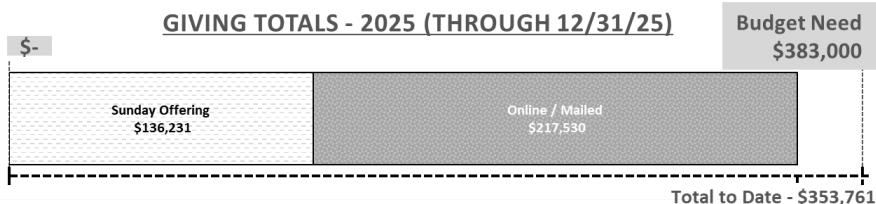


YOUNG ADULTS AND PROFESSIONALS (YAP): We're a community that aims to bring together young individuals (ages 18 - early 30s) who are curious about, exploring, or are believers in the Christian faith. Email lizmoy@ascensionforesthills.org to learn more!

MEMBERS PRAYER MEETING: Join us the third Sunday of each month at 10 am to pray for our country, our church, and personal needs. Email Sibernie Morrison at morrisonbern@ yahoo.com or indicate your interest on the Connection Card.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Meets on the second Sunday of every month in person and over Zoom. For more information, contact Suzanne Muench at munchkinnyc@gmail.com or indicate your interest on the Connection Card.

ONCE-A-MONTH SUNDAY CARE CREWS: "Adopt" one Sunday each month to help care for our community. Serve by greeting, setting up our hospitality table, and encouraging conversation. Other volunteer opportunities include administration, logistics, and event planning. If you are interested in serving, contact Linda Thong or note it on the Connection Card.



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ASCENSION CHURCH

Sunday, January 11

First Sunday After the Epiphany



Matthew 3:17

Since fulfilling this righteousness was necessary for all people—but no one of them kept it or fulfilled it—Christ came then and fulfilled this righteousness.

—John Chrysostom (AD 347-407)

Beautifully said is that 'now,' to show that as Christ was baptized with water by John, so John must be baptized by Christ with the Spirit... suffer now that I who have taken the form of a servant should fulfill all that low estate.

—Jerome (AD 347-420)

Mission of Ascension Church

Ascension Church is a faith community in the Forest Hills area of Queens and seeks to be an intellectually-engaging and spiritually-edifying resource to connect individuals and families to God through the gospel (good news) of Jesus Christ. We wish to be the church for believers, seekers, skeptics, strugglers, and those who rarely or occasionally attend church.

Call to Worship

Scripture: Psalm 145:1-3
Songs: Great Are You Lord
 Here In Your Presence

Call to Confession

Scripture: Psalm 145:8-9
Song: Sing To Jesus

Community News

See pages 3-4

The Word

Message: Let It Be
Scripture: Matthew 3:13-17
Speaker: Rev. Doug Estella

Commitment & Connection

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.
2 Corinthians 8:9

You may place your offering in the basket, mail-in checks, or visit our online giving options. You can also send a prayer request or indicate your interest in any of our events via the Connection Card.

Sending

Song: He Will Hold Me Fast

Benediction and Charge

Let us go forth in peace, to love and serve our city in Jesus' name!
Alleluia! Amen!

The pastors and other church leaders are available to pray with you or to answer questions about the Christian faith or Ascension Church. Bible verses from the English Standard Version (ESV), unless otherwise noted.

Prayer of Belief

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but, through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as Savior and Lord. Amen. *If you prayed this or if you have questions about it, please indicate this on the Connection Card.*

Church Wide Community News & Events

MEMBER'S MEETING: Please plan to stay after the service for our Members' Meeting and lunch on Sunday, January 25. Members required to attend. Childcare will be provided.

MEN'S SUPER BOWL PARTY: Super Bowl Sunday is almost here! Join the men of Ascension on Sunday, February 8 at 6 pm for a Super Bowl party at the Kytka home. Please indicate your interest on the Connection Card.

BIBLE READING INITIATIVE: As we enter a new year, join us in renewing our commitment to read through the Bible together using Paul Tripp's devotional guide. The guide is available on Amazon in two formats: a devotional with a Bible reading plan (*Everyday Gospel: A Daily Devotional Connecting Scripture to All of Life*) or a full ESV Bible that includes the devotional (*ESV Everyday Gospel Bible*). Please indicate your interest in participating on the Connection Card.

WOMEN'S RETREAT: Join us for a weekend getaway at America's Keswick in Whiting, NJ - Friday, February 6 through Sunday, February 8. The cost is \$150 per person (includes two nights and five meals). A \$75 deposit was due on Sunday, November 16. Speaker and topic TBA. Please indicate your interest on the Connection Card.

THE GREAT ESCAPE YOUTH RETREAT: Middle and high school students - don't miss an unforgettable weekend at Lake Champion, NY, Friday, February 27–Sunday, March 1! Grow in faith, build friendships, and enjoy fun winter activities. Cost: \$215 per camper. Contact Roseann at roseannkytka@gmail.com for details.

GROWTH GROUP: Join us Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm at the Wofseys' home or 7:15 pm at the Lus' home. Please indicate your interest on the Connection Card.