

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 as we study the life of David. Please 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!

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 morrisonssibernie@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 munchkinny@gmail.com or indicate your interest on the Connection Card.

GIVING TOTALS - 4TH QUARTER (OCTOBER-DECEMBER)		Budget Need
\$-		\$95,750
Sunday Offering \$29,010	Online/ Mailed \$35,617	
Total to Date - \$64,627		

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ASCENSION CHURCH

Sunday, December 7

Second Sunday of Advent



Christmas means that, through the grace of God and the incarnation, peace with God is available; and if you make peace with God, then you can go out and make peace with everybody else. And the more people who embrace the gospel and do that, the better off the world is. Christmas, therefore, means the increase of peace—both with God and between people—across the face of the world.

—Tim Keller

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: Luke 1:76-79
Songs: O Come O Come Emmanuel
 Indescribable

Call to Confession

Scripture: Ephesians 2:13-17
Song: O Come To The Altar

Community News

See pages 3-4

Receiving New Members into the Ascension Family

The Word

Message: Christmas Peace
Scripture: Luke 1:26–38, 46–55, 76-79
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: Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

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

YEAR-END OFFERING: Please consider a gift over and beyond your regular giving as an act of worship, of faith, and of gratitude to help Ascension meet its financial obligations, end the year strong, and begin the new year in a healthy fashion! Ways to give: Paypal, Givelify, or mail to P.O. Box 4142, Forest Hills, NY 11375.

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, with two options available: a devotional that provides a Bible reading plan (Everyday Gospel: A Daily Devotional Connecting Scripture to All of Life) or a full ESV Bible containing the devotional (ESV Everyday Gospel Bible: Connecting Scripture to All of Life). Please indicate your interest in joining this initiative on the Connection Card.

CHRISTMASFEST: Join us next Sunday for our annual ChristmasFest! Enjoy a potluck lunch—bring hot entrées, sides, salads, or desserts (hot dishes in provided half trays). Invite friends and family for great food, fellowship, crafts, and live jazz music featuring the local band WHQ! Please sign up on the Connection Card to bring food or help setup.

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

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.