Together We Shine

The Mission and Ministries of
The Episcopal Church of the Ascension

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Welcome to the Episcopal Church of the Ascension

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations " - St. Matthew 28:19a

Mission Statement
We represent Jesus Christ wherever we may be.

Vision Statement
The Church of the Ascension will become a community of faith where each one of us lives out our Baptismal Covenant at home, at work, and in the community. Together we will shine as if we were God’s only light in the world. Our children, and their children after them, will yearn to carry forth Christ’s work.

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Christian Formation

Christian Formation for Children

Children are welcome here!

Ascension believes in its children-their innocence, energy, joy, spirit of wonder and the honesty of their questions. We believe that children have a place equal to the youth and adults of this parish at the table in God’s house.

Children’s formation is held at both 10:00 and 12:00 (the Spanish Language Service).

During the 10:00 service, we offer the following classes:

- Infant/Toddler/Family Class meets in Room 4 (the Place of Peace)
- Preschool—2nd grade class meets downstairs in Room 6
- 3rd - 5th grade meets upstairs in Room 2

During the 12:00 service, we offer one class for all ages.

At the time of this publication of Together We Shine, the 12:00 Sunday school class is still being planned. Please ask Nora Campos at NoraCampos68@mail.com or (240) 505-3218 for information.

Christian Formation Curricula and Special Programs

Infant/Toddler/Family Class: In this class, we sing, tell stories about the people of God, pray and play together. Two teachers lead the class and we also invite parents to attend with their children. The children, their parents, and teachers join the congregation during the passing of the peace and remain in the 10:00 service for the Eucharist and closing hymn. During the summer, we open the class up to children of all ages.

Preschool-2nd grade class: Godly Play - This is a Montessori-based method, presenting the stories of the Bible using figures and objects within a sacred space. Children experience these stories, wonder about them and explore the stories using the story objects or art materials. The children and teachers join the congregation during the passing of the peace and remain in the 10:00 service for the Eucharist and closing hymn.
3rd - 5th grade class: A Joyful Path - This curriculum is developed jointly by ProgressiveChristianity.org and the Center for Progressive Christianity. A spiritual curriculum for young hearts and minds, it is inclusive, compassionate, and “intra-spiritual” in the sense that it exposes children to the concept that many of the values taught by Jesus are found in other cultures’ faith traditions. It teaches children how to access the wisdom already implanted by God in their hearts, about the sacred character and unity of the cosmos, and how to expand their awareness of our Creator. The class will end with the teachers and children joining the congregation for the Eucharist.

Artwork for Worship Leaflets: Children are invited to submit artwork for the covers of the Easter and Christmas service bulletins.

Pageant: The Annual Epiphany Pageant will take place at 5:00, Sunday, January 6, 2019. Younger children and occasionally youth and adults dress up as barnyard animals, angels and shepherds. Older children, youth and adults have acting and speaking roles. A pizza party follows the pageant in the parish hall. The offering from the pageant goes to support children’s missions.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper: Look for a special children’s activity

Easter Egg Hunt: Between the 10:00 and 12:00 services, there is an Easter Egg Hunt for children up through 5th grade.

Contact Megan Didavi at mdidavi@gmail.com or 703-626-7199 or Nora Campos at NoraCampos68@mail.com or (240) 505-3218.
**Christian Formation for Youth**

**Youth Group (YG) Formation**—middle and high school students meet on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month in the evening from 6:00–8:00 pm in the undercroft commons area. Ascension’s YG is open to all youth in 6th grade and beyond, and they need not attend Ascension. Typical YG evenings include dinner, a spiritual lesson, and fun games—“Food, Fellowship & Fun”. YG starts with a cook-out on September 23rd 2018 at 6:00 pm at the Hight-Walker’s home.

**Summer Work Camp** - Each summer, middle school and high school students travel to various areas of the country to help improve the local communities while building lifetime spiritual experiences through hard work and fellowship. Most recent work camps have focused in Philadelphia, PA. There will be another Work Camp in the summer of 2019.

**Service Projects** - Along with the summer work camp, students participate in service projects throughout the year. They select causes that mean the most to them.

