Astoria Community Church

November 1, 2026
All Saints' Day
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CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 36
Leader: I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad.
People: Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together! I sought the Lord, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears.
Leader: Those who look to him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed. This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him and saved him out of all his troubles.
People: The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!
Leader: Oh, fear the Lord, you his saints, for those who fear him have no lack!
All: The Lord redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

SONG OF PRAISE
"A mighty fortress" (see insert)

CALL TO CONFESSION
Christ calls us to share the heavenly banquet of his love with all the saints in earth and heaven. Knowing our unworthiness and sin, let us ask from him both mercy and forgiveness.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Eternal God, in every age you have raised up men and women to live and die in faith. Forgive us our indifference to your will. You have commanded us to speak, but we have been silent. You have called us to do what is just, but we have been fearful. Have mercy on us, your faithless servants. Keep before us faithful people for us to follow so that, by your Holy Spirit, we may grow in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, to the praise of your holy name. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Ephesians 2:19-22
You are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and the prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

SONG OF PRAISE
"I sing a song of the saints of God"
I sing a song of the saints of God,
Patient and brave and true,
Who toiled and fought and lived and died
For the Lord they loved and knew.
And one was a doctor, and one was a queen,
And one was a shepherdess on the green;
They were all of them saints of God, and I mean,
God helping, to be one too.

They loved their Lord so dear, so dear,
And his love made them strong;
And they followed the right for Jesus' sake
The whole of their good lives long.
And one was a soldier, and one was a priest,
And one was slain by a fierce wild beast;
And there's not any reason, no, not the least,
Why I shouldn't be one too.

They lived not only in ages past;
There are hundreds of thousands still.
The world is bright with the joyous saints
Who love to do Jesus' will.
You can meet them in school,
On the street, in the store,
In church, by the sea, in the house next door;
They are saints of God, whether rich or poor,
and I mean to be one too. **GRAND ISLE**; **Scott**

PASSING THE PEACE
Ages 4K - 2nd grade released for Seedlings Children's Worship. They will be met at the back of the sanctuary.

EPISTLE READING Revelation 7:9-17
After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and

ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

SONG OF RESPONSE

"How great is the love of the Father"
How great is the love of the Father,
The love he has shown to us;
So great that he calls us his children,
And children of God we are.

The world without God does not know us,
Because it did not know Christ.
Lord, help us to be pure and spotless,
For children of God we are.

What we are to be in the future
As yet has not been made known.
But when Christ returns we shall see him,
And then we shall be like him. **James Ward**

"O praise the name (Anástasis)
I cast my mind to Calvary
Where Jesus bled and died for me.
I see his wounds, his hands, his feet.
My Savior on that cursed tree.

His body bound and drenched in tears.
They laid him down in Joseph's tomb.
The entrance sealed by heavy stone.
Messiah still and all alone.
O praise the Name of the Lord our God;
O praise his Name forevermore.
For endless days we will sing your praise,
Oh Lord, oh Lord, our God.

Then on the third at break of dawn,
The Son of heaven rose again.
O trampled death, where is your sting?
The angels roar for Christ the King.

He shall return in robes of white,
The blazing sun shall pierce the night.
And I will rise among the saints
My gaze transfixed on Jesus' face.
Sampson, Hastings, Ussher

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give him thanks and praise. It is a right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth:
God of Abraham and Sarah,
God of Miriam and Moses,
God of Joshua and Deborah,
God of Ruth and David,
God of the priests and prophets,
God of Mary and Joseph,
God of the apostles and martyrs,
God of our mothers and fathers,
God of our children to all generations.
Leader: God of the ages, we praise you for all your servants, who have done justice, loved mercy, and walked humbly with their God. For apostles and martyrs and saints of every time and place, who in life and death have witnessed to your truth,
People: we praise you, O God.
Leader: For all your servants who have faithfully served you, witnessed bravely, and died in faith, who are still shining lights in the world,
People: we praise you, O God.
Leader: For the reformers of your church, who faithfully studied your Word, who were eager to live simply, who endeavored to serve their neighbors,
People: we praise you, O God.
Leader: For those we have known and loved, for all who by their faithful obedience and steadfast hope have shown the same mind that was in Christ Jesus,
People: we praise you, O God.
Leader: Keep us grateful for their witness, and, like them, eager to follow in the way of Christ. Then at last, bring us together to share in the inheritance of the saints of light,
People: through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING II Samuel 6:1-15 *NIV*

