



EPISCOPAL
Church of the
Ascension

"We are ambassadors who represent Christ." – 2 Corinthians 5:20

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This Week at Ascension

[Link to Service Leaflets
for December 11](#)

[Link to December 11
Misa en Español](#)

[Link to Randy's sermon
"Apocalypse Now"](#)

[Link to Howard
Holland's Talk: "Aligning
Ascension"](#)

[Link to the Episcopal
Diocese of Washington's
Website](#)

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

Calendar Highlights

Thursday, December 8

- 10:00 am Yoga-Chapel
4:00 pm Tai Chi - Chapel
6:30 pm Spanish Class—Ascension House
7:45 pm Choir Rehearsal —Choir Room

Friday, December 9

- 1:00 pm Al-Anon, Library

Saturday, December 10

- 9:00 pm Overeaters Anonymous—Chapel
11:00 am Al-Anon—Undercroft Commons
11:00 am Overeaters Anonymous—Room 1

Sunday, December 11

- 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
9:00 am & 11:00 am Joyful Path—Room 11
10:15 am Service for Families with Young Children—Chapel
11:00 am Misa en Espanol - Chapel
11:15 am Holy Eucharist—Main Church
11:15 am Family with Young Children Cell Group - Library
1:00 pm Pastoral Care Team Meeting—Library
5:00 pm Holy Eucharist—Chapel

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

HEADLINERS

[Youth Group Christmas Party at Rockin Jump](#)
[Memorial to the Lost](#)
[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](#)

WORSHIP

[Request to Submit Dates for Worship Leaders' Roster](#)
[Worship Rosters, October-December](#)
[Link to Service Leaflets](#)

SERVICE

[Youth Group Fall Service Project](#)
[Vestry Nominations](#)
[Men's Shelter Sandwich Making](#)
[The Lord's Table Soup Kitchen](#)
[Gaithersburg HELP](#)

LIFE AT ASCENSION

[Prayer Request Updates](#)
[Christmas Flower](#)
[Ascension's Cookbook Committee Needs You!](#)

PUBLICATIONS

[Link to the Annual Report](#)
[December Ascendant](#)
[Together We Shine](#)

6:00 pm Youth Group Meeting &
Spiritual Formation —
Undercroft Commons

Monday, December 12

11:30 am Living with Chronic Illness -
Room 1
1:00 pm Al-Anon—Library
6:30 pm Overeaters Anonymous—
Room 4
7:00 pm Listing Hearts Community -
Library

Tuesday, December 13

6:00 pm Bible Study—Ascension
House
7:00 pm Codependents Anonymous—
Room 1
7:00 pm Stillwater Mindfulness
Group—Chapel
8:30 pm Al-Anon—Room 1

Wednesday, December 14

10:00 am Wednesday Morning Book
Group-Library
1:00 pm Al-Anon—Library
7:00 pm Ensemble Rehearsal—Main
Church
7:00 pm Overeaters Anonymous—
Room 1
8:00 pm Gamblers' Anonymous—
Chapel

Thursday, December 15

10:00 am Yoga - Chapel
4:00 pm Tai Chi—Chapel
6:00 pm Identity Play Rehearsal—
Undercroft Commons
6:30 pm Spanish Class —Ascension
House
7:45 pm Choir Rehearsal—Chapel

[Link to our Online Calendar](#)

Prayers

For Those Whose Lives are Closely Linked With Ours: Episcopal Church, Women Memorial Scholarship of the Episcopal Church Women, The Rt. Rev. John Bryson Chane Scholarship for Social Justice, United Thank Offering

Pray for Comfort, Healing, Courage, and Hope:

Martha, Fran, Diane, Monica, Sarah, Roz, Joann, Sonya, 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 11

Preacher: Jason Cutshall

7:45 AM

Reader/Prayers:	Enid Cole
Chalicians:	Leslie Sanya, Wadai Dennis
Healing Prayer:	Lisa Murdicj
Acolytes:	Ron Hayden, Aidan Douglas
Welcome Team:	Meredith Horan, Florence Sirleaf
Altar Guild:	Enid Cole, Mardia Dennis
Hospitality Angel:	David Burton

9:00 AM

Reader:	Alvaro Gonzalez, Marsha Sutherland
Prayer:	Barbara Mensfield
Healing Prayer:	Susan McLaughlin
Acolytes:	Richard McFarland, Sari Stoddard, Gary McLaughlin

Welcome Team:: Esther Allotey -Taylor, Bev Stennett, Christine Kroma,
Josephine Clarke
Altar Guild: Dorett Sutherland, Adoma Baffoe, Dotty Pfadenhauer
Hospitality Angel: Michelle Wood

11:15 AM

Reader: Alex Langley
Healing Prayer: Ped Ruppel
Welcome Team: Sciou Broderick, Peedy Terry, Emmanuel Nwankwo
Altar Guild: Anika Lalmansingh
Reader/Chalistic: Rimie Siard, Anika Lalmansingh
Eucharistic Visitors: Pamela Irons-Forth
Song Leader: Betsy Hasegawa
Hospitality Angel: Mary Layen-Brizan

Flower Delivery: Alice Padmore and Esther Sawyer