The YG program at Ascension is a collaborative effort of lay leaders, staff, parents and clergy. Please be supportive of these youths’ continued formation, and participate in this community by offering your time and talent. In particular, we need dinners supplied for YG evenings. Below is the list of fall dates. Contact Angie or Trevor Hight-Walker @angela.hightwalker@gmail.com.

In addition, Please send me the Spring 2018 Schedule as you we have it in 2017 below:

**Ascension Youth Group Schedule, Fall 2018**

- Sunday, September 23—Cook-out; please bring a dish to share.
- Sunday, October 14
- Sunday, October 28
- Sunday, November 11
- Sunday, December 9—Holiday party.
Christian Formation for Adults

During a typical program year, we introduce seekers to cutting edge Christian thought and balance this with a repast of experience-based offerings that create opportunities for deepening awareness of God in everyday life.

Peruse our newsletter, website, Facebook page, Twitter feed, Sunday bulletin and weekly e-mails to see what is on the menu for lifelong learning.

**Wednesday Morning Book Group**—Each Wednesday from 10:00—11:30 a.m., the Priest-in-Charge facilitates a discussion of books about spirituality by a variety of authors.

**New Member Classes**—Orientation sessions for people interested in learning more about Church of the Ascension and the Episcopal Church are scheduled throughout the year.

**Retreats**—Women’s and Men’s Retreats take place periodically. The Priest-in-Charge also offers occasional Saturday morning retreats throughout the year. Watch the announcement bulletin and social media for other retreat dates and topics.

**The Listening Heart Community**—The Listening Heart Community is Ascension’s “monastery of the heart”, an intentional group for seekers in all stages of their spiritual journey to explore Benedictine and other contemplative spirituality in community. The Listening Heart Community meets in the library on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. All are welcome. Contact Lori Perine at lperine@gmail.com.

**Yoga**—Yoga classes are offered on Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. in Room 6, taught by Lucia Pires. The class is multilevel, with an emphasis on gentle yoga, and is appropriate for beginners. Props are offered, but the students are encouraged to bring their own yoga mats. Lucia Pires is from Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. She is a 500-hour Pranakriya Yoga School of Healing Arts certified yoga teacher. Her training focuses on cultivating and enhancing the relationship of the student with his or her lifeforce through yoga postures, breath work and meditation, in order to create change in awareness and help the student move towards wholeness and greater aliveness. She completed her professional training in 2015.

**Labyrinth**—At various times throughout the year, our labyrinth is made available for meditative walking in the Chapel.
Health and Wellness Ministry

The Health & Wellness Ministry at Ascension is an intentional ministry focusing on both healing and health, combining the ancient traditions of the Christian community and the knowledge and tools of modern health care.

Blood Pressure Check-ups—Monthly blood pressure check-ups are offered between services on the 4th Sunday of the month, starting September 23.

Living with Serious Illness Support Group—A serious physical illness can happen to any of us, and when it does, dealing with it can be a real challenge. Heart disease, kidney disease, stroke, cancer, and many other medical problems, can all leave us living with anxiety over what may happen next and concern for how it will affect our families. This not only affects our bodies, but our thoughts, emotions, and spiritual lives as well. At times, the illness can grab our attention so much that it becomes the main way that we see ourselves. But we are so much more than a diagnosis. And so we invite you to join our group “Living with Serious Illness” and share ways to continue to live our lives to the fullest.

We meet on the 2nd Monday of the month in room 1 from 11:30—1:00. Bring a bag lunch. It’s not so much about illness as it is about living.

Contact Barb Mansfield at barbmansfield8@gmail.com or 301-651-1279.

Mission Support Committees

Facilities—Oversees the physical well-being of the church, including doing some of the repair work. The committee develops an annual budget for facilities maintenance and implements the budget. This includes interfacing with contractors (lawn, snow, cleaning, plumbing, handywork, etc.) and working with the Parish Administrator to identify and coordinate needed maintenance and/or special projects. Contact Ted Bedell, tedbedell@comcast.net.

Operations and Finance—Oversees the financial and operational well-being of the church, including annual budget formulation, tracking monthly income and expense figures, preparing forecasts and analyses for the Vestry’s use, and working with other committees to assist with financial aspects of their activities. Activities also include related operational issues, especially coordination with the Facilities Committee. Volunteers familiar with finance or accounting, or with an interest in these areas, are always welcome. Contact Avin Lalmansingh, avin.lalmansingh@gmail.com.
Personnel—Serves some of the role of a Human Resources department, e.g. job descriptions, organizational structure, staffing levels, benefits, etc. Volunteers with interest or expertise in these areas are welcome. Contact Jean Cohn, spangle1@comcast.net.

