

Church of the Ascension

January 5, 2025

Second Sunday after Christmas

10:30am

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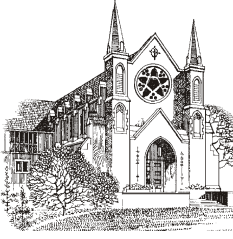
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Holy Eucharist, 10:30am
Rite II, Expansive language

Please note that in our liturgy when we refer to God we cannot adequately verbalize the magnitude and comprehensiveness of God's diversity and are always limited by our use of language. We acknowledge that although Jesus was born into history as a man, neither God the Father nor God the Holy Spirit were embodied with human sex. Although our language is often not all inclusive we believe God always is. God made human beings in God's own image with complexity and diversity. Thank you for sharing your diversity and complexity with us as we worship God together.

The Liturgy of the Word

When the Voluntary begins, please maintain prayerful silence.

Voluntary: Meditation on *Still, Still, Still*

Mark Hayes

Opening Hymn: Angels, from the Realms of Glory

H93

Tune: Regent Square

*1. Angels, from the realms of glory,
wing your flight o'er all the earth;
ye, who sang creation's story,
now proclaim Messiah's birth:*

Refrain:

*come and worship, come and worship
worship Christ, the newborn King.*

*2. Shepherds in the field abiding,
watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with you is now residing;
yonder shines the infant Light: [Refrain]*

*3. Sages, leave your contemplations;
brighter visions beam afar;
seek the great Desire of nations;
ye have seen his natal star: [Refrain]*

*4. Saints before the altar bending,
watching long in hope and fear,
suddenly the Lord, descending,
in his temple shall appear: [Refrain]*

Welcome

Opening Acclamation *(The people standing)*

Presider Blessed be God: most holy, glorious and undivided Trinity.

People ***And blessed be God's reign, now and for ever. Amen.***

Song of Praise:

St. James Gloria

Tune: Angels We Have Heard on High

*Glory be to God on high,
To all people, peace on earth
Angels, shepherds drawing nigh
Join to celebrate His birth.
Gloria in excelsis Deo!*

*Jesus Christ, we now declare
Lamb of God and Lord of Love.
Grant us mercy, hear our prayer,
Give us grace from heaven above.
Gloria in excelsis Deo!*

*Praises to the Holy One,
Praises sing in highest heaven;
To the Father and the Son
And the Holy Spirit given.
Gloria in excelsis Deo!*

The Collect for the Second Sunday of Christmas

Presider God be with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Presider Let us pray.

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

People sit for the reading of the lessons

A Reading from Jeremiah

31:7-14

The Lord proclaims:

Sing joyfully for the people of Jacob;
shout for the leading nation.

Raise your voices with praise and call out:
“The Lord has saved his people,
the remaining few in Israel!”

I’m going to bring them back from the north;
I will gather them from the ends of the earth.
Among them will be the blind and the disabled,
expectant mothers and those in labor;
a great throng will return here.

With tears of joy they will come;
while they pray, I will bring them back.

I will lead them by quiet streams
and on smooth paths so they don’t stumble.

I will be Israel’s father,
Ephraim will be my oldest child.

Listen to the Lord’s word, you nations,
and announce it to the distant islands:

The one who scattered Israel will gather them
and keep them safe, as a shepherd his flock.

The Lord will rescue the people of Jacob
and deliver them from the power of those stronger than they are.

They will come shouting for joy on the hills of Zion,
jubilant over the Lord's gifts:

grain, wine, oil, flocks, and herds.

Their lives will be like a lush garden;
they will grieve no more.

Then the young women will dance for joy;
the young and old men will join in.

I will turn their mourning into laughter
and their sadness into joy;

I will comfort them.

I will lavish the priests with abundance
and shower my people with my gifts,
declares the Lord.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

Reader We will stand and sing the psalm.

