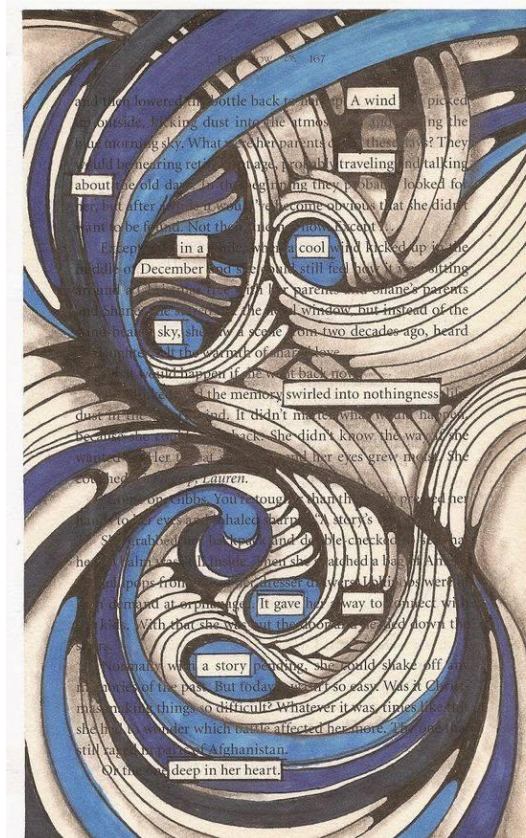


39 Germonds Road – New City, New York 10956

Ten-thirty O'clock



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. 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.

Need Volunteers!

We are in dire need of Liturgists, Ushers, Fellowship Hosts and Communion Stewards.

Stewards need to be persons who have served as an Elder or Deacon.

Please contact the office if you would like to sign up for one of these, or use the google doc signup if you have it.

Thank you!

Soup Angels

The final date for 2026 will be November 2nd, 4:30-7pm. Registration is required.

Please talk to Des Olori (descobb@gmail.com) if you're interested in volunteering. For more information on soup angels go to: www.nyackreformed.org/soup-angels.html.

Bible Study Every Wednesday

- 9:30 (refreshments and coffee)
- 10:00 study start time.

Anyone is welcome to join. It is a time to learn more about the scriptures and join in the process of applying them to our lives.

LIFE IN THE CHURCH

Fall Adult Education Discussions

Please join Pastor Abbie and congregation members to share insights and impressions about the sermon theme. Refreshments will be served!

- October 18 – Poetry/Fiction
- November 15 – Thankfulness/Stewardship

Senior Luncheon, Saturday, October 24, 12:00 – 2:00 pm in Jensen Hall. Hot lunch and entertainment for all our Germonds friends and family over 62! Please RSVP by October 14th to the church office.

Help Organize a Drive!

There are a lot of ways to give back, and one is to get involved organizing a drive for various items. Please let Pastor Abbie know if you would like to head one up.

- Back to School Supplies
- Christmas Care packages for Prisoners
- Meals on Wheels Blizzard Boxes
- Cereal Drive
- Other food or clothing drives

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

In the end, the poem is not a thing we see; it is, rather, a light by which we may see—and what we see is life. ~ Robert Penn Warren

PRELUDE *Bist du Bei Mir (If You Are with Me)* J. S. Bach

WELCOME AND LIFE IN THE CHURCH

INTROIT *How Lovely, Lord*

*CALL TO WORSHIP (John Philip Newell, *Sunday Morning Prayer*)

One: You are above us, O God,

All: You are within.

One: You are in all things

All: Yet contained by no thing.

One: Teach us to seek you in all that has life

All: That we may see you as the Light of life.

One: Teach us to search for you in our own depths

All: That we may find you in every living soul.

*HYMN *"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"*

GG: 286

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Mary Oliver, *Of the Empire*)

**We will be known as a culture that feared death
and adored power, that tried to vanquish insecurity
for the few and cared little for the penury of the
many. We will be known as a culture that taught
and rewarded the amassing of things, that spoke
little if at all about the quality of life for**

people (other people), for dogs, for rivers. All the world, in our eyes, they will say, was a commodity. And they will say that this structure was held together politically, which it was, and they will say also that our politics was no more than an apparatus to accommodate the feelings of the heart, and that the heart, in those days, was small, and hard, and full of meanness.

~ Mary Oliver, *Of the Empire*, from Red Bird

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(Rainer Maria Rilke, *I believe in all that has never yet been spoken*)

One: I believe in all that has never yet been spoken.
I want to free what waits within me
so that what no one has dared to wish for
may for once spring clear
without my contriving.
If this is arrogant, God, forgive me,
but this is what I need to say.
May what I do flow from me like a river,
no forcing and no holding back,
the way it is with children.
Then in these swelling and ebbing currents,
these deepening tides moving out, returning,
I will sing you as no one ever has,
streaming through widening channels into the open sea.

All: We are forgiven. God has set us free.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE "*Praise God, All You Nations*" (Ghana) GG:
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Praise God, all you nations. People of God, sing praise!

*Praise God, all you nations.
People of God, sing praise:
God's love is great and endures forever.
Praise God, all you nations. People of God, sing praise!*

***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

One Voice

Ruth Moody

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

*HYMN

"There Is a Balm in Gilead"

GG: 792

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE:

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Pg. 175

SCRIPTURE:

Song of Soolomon 2:1-13

Pg. 622

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Poetry"

Rev. Abbie Huff

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Miniature #7

Flor Peeters

*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

"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

GG: 475

*BENEDICTION

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

CHORAL BENEDICTION *May God support You All Your Days*

POSTLUDE
Schumann

Theme in E flat from Geistervariationen Robert

*All who are able please stand

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, October 11

10:30 am Worship
11:30 am Fellowship Time

Tuesday, October 13

7:30 pm Music & Worship
8:30 pm Christian Education

Wednesday, October 14

10:00 am Bible Study at the Manse
7:00 pm Stewardship & Finance

Thursday, October 15

7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, October 17

8:00 am Men's Group
9:15 am Joyful Noise Rehearsal in Sanctuary

Sunday, October 18

10:30 am Worship
11:30 am Fellowship Time
12:00 pm Adult Ed Class
Herald Deadline

Participating in Worship

Pastor and Teaching Elder
Music and Choir Director
Organist/Pianist

Liturgist

Ushers

Fellowship

Rev. Abbie Huff
Melissa Alexander
Susan Buffington

Marjorie Soomair, John Zollinger

The Kay Family



**The flowers enhancing the chancel this morning are given to the glory of God
and in
Sue Hyatt**

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