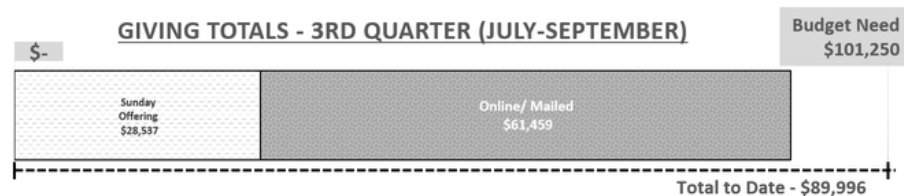


MEMBERSHIP CLASSES: The first of two membership classes will take place after the service on **Sunday, October 18**. Lunch will be provided. The second class will be held on **November 22**. Please indicate your interest on the Connection Card.

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

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!

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Meets in person and over Zoom on the second Sunday of each month, unless otherwise noted. We are studying the Psalms of Ascents with a Lydia Brownback study guide, available at the book table for \$15. For more information, contact Suzanne Muench at munchkinny@gmail.com or indicate your interest on the Connection Card.



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ASCENSION CHURCH

Sunday, October 11

Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost



We shall never find happiness by looking at our prayers, our doings, or our feelings; it is what Jesus is, not what we are, that gives rest to the soul. If we would at once overcome Satan and have peace with God, it must be by 'looking unto Jesus.'

— Charles Spurgeon

Don't just ask, 'Is this thing a sin?' Instead ask, 'Does this help me run?' Not how many sins can I avoid? But how can I be fleet-footed in the way of holiness?

—John Piper

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: Hebrews 1:1-4
Songs: Agnus Dei
 Worthy Of It All

Call to Confession

Scripture: Hebrews 2:1-4
Assurance: Hebrews 2:10-11
Songs: You Are My King (Amazing Love)

Community News

See pages 3-4

Sermon

Message: Go The Distance!
Scripture: Hebrews 12:1-3
Speaker: Reverend Timothy Mercaldo

Commitment & Connection

As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. —1 Timothy 6:17

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

MEET OUR GUEST SPEAKER: Rev. Timothy J. Mercaldo is an ordained Christian minister and an accomplished church worship musician and leader. His passion is to equip churches of all denominations in fulfilling the Two Great Commandments and the Great Commission at home, in the community, and overseas.

KIDS CHOIR: Our kids' choir is resuming rehearsals in preparation for a Christmas performance on Sunday, December 13th! Practices will take place Sunday mornings at 10 am. Kids from pre-K through 5th grade are invited to join.

HALLOWEEN OUTREACH: Join fellow Ascensioners for a fun afternoon of Halloween outreach! Help hand out treats (no tricks 🎃) to children and families in our Forest Hills community. Sign up to participate anytime between 2:00 and 6:00 p.m. It's a wonderful way to connect with our neighbors, enjoy all the creative costumes, and share some Halloween fun. Kids are welcome to join, too! To participate, email roseannkytka@gmail.com or call 718-685-8214.

GROWTH GROUPS: Church: Enjoying God's Masterpiece - What makes the church so special to God—and what does it mean to be part of it? Join us for an eight-session Bible study exploring the beautiful pictures Scripture gives us of the church: a family, a body, a bride, and God's masterpiece. Through Bible reading, conversation, and practical application, we'll discover how we belong together and reflect God's glory in everyday life. Whether you're new to Bible study or have been studying for years, come with your questions and grow with us in love for God and his people. Join us **Tuesday evenings at 6:30 pm at the Wofseys' home or Wednesday evenings at 7:15 pm at the Lus' home.** Please indicate your interest on the Connection Card.