Psalm 84

H517

Tune: *Brother James' Air*

*1 How lovely is thy dwelling-place,
O Lord of hosts, to me!
my thirsting soul desires and longs
within thy courts to be;
my very heart and flesh cry out,
O living God for thee.*

*2 Beside thine altars, gracious Lord,
the swallows find a nest;
how happy they who dwell with thee
and praise thee without rest;
and happy they whose hearts are set
upon the pilgrim's quest*

*3 They who go through the desert vale
will find it filled with springs,
and they shall climb from height to height
till Zion's temple rings
with praise to thee, in glory throned
Lord God, great King of kings.*

*4 One day within thy courts excels
a thousand spent away;
how happy they who keep thy laws
nor from thy precepts stray,
for thou shall surely bless all those
who live the words they pray.*

The people sit.

A Reading from Ephesians

1:3-6, 15-19a

Bless the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! He has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing that comes from heaven. God chose us in Christ to be holy and blameless in God's presence before the creation of the world. God destined us to be his adopted children through Jesus Christ because of his love. This was according to his goodwill and plan and to honor his glorious grace that he has given to us freely through the Son whom he loves.

Since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, this is the reason that I don't stop giving thanks to God for you when I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, will give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation that makes God known to you. I pray that the eyes of your heart will have enough light to see what is the hope of God's call, what is the richness of God's glorious inheritance among believers, and what is the overwhelming greatness of God's power that is working among us believers.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

The people stand

Sequence Hymn We Three Kings

H128 vs 1-4

Tune: *Three Kings of Orient*

*1. We three kings of Orient are,
bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain,
moor and mountain,
following yonder star.*

Refrain:

*O star of wonder, star of night,
star with royal beauty bright;
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light!*

2. Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,
gold I bring to crown him again,
King for ever,
ceasing never
over us all to reign. (*Refrain*)

3. Frankincense to offer have I:
incense owns a Deity nigh;
prayer and praising,
gladly raising,
worship him, God Most High. (*Refrain*)

4. Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume
breathes a life of gathering gloom;
sorrowing, sighing,
bleeding, dying,
sealed in the stone-cold tomb. (*Refrain*)

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ
 according to **Matthew**

2:1-12

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in the territory of Judea during the rule of King Herod, magi came from the east to Jerusalem. They asked, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We've seen his star in the east, and we've come to honor him."

When King Herod heard this, he was troubled, and everyone in Jerusalem was troubled with him. He gathered all the chief priests and the legal experts and asked them where the Christ was to be born. They said, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for this is what the prophet wrote:

*You, Bethlehem, land of Judah,
by no means are you least among the rulers of Judah,
because from you will come one who governs,
who will shepherd my people Israel.”*

Then Herod secretly called for the magi and found out from them the time when the star had first appeared. He sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search carefully for the child. When you’ve found him, report to me so that I too may go and honor him.” When they heard the king, they went; and look, the star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stood over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were filled with joy. They entered the house and saw the child with Mary his mother. Falling to their knees, they honored him. Then they opened their treasure chests and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Because they were warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they went back to their own country by another route.

Presider The Gospel of our Savior.

People: ***Praise to you, Lord Christ***

Hymn

We Three Kings

H128 vs 5

Tune: *Three Kings of Orient*

***5. Glorious now behold him arise,
King and God and Sacrifice;
heaven sings
alleluia:
alleluia the earth replies.
O star of wonder, star of night,
star with royal beauty bright;
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light!***

The people sit

The Sermon

Rev. Anna Sutterisch

The people stand

“The Creeds are statements of our basic beliefs about God” (BCP 851).

We say these words as a gathered community to affirm our belief in God as creator, redeemer, and sustainer of all creation, as the source of life and holiness. God has blessed humanity with relationships and community which are part of God’s own essence as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We do not say these words as some sort of litmus test but as an invitation to wrestle with the mystery and complexity of God with generations of Christians who have gone before us and with generations who will come after us.

*We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.*

*We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.*

*We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father,
Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.
Who has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

The Prayers of the People, Form IV

BCP 388

Stand or kneel as the Holy Spirit leads.

The Leader and People pray.

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

We pray especially for Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Anne, our Bishop; Vincent, our rector; Anna, our supply priest; and Clarke, our seminarian.

In the Diocese of Ohio, we pray St. Peter's Church, Lakewood, and for our Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Anne B. Jolly and the Diocesan Staff.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

We pray especially for (... *the names on the long-term prayer list are read*).