David again brought together all the able young men of
Israel—thirty thousand. [2]He and all his men went to
Baalah in Judah to bring up from there the ark of God,
which is called by the Name, the name of the Lord
Almighty, who is enthroned between the cherubim on
the ark. [3]They set the ark of God on a new cart and
brought it from the house of Abinadab, which was on
the hill. Uzzah and Ahio, sons of Abinadab, were
guiding the new cart [4] with the ark of God on it, and
Ahio was walking in front of it. [5]David and all Israel
were celebrating with all their might before the Lord,
with castanets, harps, lyres, timbrels, sistrums and
cymbals. [6]When they came to the threshing floor of
Nakon, Uzzah reached out and took hold of the ark of
God, because the oxen stumbled. [7]The Lord's anger
burned against Uzzah because of his irreverent act;

therefore God struck him down, and he died there beside the ark of God. [8]Then David was angry because the Lord's wrath had broken out against Uzzah, and to this day that place is called Perez Uzzah. [9]David was afraid of the Lord that day and said, "How can the ark of the Lord ever come to me?" [10]He was not willing to take the ark of the Lord to be with him in the City of David. Instead, he took it to the house of Obed-Edom the Gittite. [11]The ark of the Lord remained in the house of Obed-Edom the Gittite for three months, and the Lord blessed him and his entire household. [12]Now King David was told, "The Lord has blessed the household of Obed-Edom and everything he has, because of the ark of God." So David went to bring up the ark of God from the house of Obed-Edom to the City of David with rejoicing. [13]When those who were carrying the ark of the Lord had taken six steps, he sacrificed a bull and a fattened calf. [14]Wearing a linen ephod, David was dancing before the Lord with all his might, [15]while he and all Israel were bringing up the ark of the Lord with shouts and the sound of trumpets.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE "The Holiness of God"
Pastor Jim Fredere

OFFERTORY

THE LORD'S TABLE

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Leader: Lift up your hearts!
People: **We lift them up to the Lord!**
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**
Leader: It is always right and proper, and our moral duty, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, O Lord, holy Father, Almighty and Everlasting God. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the inhabitants of heaven, we honor and adore your glorious name, evermore praising you and saying:

People: **Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts!**
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Glory be to you, O Lord, most high. Amen

The Gloria Patri
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND PRAYER

Leader: Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.
People: **Therefore, let us keep the feast.**
Leader: The gifts of God for the people of God.
Come eat and drink with thanksgiving.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Bread is gluten-free. Outer cups - juice. Inner rings - wine.
Pews will be released from the back by ushers to come forward.

MUSIC OF COMMITMENT

"For all the saints" (see insert)

BENEDICTION Ephesians 2:19; 2 Corinthians 13:14
So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and members of the household of God....May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

VISITORS: We are so glad that you joined us for worship. If you are a visitor, please email admin@astoriachurch.org to be added to our email list or see the QR code below. We send out a weekly electronic newsletter and other announcement emails.

NEED PRAYER?: Leaders will be available up front after the service.

CHORAL EVENSONG, ALL SAINTS' DAY: We are invited to the Church of the Redeemer on **TODAY at 4pm** for their All Saints' Day service at **30-14 Crescent Street.** This gathering is organized through Neighbors Together, an interfaith coalition dedicated to strengthening relationships, breaking down barriers, and fostering mutual understanding across the vibrant faith communities of Western Queens. *This program is made possible with grant support from the NYC Office for the Prevention of Hate Crimes (OPHC).*

2026 HEART FOR MUSLIMS CONFERENCE – CITY ON A HILL: Saturday, November 7 10:00am - 3:00pm at Calvary Baptist Church. Shahriq Kahn, an American Muslim background believer and leader of Christ Underground, is headlining the HFM Conference. Be encouraged, equipped, and inspired to take part in what God is doing among the nations next door. Earlybird *General Admission* Code for first 100 guests: EARLYBIRD-DISCOUNT2026. Link to register is in the newsletter.

