

NEW GROWTH GROUP STUDY: David - God's True King. Join us for a six-week study exploring the life of David the shepherd boy who became Israel's greatest king. Together we'll discover what made him a man after God's own heart, what led to his greatest failures, and how his story ultimately points to Jesus, the true and perfect King. Come see how David's victories and struggles reveal God's grace and our need for Christ. Perfect for individuals or groups seeking to grow deeper in faith and discipleship. 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.

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 morrison sibernie@yahoo.com or indicate your interest on the Connection Card.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Please note the dates of the next Women's Bible Study meetings: November 9, and December 7. We will continue looking at J. I. Packer's "Knowing God." For more information, contact Suzanne Muench at munchkin nyc@gmail.com or indicate your interest on the Connection Card.

GIVING TOTALS - 4TH QUARTER (OCTOBER-DECEMBER)		Budget Need
\$-		\$95,750
Sunday Offering \$11,927	Online/ Mailed \$15,657	
Total to Date - \$27,584		

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ASCENSION CHURCH

Sunday, November 9

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost



The parable...creates the situation where having ears to hear is itself one of the marks of the true remnant...only those who hear the word as it is now proclaimed, and hold it fast, will form the remnant that Israel's God is creating.

— NT Wright

The only legitimate response to God's word is the obedience and perseverance which demonstrate true regeneration.

— Craig Blomberg

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 1:1-3
Songs: Sing To Jesus
 Better Is One Day

Call to Confession

Scripture: Psalm 119:11
Song: You Alone Can Rescue

Community News

See pages 3-4

The Word

Message: Diagnosing Discipleship
Scripture: Luke 8:4-15
Speaker: Pastor Michael Kytka

The Lord's Supper

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: Love Divine All Loves Excelling

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

CHRISTMASFEST: Join us for our annual ChristmasFest on Sunday, December 14th at 11:00 am! We'll enjoy our traditional potluck lunch – bring hot entrées, sides, salads, or desserts to share. (Hot dishes must be brought in the provided half trays to fit into warming racks.) Be sure to invite friends and family to enjoy a wonderful time of food, fellowship, fun, and live music from a local jazz band during lunch!

MOVIE AND FELLOWSHIP NIGHT: Join us for a special outing to see the animated film *David*, produced by Angel Studios, on Friday, December 20 at 4:50 PM at the Regal Movie Theater in the Atlas Mall, Glendale. Tickets are \$7.50 each and are still available! After the movie, we'll gather for dinner and fellowship at California Pizza Kitchen. Please let us know on the Connection Card how many tickets you'd like and if you plan to join us for dinner.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD: It's OCC time of year again! Shoeboxes can be dropped off at P.S. 101 on Sundays up until Sunday, November 23 – the last drop-off date. Shoebox packing instructions and labels can be printed at <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>.

MEN'S GROUP: Join other Ascension men for Korean barbecue after service on Sunday, November 23, at Meat Me in Flushing. Carpooling is available. Please indicate your interest on the Connection Card. Also, save the date for a future men's event on Friday, December 12.

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!