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This Week at Ascension

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for December 18](#)

[Link to December 18 Misa
en Español](#)

[Link to Jason's sermon
"Staying Present to God
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[Link to Zadinga Ogada's
talk: "Living generously
the Story of Arjuna and
Krishna"](#)

[Link to the Episcopal
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Calendar Highlights

Friday, December 16

1:00 pm Al-Anon, Library
6:00 pm Couples 12-Step
Program - Room 1

Saturday, December 17

9:00 pm Overeaters
Anonymous—
Chapel
11:00 am Al-Anon—
Undercroft
Commons
Overeaters
Anonymous—Room
1
2:00 pm Memory to the Lost
7:00 pm Christmas Party -
Undercroft
Commons

Sunday, December 18

7:45 am Holy Eucharist—
Main Church
8:15 am Choir Rehearsal—
Choir Room
9:00 am Holy Eucharist—
Main Church
9:00 am & 11:00 am Godly Play—Room
6

Christmas Schedule

Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24

5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist for Families and Children: Main Church
7:00 p.m. Festival Eucharist with Organ and Choir: Main Church
7:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist in Spanish: Chapel
9:00 p.m. Festival Eucharist with Organ and Choir: Main Church

Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Organ and Instrumental Ensemble: Main Church

The First Sunday After Christmas, Sunday, January 1

7:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Main Church
9:00 a.m. Traditional Lessons and Carols: Main Church
10:15 a.m. Service for Families with Young Children: Main Church
11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist in Spanish: Chapel
11:15 a.m. Modern Lessons and Carols: Main Church
5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist: Chapel

There will be No Christian Formation on Sunday, December 25 or January 1

Christmas Caroling, Anyone? Who would like to sing a few carols for our members at Wilson Health Care at Asbury Methodist Village on Wednesday, December 21 at 4:00 p.m.? RSVP to Meredith Horan at horanm@hotmail.com or [301-926-1054](tel:301-926-1054).

HEADLINERS

[The King's Birthday](#)
[Christmas Cards for Asbury](#)
[Ascension's Giving Tree](#)

LIFELONG LEARNING

[Mind-Body Skills Workshop](#)
[Finding God in the Waves Book Group](#)
[Children's Sunday Morning Music Program](#)
[Cell Groups at Ascension](#)
[Thursday Afternoon Tai Chi Class](#)
[Yoga At Ascension](#)
[Listening Heart Community](#)
[Still Water Mindfulness Practice Group](#)

9:00 am & 11:00 am Joyful Path—Room 11
 Service for Families with Young Children—Chapel
 10:15 am Men's Shelter Lunches
 11:00 am Misa en Espanol - Chapel
 11:15 am Holy Eucharist—Main Church
 1:00 pm Maryland Uke Jam - Undercroft Commons
 5:00 pm Holy Eucharist - Chapel

Monday, December 19

1:00 pm Al-Anon—Library
 Overeaters Anonymous—Room 4
 7:00 pm Jr. Girl Scout Meeting - Room 6
 Listing Hearts Community - Library

Tuesday, December 20

6:00 pm Bible Study—Ascension House
 Codependents Anonymous—Room 1
 Stillwater Mindfulness Group—Chapel
 8:30 pm Al-Anon—Room 1

Wednesday, December 21

10:00 am Wednesday Morning Book Group-Library
 1:00 pm Al-Anon—Library
 Ensemble Rehearsal—Main Church
 Overeaters Anonymous—Room 1
 8:00 pm Gamblers' Anonymous—Chapel

Thursday, December 22

10:00 am Yoga - Chapel
 11:00 am Episcopal Seeking Seniors - Asbury
 4:00 pm Tai Chi—Chapel
 6:00 pm Bariatric Support Group - Chapel
 6:30 pm Spanish Class — Ascension House
 7:45 pm Choir Rehearsal—Chapel

[Link to our Online Calendar](#)

WORSHIP

[Worship Rosters, January-March](#)
[Link to Service Leaflets](#)

SERVICE

[Vestry Nominations](#)
[Men's Shelter Sandwich Making](#)
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LIFE AT ASCENSION

[Prayer Request Updates](#)
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PUBLICATIONS

[Link to the Annual Report](#)
[December Ascendant](#)
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Prayers

For Those Whose Lives are Closely Linked With Ours: St. Thomas' Church, DC St., Thomas' Church, P.G. County, and the Chapel of the Incarnation Pray for all Jewish people as they celebrate Chanukah

Pray for Comfort, Healing, Courage, and Hope:

Joann, Fran, Diane, Monica, Sarah, Roz, Joann, Sandy, Lou, Janet and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

We pray for peace in the world and all who are serving our country here and abroad, especially those in harm's way, and their families.

Equip us and empower us to be witnesses to your love – as advocates and as servants, as ministers of welcome and of hope for all affected by natural disasters, violence, and war.

We pray for all special intentions, and those on our extended Healing Prayer List.

Worship Leaders

Sunday, December 18
 Preacher: Barb Mansfield

7:45 AM

Reader/Prayers: Leslie Sanya
 Chalicists: Jackson Douglas, Sharon Hayden
 Healing Prayer: Meredith Horan
 Acolytes: Raymond Chin, Aidan Douglas
 Welcome Team: Herald Douglas, Lisa Murdock
 Altar Guild: Leslie Sanya, Wadai Dennis
 Hospitality Angel: Yvonne Lartey

9:00 AM

Reader: Andrew Greene, Suzyn Gonzalez
 Prayer: Betsy Hasegawa
 Chalicists: Nancy Carman, Cynthia Perley
 Healing Prayer: Major Clemens
 Acolytes: Alfred Waskiye, Manny Johnson, Nuelle Johnson
 Welcome Team:: Dorett Sutherland, James Black, Jonathan Black
 Altar Guild: Nancy Carman, Cynthia Perley, Liz Lennon
 Hospitality Angel: Nathalie Scott

11:15 AM

Reader: Anne Brink

Healing Prayer: Jason Cutshall
Welcome Team Avin Lalmansingh, Karl Didavi, Clark Didav
Altar Guild: Laura Shay
Reader/Chalicer: Peg Ruppel, Kirk Fritch
Eucharistic
Visitors: Randy Lord-Wilkinson
Song Leader: Sue Snay
Hospitality Angel: Rose Buck

Flower Delivery: Adome Baffoe, Hawa Clemens