Committee for Mission

At Ascension, it is our mission to represent Jesus Christ wherever we may be. In practical terms, our mission requires us to find Jesus in all whom meet and serve, as well reflect all that we understand of Jesus to those people. That means we are always “on” giving and receiving the love and grace of Jesus.

Over the years we have changed focus and projects to meet our own, and the community’s physical and spiritual needs. Part of what we must do every year is to spend a little time discerning the areas of greatest need and what our abilities in those areas may be.

Giving Tree—During Advent season, Ascension’s Giving Tree is set up in the narthex. Donations of cash, gift cards, and Metro farecards support a charity that is selected each year. Contact Sue or Richard Snay at 301.977.5259 or subarsy@aol.com.

Gaithersburg HELP—This organization provides emergency food and other support to needy families in Gaithersburg. Non-perishable food collected at Ascension every week, and during specific holiday in-gatherings helps to stock the pantry. Donations may be brought to church at any time and left in the narthex. HELP is 100% volunteer run, and volunteers are always needed, especially volunteers who speak Spanish. Contact Melanie Mitchell at 301.519.1074 or melanie.mitchell@verizon.net.

Backpacks for Linkages to Learning at Summit Hall Elementary—Each year as part of the Linkages to Learning program, Ascension collects supplies and financial donations. This provides new backpacks filled with school supplies to students in kindergarten through 5th grade at Summit Hall Elementary School in Gaithersburg. Lists of supplies becomes available in the narthex beginning early each July. Donors do not have to provide all of the supplies on the list and all donations are welcome. Those who do not have time to shop can make financial donation. Each year, we will be assembling the backpacks in late August. Help is always appreciated; working together is rewarding and gives a chance to visit and get to know each other.
Lord's Table Soup Kitchen—This worthy effort has been suspended for a year for facility issues at St. Martins.

Mobile Med—A medical van staffed with doctors and nurses stops at Ascension every Tuesday to provide low-cost/free medical care to uninsured patients residing in Montgomery County. Volunteers are needed to serve as hosts in the Chapel for a few hours on Tuesdays. Contact Jean Cohn at spangle1@comcast.net or 240.372.3652.

Ministerio Felicidad—Every 4th Saturday Ascension members prepare lunches and send love and prayers to day laborers in the neighborhood of the church. Join Javier at 6:00 a.m. in the church kitchen. Contact him at ocampoj@ascensionmd.org.

Parish Life

One way God joins us together is through the fun and friendship that arise when we gather for fellowship. In this hectic society, we need occasions to relax, be real, and have fun together.

Shrove Tuesday Mardi Gras Pancake Supper—Tuesday, March 5, 2019, from 6:30—8:30 pm. Pancakes, sausages (meatless options available), live music, and games!

Ascension Birthday Party—On the Sunday after Ascension Day, June 2, 2019 we celebrate the name day of our church with an international pot luck meal.

One Ascension Sundays—A time for all worshippers to gather at a single Eucharist at 10:00 am and share a meal afterward. Upcoming dates are September 30 and December 30, 2018, and March 31, June 30, September 29, and December 29, 2019. The One Ascension Sunday on June 30, 2019 is the annual parish picnic. Bring a picnic lunch and come to Ascension’s campus for a trilingual Eucharist.

Ascension’s Adventurers—A group of parishioners that participates in monthly activities including visits to museums, historic sites, formal gardens, and other places of interest, as well as walks through scenic areas. Our activities are open to people of all ages for fellowship, fun, recreation, and education. Contact Richard Snay at rssnay@aol.com or 301.977.5259 for information about upcoming activities.
Pastoral Care

Caring for the people of God is part of the Church’s mission, and that care extends to the whole person: body, mind and spirit. As Christians, we are all called to be ministers, not only to spread the word of the Gospel, but to care for each other.

Altar Flower Delivery—After the Sunday services, the Altar Flowers are taken to homes of members who need some extra brightness in their week.

