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This Week at Ascension

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November 06 \(now including
one for the Misa en Español\)](#)

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sermon "Justice and
Righteousness"](#)

[Link to John Pruessner's
Stewardship Talk](#)

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of Washington's Website](#)

Calendar Highlights

Friday, November 4

1:30 pm Al-Anon, Library
6:00 pm Couples 12-step
Program—Room 1
6:00 pm Movie Night—
Undercroft Commons

Saturday, November 5

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

Living Generously

Richard Felton

Could there be a greater definition of living generously than what is found in the sixth chapter of Luke's Gospel? "But I say to you who are willing to hear: Love your enemies." The gospel appointed for All Saints Day concludes with: "Give to everyone who asks and don't demand your things back from those who take them. Treat people in the same way that you want them to treat you."

And Psalm 149 encourages us to praise God with dance, with the drum and the lyre because "the Lord is pleased with his people." Alleluia!

All Saints Day is a day to remember those who have gone before us as we joyfully strive to be God's disciples. We're called to remember them not simply as a way to honor their good work but to be inspired by them and their work. We are called to live generously — as they lived. The work of discipleship is ongoing.

As members of "The Episcopal Branch of the Jesus Movement" — as Presiding Bishop Michael Curry refers to us — we are called to be and make disciples. Tyler Edwards, the discipleship pastor at Carolina Forest Community Church in Myrtle Beach, S.C., and author of

Anonymous—Room 1

Sunday, November 6

7:45 am Holy Eucharist—Main Church
8:15 am Choir Rehearsal—Choir Room
9:00 am Holy Eucharist—Main Church
9:00 am and 11:00 am Godly Play—Room 6
9:00 am and 11:00 am Joyful Path—Room 11
10:15 am Service for Families with Young Children—Chapel
11:00 am Holy Eucharist in Spanish—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
5:00 pm Holy Eucharist—Chapel

Monday, November 7

1:00 pm Al-Anon—Library
6:30 pm Overeaters Anonymous—Room 4
7:00 pm Listening Hearts Community—Library

Tuesday, November 8

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, November 9

10:00 am Wednesday Morning Book Group—Library
1:00 pm Al-Anon—Library
6:30 pm Spanish Class — Ascension House
7:00 pm Ensemble Rehearsal—Main Church
7:00 pm Overeaters Anonymous—Room 1
8:00 pm Gamblers’

“Zombie Church: Breathing Life Back Into the Body of Christ,” says we are to make disciples, not converts.

Tyler makes a powerful distinction: Converts are new to the faith; that is where we all start. But disciples go further. “Converts go to church,” he says; “Disciples are the Church.

“Converts are involved in the mission of Jesus. Disciples are committed to it. “Converts cheer from the sidelines. Disciples are in the game. “Converts hear the word of God. Disciples live it. “Converts follow the rules. Disciples follow Jesus. “Converts are all about believing. Disciples are all about being. “Converts are comfortable. Disciples make sacrifices.”

I’ve found that disciples willing to make sacrifices are committed to living generously. We are called to be and make disciples. We are called to generously live in gratitude for all that God has given us.

On All Saints Day, let us rededicate ourselves to doing God’s work in the world just as those who went before us: sacrificing and giving of ourselves in joy and in gratitude.

Reflection Questions

- Who are the role models in your life for living generously, and living committed to faith?
- What qualities did or do they have that you aspire to replicate?

Richard Felton is the Executive Director of The Episcopal Network for Stewardship (TENS). A cradle Episcopalian, Richard has worked with churches around the country in the areas of stewardship, planned giving and capital

Anonymous—Chapel

Thursday, November 10
10:00 am Yoga Class—Chapel
7:45 pm Choir Rehearsal—
Choir Room

[Link to our Online Calendar](#)
Worship Leaders

Sunday, November 06

Preacher: (The Rev.) Randy
Lord-Wilkinson

Flower Delivery: Alice
Padmore and Esther Sawyer

7:45 AM Reader/Prayers: Enid
Cole, Chalicists: : Wadai
Dennis,
Sharon Hayden, Healing
Prayer: Meredith Horan,
Acolytes: Raymond Chin,
Aidan Douglas, Welcome
Team: Herald Douglas, Lisa
Murdock, Altar Guild: Leslie
Sanga, Wadai Dennis

9:00 AM, Readers: Alvaro
Gonzales, Suzyn Gonzalez,
Prayers: Susan Ahalt,
Chalicists: Dotty
Pfadenhauer, Margaret Tellu,
Healing Prayer: Susan
McLaughlin, Acolytes: Kofi
Kwamena-Poh, Manny
Johnson, Nuelle Johnson,

*campaigns. Before joining TENS, he was the Vice
President for Advancement at the Church Divinity School
of the Pacific.*

PS. Pledge cards for the Annual Giving Campaign and
Facilities Reserve Fund, and Electronic Funds Transfer
Forms, are available on the table by the office door,
Chapel side entrance, and on the website.

[Link to the Sunday Announcements Bulletins](#)

HEADLINERS

[All Saints' Sunday](#)

[Dia de los Muertos](#)

[Movie Night: Men in Black 3](#)

[Benefit Concert for Refugees](#)

[Mind-Body Skills Workshop](#)

[Ascension Adventurers to Tour Apothecary Museum](#)

["Finding God in the Waves" - New Wednesday Book](#)

[Group Selection](#)

[Youth Group Fall Service Project](#)

[Thursday Afternoon Tai Chi Class Begins](#)

[New Children's Sunday Morning Music Program](#)

LIFELONG LEARNING

[Cell Groups at Ascension](#)

[Yoga at Ascension](#)

[Listening Heart Community](#)

[Still Water Mindfulness Practice Group](#)

WORSHIP

[Worship Rosters, October-December](#)

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SERVICE

Welcome Team: Swithin
Kwamena-Poh, Kevin Blanc,
Algemon Thomas, Altar Guild:
Sarah Gallagher, Kristin
Fitzpatrick

11:15 AM Reader: Tunde,
Chalicians: Laura Shay,
Georgana Manies, Healing
Prayer: Jason Cutshall,
Welcome Team: Avin
Lalmansingh, Karl Didavi,
Clark Didavi, Altar
Guild: Georgana Maines

5:00 PM Reader/Chalician:
Jason Cutshall

Eucharistic Visitors: Pamela
Irons-Forth

[Men's Shelter Sandwich Making](#)
[The Lord's Table Soup Kitchen](#)
[Gaithersburg HELP](#)

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

Prayers

For Those Whose Lives are Closely Linked With Ours:

In the Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for All military Veterans,
All Military Chaplains, All Military Personnel and their families

Pray for Comfort, Healing, Courage, and Hope:

Monica, Christian, Diane, Sarah, Roz, Tom, 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.