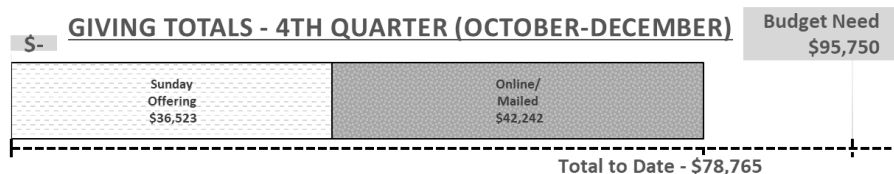


MEMBERS PRAYER MEETING: Join us the third Sunday of each month at 10 am to pray for our country, our church, and personal needs. Email Sibernie Morrison at morrisonsibernie@yahoo.com or indicate your interest on the Connection Card.

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.

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.



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ASCENSION CHURCH

Sunday, December 21

Fourth Sunday of Advent



Welcome

Lessons and Carols

First Lesson • The Promise of the Messiah

Scripture: Genesis 3:14-15, 21

O Come O Come Emmanuel

Second Lesson • The Promise Expands to Abraham

Scripture: Genesis 22:15-18

Come, Though Long Expected Jesus

Third Lesson • The Prophet Foretells a Great Light

Scripture: Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

Fourth Lesson • The Messiah Will Be Born of a Virgin**Scripture:** Isaiah 7:14**O Come, All Ye Faithful****Fifth Lesson • The Angel Visits Mary****Scripture:** Luke 1:26-38**Gabriel's Message****Sixth Lesson • The Birth of Jesus****Scripture:** Luke 2:1-7**Silent Night****Seventh Lesson • The Angels Announce Good News****Scripture:** Luke 2:8-14**Hark The Herald Angels Sing****Eighth Lesson • The Shepherds Worship the Child****Scripture:** Luke 2:15-20**While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks****Ninth Lesson • The Word Made Flesh****Scripture:** John 1:1-5, 14, 18**O Holy Night****Community News**

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Homily**Message:** The Immanuel Agenda**Scripture:** Revelation 21:1-5a**Speaker:** Pastor Michael Kytka**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:** Joy To The World**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.

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.

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