Healing Prayer Ministers—Specially trained lay people who share the ministry of healing prayer during Communion.

Eucharistic Visitors—One-on-one partnership for seniors and home based church members provided by specially trained parishioners who extend a helping hand, pray together, and keep connections intact. Contact Nan Hildebrand at hildebrandnan@gmail.com or 202.244.2847/202.277.5362.

Baptism

Holy Baptism is the sacrament—the outward and visible sign of the inward and spiritual grace by which we become full members of the church. Any baptized person, from the tiniest baby to the oldest adult, is a full member of the church and is welcome to receive communion and to participate in the life of the church. You do not have to be rebaptized to join the Episcopal Church.

At Ascension, we have several Sundays each year when Baptism is offered. We baptize people who are willing to commit to the promises of the Baptismal Covenant (see Prayer Book pages 304 and 305) and who want to participate regularly in the life of this parish. Prior to the baptism, parents or candidates must attend an orientation. The best preparation for Baptism is participation in parish life.

Baptismal Festivals

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Confirmation

Preparation for Confirmation begins at Baptism and embraces the whole of one’s life and journey in and outside the Church. Special preparation for adults and for youth. Confirmation is open to all high school students, although the Priest-in-Charge may make exceptions should someone younger display a serious commitment to preparing for Confirmation.
Marriage

One of the greatest and most joyous decisions in life is the decision to marry. The clergy and staff at Ascension are delighted to help couples unite in marriage. Our policies and premarital preparation process are designed to help that union be a lifelong and loving one.

- All persons considering marriage at Ascension must contact the clergy and staff at least four to six months prior to the wedding date.
- The Episcopal Church requires that at least one of the persons being married be a baptized Christian. At Ascension, we also require that the couple regularly attend services here, and if they are not already members, to explore the possibility of becoming members of Ascension.
- The couple must attend an Imago workshop to help start the marriage off on the best possible foundation. Go to www.imagocenterdc.com for a more detailed description of the workshop.

Marriage for same-sex couples is legal in Maryland, and was formally approved by the General Convention of The Episcopal Church in 2015. The same guidelines for preparation apply.

Funerals

For Christians, at death, “life is changed not ended,” and the people of the Church stand together to support one another at a time of loss. The burial liturgy hallows our grief and proclaims the hope of a life that is sustained eternally by God’s indestructible love. The clergy of Ascension are on call around the clock to offer solace and support at the time of death.

Worship

Worship is the heart of our life at Ascension. Through the Holy Eucharist liturgy (a word that means “work of the people”) found in the Book of Common Prayer, the foundation of Anglican worship since 1549, we carry out the work God has given us to do. We sing, we pray, we hear the Word of God proclaimed in Scripture and sermon, and we lift up our concerns and joys and thanksgivings to God. We gather at God’s table as the living Body of Christ. We feed on the holy bread and wine of the Eucharist. And then we are sent forth to serve our community as apostles of Christ in our lives.

At Ascension, we welcome children, youth and adults to participate as leaders of worship. There is a place for you as an acolyte, altar guild member, chalicist, choir member, healing prayer minister, reader, hospitality angel, or welcome team member.
Sunday Services

8:00 a.m.—Quiet, classic Episcopal Prayer Book liturgy. No music. Main Church.

10:00 a.m.—A blend of a classic Episcopal service and a modern Eucharist. Music is provided by the Ascension Choir and the instrumental Ensemble using our unique organ and our grand piano. Hymns are taken from the Hymnal 1982; Gather; and Wonder, Love, and Praise; and occasionally from other sources. The service includes sung introits, anthems and benedictions. This service is usually Rite II, but changes to Rite I during Lent. Main Church.

12:00 p.m.—Eucharist in Spanish with hymns mostly from Flor y Canto accompanied by music ensemble. Main Church.

Music

The Ascension Choir—Ascension is blessed with the Ascension Choir, an all-volunteer group led by the Minister of Music. The Choir practices each Thursday evening (beginning on the Thursday after Labor Day) during the program year (September through early June) from 7:45 pm to 9:15 pm, and sings at the 10:00 am service (beginning the Sunday after Labor Day), reporting for warm-up at 9:15 am. Occasionally there are extra rehearsals for major services, such as Christmas and Easter. The choir also sings at the Choral Evensong service on All Saints Day, and for Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday and other services as needed. Rehearsals and warm-ups in the choir room (Room 3) on the upper level of the office/education wing.

