION

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

CHORAL BENEDICTION

In the Lord I’ll Be Ever Thankful

POSTLUDE

By An’ By

trad. African-American
H.T. Burleigh

*All who are able please stand.

A Litany of Stewardship

One: Creator of all, the earth is yours, the world and all who live in it.

All: You have entrusted us with gifts— time, talent, energy, money— and asked us to use them to build your kingdom. With thanks and praise we respond to your call.

One: We bring these gifts you have given, returning your generosity, paying it forward.

All: We offer ourselves, our lives, our hopes and fears, our dollars and our hours. We commit ourselves to work for your world, to love and serve wherever you call.

One: We ask your blessing on this, your church, as we seek to follow you with heart, mind, and soul.

All: Bless also these gifts, our investment in your future, that they may multiply in faith, hope, and love. Amen.