THANKSGIVING DAY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: Looking for a fun way to serve our community this Thanksgiving? Look no further! The United Methodist Korean Church is hosting a Thanksgiving Potluck Open House sponsored by Astoria Safe & Sober and are looking for volunteers on **Thursday, November 26!** Assistance is needed from setting up in the morning, distributing food during the different meeting times (12pm, 2pm, and 4pm), and cleaning up afterwards. Whether you are available to help for an hour or four, anytime is welcome! Can't volunteer but still want to contribute? Donations of desserts, snacks, and trays of food are also welcome! Come help spread some holiday cheer and make Thanksgiving a little brighter for our neighbors! For more information please contact Vakas Grey (443-985-4019) or the event coordinator Neeta Ramkissoon (917-450-3313) directly who can help assign you based on how you would like to help.

2nd ANNUAL COMMUNITY RESOURCE FAIR: Saturday, December 5 from 11am - 5pm. The Diaconate in partnership with Hope Astoria Church Community Partners at Connected Chef's space will be bringing organizations and community members together for a day of resources, services, and connection. The goal is to provide holistic resources to our neighbors - health, education, legal advocacy, food justice, vaccinations. To volunteer to help execute the event, set up, serve food, clean up etc. Sign up link is in the newsletter.

SAVE THE DATE! ❄️ Children's Holiday Party on **Saturday, December 19** in Long Island City. We need your help to make this party a success! 🎁 Come help us decorate, play games, lead crafts, and serve the holiday meal. You can choose volunteer shifts between 9:00am – 3:30pm. Link coming soon! Any questions contact Miriam at mtielmann@ymail.com

HELP SUPPORT NEIGHBORS WITHOUT KITCHENS: The Hour Children Food Pantry is more than just a source of groceries—it's a lifeline for many families in our community. We are accepting donations of microwaveable items every Sunday for the pantry. Items may be dropped off in the box in the lobby. We need pouches – beans/lentils, salmon, chicken, tuna and noodle soups. NO CANS, NO PEANUT BUTTER & NO COLD CEREAL please. Questions? Please speak to Miriam or email her at mtielmann@ymail.com. Thank you for your continued generosity and compassion!

WELCOME TO ASTORIA COMMUNITY CHURCH

WORSHIP: Sundays, 10:30AM
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Helpful Information:

Seeds: During worship. Nursery is provided for **newborns – 3K.** Andrea Mungo, admin@astoriachurch.org.

Seedlings Children's Worship (4K – 2nd Grade): Our younger children are dismissed during the Passing of the Peace as they grow into participating in corporate worship. The last Sunday of each month is Family Sunday when we all worship together. Carin Fredere, acckids@astoriachurch.org. (Sept – June)

Youth Group - Grades 6 - 12: Jim Fredere, youth@astoriachurch.org, on Fridays (Sept – June)

Community Groups
Small groups that meet on Zoom and in person for fellowship, Bible study, and prayer. Email jim@astoriachurch.org for info.

Financial Need
Members of the Diaconate team are available to meet with you if you have a financial need. Please email Diaconate@astoriachurch.org or call 718-721-3440.

English as a Second Language Classes
Saturdays 10-11:30AM (on zoom) and Wednesdays 6:30 – 8PM (in person) Info: QueensESL@gmail.com

Outreach and Helps Ministries
If you have a practical need, email **Helps@astoriachurch.org**. For the **Meals Ministry**, email **accmeals@gmail.com**. For info on service opportunities email **Diaconate@astoriachurch.org**.

Men's and Women's Ministry
Info for women, contact: women@astoriachurch.org
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