New or seasoned members of Ascension who are considering joining or returning to the choir are welcome at any time. No auditions are required, just the love of singing. The ability to sight-read music is helpful but not essential. Contact the Minister of Music at music@ascensionmd.org or any choir member.

The Ensemble—The ensemble is composed of members of Ascension who have an instrument they share with the congregation. The instruments include flute, drums, tambourine, clarinet and guitar. The Ensemble plays at the 10:00 am service with and in place of the Choir, and serves at the One Ascension services. The ensemble rehearses Wednesday evenings from 7:00-8:30 p.m. If you are an amateur musician and might like to join the group, contact the Minister of Music at music@ascensionmd.org or a member of the Ensemble.

Hispanic Service Combo—Music at the Eucharistia en Espanol is offered by an all volunteer team that employs several voices/instruments. The combo is open to volunteers who find joy in the Latino versions of Gospel music. Jesse Velasquez leads the group and uses Flor y Canto as the principal hymnal.

The Organ—Ascension’s music is greatly enhanced by our fine pipe organ, built by Casavant Frères of St-Hyacinthe, Québec (Opus 3801), and installed in 2001. It was the very generous donation of a long time parishioner. The organ is primarily used at the 10:00 a.m. service in the main church.
Worship Leaders

Acolytes—lead the processions at the beginning and end of the service and assist the clergy at the altar during the service. Children (fourth grade and up) and adults are welcome to serve as acolytes. Contact Ray Chin (crayh50@hotmail.com) for more information.

Altar Guild—Teams of two to three members take turns preparing the church for worship on a rotating basis. Contact Sari Stoddard at sari.stoddard@verizon.net or 301-325-8791.

Chalicists—help administer Communion by serving the cup of wine to worshipers.

Lectors—read the Lessons, and lead the congregation in the Prayers of the People. Readers should be comfortable speaking publicly and should be able to read clearly.

Healing Prayer Ministers—these specially trained lay people share the ministry of healing prayer during Communion at all Sunday services.

Hospitality Angels—provide refreshment for church members and guests after each service. They prepare hot beverages after each service, and facilitate the serving of refreshments.

Welcome Teams—comprising ushers and greeters, are ministers of hospitality who greet people, provide information to visitors, distribute bulletins, pass collection plates, and assist people at communion.

Qualifications for all Worship Leader positions are being a member of the Church of the Ascension, and being willing to serve as you are scheduled, on a periodic basis. Training for all Worship Leaders is provided annually and at special times as need requires.

Ministries Fair

A Ministry Fair is held early every fall between services in the undercroft. For 2018 the Fair date is September 9. Worship Leader groups are all represented, and will describe in greater detail the duties and benefits of being a member of the various teams. Contact Gary MacLaughlin (garymclaughlin100@gmail.com) or Curt Lindsay (lindsay_curt@yahoo.com), Co-Chairs of the Worship Committee or to one of the clergy. The Church office is always willing to provide additional information, or to assist in making contact with the appropriate Worship Leader.

For additional information, please speak to one of the clergy, or to Gary MacLaughlin (garymclaughlin100@gmail.com) or Curt Lindsay (lindsay_curt@hotmail.com), Co-Chairs of the Worship Committee. The Church Office is always willing to provide additional information, or to assist in making contact with the appropriate Worship Leader.
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# Dates to Remember

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<td>Youth Group Begins, Potluck Cook-Out 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.</td>
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<td>Lady of Guadalupe Day Celebration–8:00 p.m.</td>
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<td>9:00 p.m. Festival Eucharist with Ascension Choir—Main Church</td>
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<td>Ash Wednesday Service, Noon and 7:30 p.m.</td>
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<td>Tenebrae, 7:30 p.m.</td>
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<td>Maundy Thursday: Holy Eucharist/Foot washing and Stripping of the Altar, 7:30 p.m.</td>
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<td>Good Friday: “Stations to Go”, 12:00 p.m., Prayer Book liturgy, 7:30 p.m.</td>
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<td>Easter Vigil and First Eucharist of Easter, 7:30 p.m.</td>
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<td>Easter Services, 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m.</td>
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