

ASTORIA COMMUNITY CHURCH

December 8, 2024
Lessons and Carols
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PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER

Beloved in Christ, as we gather at this Advent season, let it be our great joy to hear the message from God's Word, which takes us back to Bethlehem and our Lord's birth. Let us read in Holy Scripture the story of God's loving plan of salvation from Old Testament prophecy to New Testament fulfillment. But first let us pray for the needs of the world: for peace on earth, for goodwill, for unity and brotherhood among all nations and especially his Church. *Silent Prayers*

Let us remember in his name the poor and helpless, the hungry and oppressed, the sick and sorrowing, the lonely and the unloved, the elderly and little children. And let us pray especially for those who do not know or love the Lord Jesus or who have spurned his gracious call of salvation. *Silent Prayers*

Finally, let us remember before God all those who rejoice with us but upon another shore and in a greater light, that great cloud of witnesses, that multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom in the Lord Jesus we are forever one. *Silent Prayers*

These prayers and praises we humbly offer up to the throne of heaven, in the words which Christ himself has taught us:

**Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our
debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

CAROL

"Come, thou long expected Jesus" (see insert)

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 3:8-15

God tells sinful Adam that he has lost the life of Paradise and that his seed will bruise the serpent's head

Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man, "Where are you?" He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid." And he said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?" The man said, "The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it." Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate." So the LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, 'Cursed are you above all the livestock and all the wild animals! You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life. And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.'"

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

CAROL "O come, O come, Emmanuel"

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here,
Until the Son of God appear.

Rejoice! Rejoice!

Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free
Thine own from Satan's tyranny;
From depths of hell thy people save,
And give them victory over the grave. *Rejoice...*

Choir only: *O come, thou Day-spring, come and cheer
Our spirits by thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight.*

O come, O come, thou Lord of might,
Who to thy tribes on Sinai's height.
In ancient times didst give the law,
In cloud and majesty and awe.

O come, thou Key of David, come
And open wide our heavenly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high,
And close the path to misery.

VENI EMMANUEL; Latin hymn

CALL TO CONFESSION Isaiah 30:15, 18

In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust is your strength, but you would have none of it. Yet the Lord longs to be gracious to you; therefore he will rise up to show you compassion. For the Lord is a God of justice. Blessed are all who wait for him!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O promised Christ: We are a world at war. Our peace depends on your coming. We are a sinful people. Our pardon depends on your coming. We are full of good intentions but weak at keeping promises; our only hope of doing God's will is that you should come and help us do it. Lord Christ, Word made flesh, our world waits for your peace, for your pardon, and for your grace. Even so: come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ADVENT SONG "Wait for the Lord"

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near,
Wait for the Lord, keep watch, take heart.

Taizé Community

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Zephaniah 3:14-18

Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion;
shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart,
O daughter of Jerusalem!

The LORD has taken away the judgments against you;
he has cleared away your enemies.

The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst;
you shall never again fear evil.

On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:

"Fear not, O Zion; let not your hands grow weak.

The LORD your God is in your midst,
a mighty one who will save;
he will rejoice over you with gladness;
he will quiet you by his love;
he will exult over you with loud singing.

CHORAL RESPONSE. "Arise! Shine!"

*Arise and shine, for your light has come,
And the glory of the Lord is upon you.*

*Come, lift your eyes up to the skies;
See the dawn!*

*Come, lift your eyes up to the skies;
Light has come!*

*Arise and shine, for your light has come,
And the glory of the Lord is upon you.*

*Now is the time for you will shine: at the dawn;
Now is the time for you to shine: Joy has come!*

*Arise and shine, for your light has come,
And the glory of the Lord is upon you.*

Arise! Arise! And shine! Shine! Shine! Carol McClure

SECOND LESSON Isaiah 9:2-7

*The prophet Isaiah foretells the coming of the Savior
and the kingdom he will return to reign.*

The people walking in darkness

have seen a great light;

on those living in the land of deep darkness
a light has dawned.

You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy;
they rejoice before you

as people rejoice at the harvest,

as warriors rejoice when dividing the plunder.

For as in the day of Midian's defeat,
you have shattered the yoke that burdens them,
the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor.

Every warrior's boot used in battle

and every garment rolled in blood

will be destined for burning, will be fuel for the fire.

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given,
and the government will be on his shoulders.

And he will be called

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,

Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Of the increase of his government and peace
there will be no end.

He will reign on David's throne

and over his kingdom,

establishing and upholding it

with justice and righteousness

from that time on and forever.