The People may offer their own petitions, either silently or aloud.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

We pray especially for (...*the names of the recently deceased are read*).

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Presider says

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

The Confession of Sin

BCP 360

The Presider says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Presider and People

***Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.***

The Priest, stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. ***Amen.***

The Peace

BCP 360

All stand

Presider ***The peace of Christ be always with you.***

People ***And also with you.***

Then the Ministers and People greet one another with a wave, bow, or appropriate gesture but keep social distance.

For those celebrating birthdays

Zander Gillies
Nicholas Masola

Susan O'Donnell
Anna Sutterisch

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Announcements

The presider asks visitors to fill out the information at the bottom of page 2, then highlights the announcements.

The Holy Communion

The Offertory Sentence

Offertory: Sing with Joy

Praetorius/Liebergen

Sing with joy, the child is born!
Celebrate on Christmas morn!
Glory be to God above,
the holy child now comes in love,
all join the celebration;
the holy child now comes in love,
all sing with jubilation.

Noel! Noel!
Praise the Lord, Emmanuel!
Sent from God above on earth to dwell!
Praise the Lord sent from above on earth to dwell.
Christ is born, let all rejoice,
let all rejoice with great acclaim!
Come adore the holy child,
His name proclaim!

All stand

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Offerings

*The gifts of the people are presented at this time
as the congregation sings.*

Presentation: In the Bleak Midwinter

H112 vs. 4
Tune: Cranham

*4. 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.*

The people remain standing

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361

Presider May God be with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People ***We lift them to the Lord.***

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People ***It is right to give our thanks and praise.***

The Presider proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus and Benedictus

St. James Sanctus

Tune: Jesus, Our Brother, Kind and Good

Presider and People

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

Hosanna in the highest.

***Blessed is he, is he who comes in the name of the Lord,
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.***

The people stand or kneel and the Presider continues

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and maker of all.

Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: "This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Presider and People (spoken)

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Presider continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

The Lord's Prayer (*spoken*)

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People and Presider

***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 trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.***

***And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.***

***For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.***

The Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept

Fraction Anthem

**St. James Agnus Dei
Tune: What Child Is This?**

***O lamb of God, O Holy Child,
Who takes the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, lamb so mild,
The babe, the son of Mary.
This, this is your body given,
Your precious blood, the gift of heaven.
Take, eat, for we are one
In the babe, the son of Mary.***

The Invitation to Communion

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Presider says

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All people are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Children of all ages are included in this invitation.

The presider invites those not receiving the sacrament to make a spiritual communion, led by the reader.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

from the Prayer Book for the Armed Services

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

Communion Music: Dona Nobis Pacem

Barbara Wallace

*Dona nobis pacem, pacem,
dona nobis pacem...
Amen, amen.*

Postcommunion Music:

St. James Kyrie

*Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy upon us.*

*God the Lord the Savior gave us,
Jesus Christ is born to save us.
Lord have mercy upon us.
Lord have mercy upon us.*

After Communion, the Presider says

Let us pray.

Postcommunion Prayer *(said by all, standing)*

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Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of Christ, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Blessing

The priest blesses the people, saying

May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness. **Amen.**

May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel. **Amen.**

May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you his peace and favor. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

*1. The first Nowell the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
in fields where they lay, keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.*

Refrain:

*Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
born is the King of Israel.*

*2. They looked up and saw a star
shining in the east beyond them far,
and to the earth it gave great light,
and so it continued both day and night. [Refrain]*

*3. And by the light of that same star
three wise men came from country far;
to seek for a king was their intent,
and to follow the star wherever it went. [Refrain]*

*4. This star drew nigh to the northwest,
o'er Bethlehem it took its rest,
and there it did both stop and stay
right over the place where Jesus lay. [Refrain]*

*5. Then entered in those wise men three
full reverently upon their knee,
and offered there in his presence,
their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense. [Refrain]*

Presider Let us pray.