The zeal of the LORD Almighty
will accomplish this.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

CHORAL RESPONSE

"Hark! A herald voice is calling"

Hark! A herald voice is calling:

"Christ is nigh," it seems to say;

"Cast away the dreams of darkness,

O ye children of the day!"

*Wakened by the solemn warning,
Let her earthbound soul arise;
Christ, her Sun, all sloth dispelling,
Shines upon the morning skies.*

*Lo! The Lamb, so long expected,
Comes with pardon down from heaven;
Let us haste with tears of sorrow,
One and all to be forgiven.*

*So when next he comes in glory,
Wrapping all the earth in fear;
May he then as our defender
On the clouds of heaven appear.
And with words of love draw near.*
6th cent. text; Shephard

THIRD LESSON Psalm 74:1-3, 16-21

God's children cry out to him

O God, why have you rejected us forever?

Why does your anger smolder against the sheep of your pasture?

Remember the nation you purchased long ago,
the people of your inheritance, whom you redeemed—

Mount Zion, where you dwelt.

Turn your steps toward these everlasting ruins,
all this destruction the enemy has brought on the
sanctuary....

It was you who opened up springs and streams;
you dried up the ever-flowing rivers.

The day is yours, and yours also the night;
you established the sun and moon.

It was you who set all the boundaries of the earth;
you made both summer and winter.

Remember how the enemy has mocked you, LORD,
how foolish people have reviled your name.

Do not hand over the life of your dove to wild beasts;
do not forget the lives of your afflicted people forever.

Have regard for your covenant, because haunts of
violence fill the dark places of the land.

Do not let the oppressed retreat in disgrace;
may the poor and needy praise your name.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CAROL "How long?"

How long? Will you turn your face away?
How long? Do you hear us when we pray?
On and on, still we walk this pilgrim way - How long?

How long 'til your children find their rest?
How long 'til you draw them to your breast?
We go on holding to your promises - How long?

*'Til you wipe away the tears from ev'ry eye
'Til we see our home descending from the sky
Do we wait in vain? Jesus, give us hope again!*

How long 'til your word will still the storm?
How long 'til you bare your mighty arm?
How we groan 'til you snatch us from the thorns -
How long?

How long? Sweet the dawn that ends the race.
How long? Weak our hearts but strong our legs.
Looking on - great that cloud of witnesses! How long?

Amen, Jesus, come!

Isaac Wardell

FOURTH LESSON

Luke 1:5-25

The birth of John the Baptist is foretold.

In the time of Herod king of Judea there was a priest named Zechariah, who belonged to the priestly division of Abijah; his wife Elizabeth was also a descendant of Aaron. Both of them were righteous in the sight of God, observing all the Lord's commands and decrees blamelessly. But they were childless because Elizabeth was not able to conceive, and they were both very old. Once when Zechariah's division was on duty and he was serving as priest before God, he was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priesthood, to go into the temple of the Lord and burn incense. And when the time for the burning of incense came, all the assembled worshipers were praying outside. Then an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. When Zechariah saw him, he was startled and was gripped with fear. But the angel said to him: "Do not be afraid, Zechariah; your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you are to call him John. He will be a joy and delight to you, and many will rejoice because of his birth, for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He is never to take wine or other fermented drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit even before he is born. He will bring back many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God. And he will go on before the Lord, in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the parents to their children and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous—to make ready a people prepared for the Lord." Zechariah asked the angel, "How can I be sure of this? I am an old man and my wife is well along in years." The angel said to him, "I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to tell you this good news. And now you will be silent and not able to speak until the day this happens, because you did not believe my words, which will come true at their appointed time." Meanwhile, the people were waiting

for Zechariah and wondering why he stayed so long in the temple. When he came out, he could not speak to them. They realized he had seen a vision in the temple, for he kept making signs to them but remained unable to speak. When his time of service was completed, he returned home. After this his wife Elizabeth became pregnant and for five months remained in seclusion. "The Lord has done this for me," she said. "In these days he has shown his favor and taken away my disgrace among the people."

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

CHORAL RESPONSE. "Children, go where I send thee"

Children, go where I send thee.

How shall I send thee?

I'm gonna send you one by one,

One for the itty-bitty baby

Born, born, born in Bethlehem.

Children, go where I send thee

How shall I send thee?

I'm gonna send you two by two,

Two for Paul and Silas,

One for the itty-bitty baby,

Born, born, born in Bethlehem.

Children, go where I send thee

How shall I send thee?

I'm gonna send you three by three,

Three for the Hebrew children,

Two for Paul and Silas,

One for the itty-bitty baby,

Born, born, born in Bethlehem.

Children, go where I send thee

How shall I send thee?

I'm gonna send you four by four

Four come a-knockin' at the door,

Three for the Hebrew children,

Two for Paul and Silas,

One for the itty-bitty baby,

Born, born, born in Bethlehem.

Children, go where I send thee

How shall I send thee?

Anyway I send you, better go, now,

Go and find that itty-bitty baby

Born, born, born in Bethlehem.

Yes, he was born, born, born in Bethlehem.

Born in Bethlehem! Traditional, arr. Ruth Elaine Schram

FIFTH LESSON Luke 1:26-38

The angel Gabriel announces to the virgin Mary that she will give birth to a ruler whose reign shall never end.

In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you." Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end." "How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?" The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be barren is in her sixth month. For nothing is impossible with God" "I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May it be to me as you have said." Then the angel left her.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

CAROL "Joy to the world" (see insert)

SIXTH LESSON Luke 1:39-56

Mary and Elizabeth testify to the coming Messiah, who will bring down the mighty and raise up the humble.

At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, where she entered Zechariah's home and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. In a loud voice she exclaimed: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear! But why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her!"

And Mary said:

"My soul glorifies the Lord

and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has been mindful

of the humble state of his servant.
 From now on all generations will call me blessed,
 for the Mighty One has done great things for me—
 holy is his name.
 His mercy extends to those who fear him,
 from generation to generation.
 He has performed mighty deeds with his arm;
 he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost
 thoughts.
 He has brought down rulers from their thrones
 but has lifted up the humble.
 He has filled the hungry with good things
 but has sent the rich away empty.
 He has helped his servant Israel,
 remembering to be merciful
 to Abraham and his descendants forever,
 just as he promised our ancestors.”
 Mary stayed with Elizabeth for about three months
 and then returned home.

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

CAROL “He who is mighty”

Oh, the mercy our God has shown
 To those who sit in death’s shadow.
 The sun on high pierced the night;
 Born was the Cornerstone.

*Unto us a Son is given, unto us a Child is born.
 He who is mighty has done a great thing;
 Taken on flesh, conquered death’s sting,
 Shattered the darkness and lifted our shame.
 Holy is his name.*

Oh, the freedom our Savior won;
 The yoke of sin has been broken.
 Once a slave, now by grace
 No more condemnation.

Now my soul magnifies the Lord;
 I rejoice in the God who saves,
 I will trust his unfailing love,
 I will sing his praises all my days. **Elliott, DeGraide**

SEVENTH LESSON Luke 1:57-66

The birth of John the Baptist

When it was time for Elizabeth to have her baby, she gave birth to a son. Her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown her great mercy, and they shared her joy. On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to name him after his father Zechariah, but his mother spoke up and said, “No! He is to be called John.” They said to her, “There is no one among your relatives who has that name.” Then they made signs to his father, to find

out what he would like to name the child. He asked for a writing tablet, and to everyone’s astonishment he wrote, “His name is John.” Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue set free, and he began to speak, praising God. All the neighbors were filled with awe, and throughout the hill country of Judea people were talking about all these things. Everyone who heard this wondered about it, asking, “What then is this child going to be?” For the Lord’s hand was with him.

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

CHORAL RESPONSE “In the bleak mid-winter”

*In the bleak midwinter frosty wind made moan,
 Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;
 Snow had fallen, snow on snow,
 In the bleak midwinter long ago.*

*Our God, heav’n cannot hold him nor earth sustain;
 Heav’n and earth shall flee away
 When he comes to reign:
 In the bleak midwinter a stable place sufficed
 The Lord God Almighty Jesus Christ.*

*Enough for him, whom cherubim
 Worship night and day,
 A breastful of milk and mangerful of hay;
 Enough for him, whom angels fall down before,
 The ox and ass and camel which adore.*

*What can I give him, poor as I am?
 If I were a shepherd I would bring a lamb,
 If I were a Wise Man I would do my part,
 Yet what I can I give him, give my heart.*

Darke; Rossetti

OFFERTORY “What sweeter music”

*The tree of life my soul hath seen,
 Laden with fruit and always green:
 The trees of nature fruitless be
 Compared with Christ the apple tree.*

*His beauty doth all things excel:
 By faith I know, but ne’er can tell,
 The glory which I now can see
 In Jesus Christ the apple tree.*

*For happiness I long have sought,
 And pleasure dearly I have bought:
 I missed of all; but now I see
 ‘Tis found in Christ the apple tree.*

*I’m weary with my former toil,
 Here I will sit and rest awhile;
 Under the shadow I will be,
 Of Jesus Christ the apple tree.*

*This fruit doth make my soul to thrive,
It keeps my dying faith alive;
Which makes my soul in haste to be
With Jesus Christ the apple tree.*

Elizabeth Poston; Trad. American

EIGHTH LESSON Luke 1:67-79

Zechariah prophesies about the coming redemption

His father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied:

“Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel,
because he has come to his people and redeemed them.
He has raised up a horn of salvation for us
in the house of his servant David
(as he said through his holy prophets of long ago),
salvation from our enemies
and from the hand of all who hate us—
to show mercy to our ancestors
and to remember his holy covenant,
the oath he swore to our father Abraham:
to rescue us from the hand of our enemies,
and to enable us to serve him without fear
in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.
And you, my child, will be called a prophet of the
Most High; for you will go on before the Lord to
prepare the way for him,
to give his people the knowledge of salvation
through the forgiveness of their sins,
because of the tender mercy of our God,
by which the rising sun will come to us from heaven
to shine on those living in darkness
and in the shadow of death,
to guide our feet into the path of peace.”

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

HOMILY “Zechariah’s song” Joe Kickasola

NINTH LESSON Revelation 21:1-5a, 22:1-5, 20
John unfolds Christ’s return for the healing of the nations

Then I saw “a new heaven and a new earth,” for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. ‘He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death’ or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.” He who was seated on the throne said, “I

am making everything new!” Then he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.”

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him. They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever....He who testifies to these things says, “Yes, I am coming soon.” Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

CHORAL RESPONSE “*The dwelling place of God*”

*Behold, behold, the dwelling place of God,
Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man.
And he will dwell with them,
And they shall be his people.
God himself will be with them as their God.
He will wipe away every tear from their eyes.
There shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying
And pain shall be no more.
For the former things have passed away.
Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man.*

John Wykoff

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.

Glorify 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.

Pre-sealed packages available upon request.

“What child is this” (see insert)

SONG OF RESPONSE

“Hark the herald angels sing” (see insert)

BENEDICTION Isaiah 60:1-2, 20

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of
the Lord rises upon you. See, darkness covers the
earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the
Lord rises upon you and his glory appears over
you....Your sun will never set again, and your moon
will wane no more; the Lord will be your everlasting
light, and your days of sorrow will end.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

VISITORS: We are so glad that you joined us for worship. If you are a visitor to ACC, please email admin@astoriachurch.org to be added to our email list. Or fill out a communication card at the Welcome Table (hard copy or QR code). We send out a weekly electronic newsletter and other announcement emails.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TODAY: If you are a **member**, please make it a priority to attend the meeting after the Lessons and Carols service to vote to call Jim as our Senior Pastor. **Voting must be in person.**

NEW YOUTH MINISTRY COORDINATOR: Please welcome George Dimitriadis as our new part-time Youth Ministry Coordinator through June 2025.

ADVENT OFFERING: We have raised \$3,377!!! Anything above the \$2,200 will go towards our missionary budget. Thank you ACC!!!

HOOR CHILDREN HOLIDAY PARTY: It's this coming Saturday, **December 14th!** This event is a fantastic opportunity to give back to the community and spread some holiday cheer. If interested and want to sign up better do so quick. Email Miriam to sign up for a specific shift (miriam@astoriachurch.org).

NEW CHILDREN TO GODLY PLAY SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS: Please bring your child up the first time your child attends Sunday school class to fill out a brief registration form.

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS: Please bring non perishable, microwavable food to donate to the Hour Children Food Pantry. Place in the bright green bin in the lobby. Thank you!

MEMBER AND REGULAR ATTENDER NEWS: We have a place in our newsletter for ACC Members and Regular Attenders to update one another on our lives and to network and share resources. Please email Andrea at admin@astoriachurch.org with any news or networking you have to share!

WELCOME TO ASTORIA COMMUNITY CHURCH

Our mission is to glorify God by learning of God, living in Christ, and loving God and our neighbors.

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Helpful Information:

Children and Youth Ministries

We provide nursery during our worship service. Two Sunday School classes happen on Sunday mornings. Our Youth Group meets on Fridays Sept - June. The last Sunday of every month is Family Sunday (no classes provided) and a children's bulletin is provided. See below for more info.

God's Seeds: During worship. Nursery is provided for **newborns – 3 year olds**. New Parents must register in advance. Link is in the newsletter. Andrea Mungo, admin@astoriachurch.org.

God's Seedlings (Age 3- Grade 5): During worship Sunday School class. Annette Scattoni, ackids@astoriachurch.org.

Youth Group - Grades 6 - 12: Jim Fredere, jim@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

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