*Good and gracious God,
we pray for all who have yet to know of your love and mercy.
May the Church of the Ascension
be so inspired by your Holy Spirit
that it may serve as a beacon of hope
and a witness to the gospel for all people.*

*Grant that we may continually grow
in our own knowledge and love of you
as we strive to use all that we have, and all that we are
to follow and imitate your beloved son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.*

The Dismissal

Presider Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

Voluntary: Postlude on *The First Nowell*

W. Lawrence Curry

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We hope you will join us in Ascension Hall for some refreshments and conversation. Ascension Hall is located on this level through the chapel and at the end of the hallway.

**Please keep these people in your prayers
today and all week long:**

Our Spiritual Leaders:

+ Sean -our Presiding Bishop; +Anne -our Bishop;
Vincent+ -our Rector; Clarke -our seminarian

Those for whom prayers have been requested:

Mickey Black	Pamela Jackson
Teddi Black	Boots Johnston
Shirley Campion	Joyce Knapp
Robert Dibb	Lois Leete
Dolly Doyle	June Madden
Laura Egeland	Gil Newlands
Barbara Faux	Matthew Phelps
Spencer Faux	Kaliegh Roe
Stephanie Foster	Dave Rozell
Kathy Fousek	Patricia Saylor
Ella Jane Fowerbaugh	Wendy Semple
Spencer Griffith	Corky Thacker
Martha Hartman	

Those We Know in the Military

Trey Brower	Sydney Kline
Wiley Goins	Burton McCarthy
Lauren Hober	Jason Strater

The Departed

Harding Christ

Eric Christiansen

Tim Kirkbride

Sue Parsley

Sam Sgambellone

Bill Wofford

The Weekly Prayer List

The weekly prayer list is used for those who need extra prayers due to illness or a particular challenge or hardship.

Pledges and offerings to the Church.

Please mail in your pledges/financial offerings so we can continue with the ministries of the church as well as meet our financial obligations.

or



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Please join us in helping to keep
The Church of the Ascension strong
and able to meet the needs of an ever-changing world.

Remembering Past Parishioners
Celebrating 150 years of ministry
1875 - 2025



John W. Brown (January 7, 1826 – December 30, 1886)

Jane Hewett Brown (February 8, 1828- April 10, 1903)

John W. Brown and Jane were both born in England. They married in the 1850s and around 1856 purchased land in Rockport, Ohio where John was listed in census records as a farmer. According to historic maps of Rockport, it looks like the Brown family lived south of the Nicholson farm. Together John and Jane had four daughters: Elizabeth, Fanny, Carrie, Mary.

John and Jane Brown, their daughters Carrie and Mary along with Jane's mother are found as the very first family listed in the parish records for Church of the Ascension from November 1881. Recently, records were found in the archives of the diocese in Trinity Cathedral that show that from 1882 until his death in 1886, John W. Brown was a warden of Church of the

Ascension. During these early years, there was not a vestry for the church, just two wardens to make the governing decisions for the congregation. At this time there were approximately seventeen families that were part of the parish. Our archives have the recipes for Blackberry Cordial and Blackberry Wine from Jane Brown. It is surely a reflection of the farms in Rockport at the time. They were known for vineyards, the production of berries and fruit trees. John William Brown passed away December 30, 1886, and his funeral service was performed by Rev. Tandy C. Rucker. After the death of John in 1886, his widow lived with her daughters Carrie and Mary who were both teachers. Jane passed away on April 10, 1903, while living in West Park. Her funeral services at Ascension were performed by Rev. George Fredric Williams. John and Jane were buried in Fairview Park Cemetery.

Submitted by Gregory Sent, Archivist



The Ministers of the Liturgy

Presider: Rev. Anna Sutterisch
Music Director and Organist: Jon Peterson
Choir Director: Margie Hildebrandt
Acolytes: Jan Bednarski, Terrie Schade
Readers: Keira Dodd and Alex DeJesus
Spiritual Communion Reader: Keira Dodd
Chalice Bearers: Jan Bednarski and Terrie Schade
Ushers: Jeff Sommer and Bob Hankey
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The flowers on the chapel altar are given to the glory of God
in memory John and Jane Brown.

Bible readings from the Common English Bible (CEB)
A New Metrical Psalter, Revised Common Lectionary Edition

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Youth Invitation: "Faithfully Formed: A Celebration of Anna's Ministry"

Youth (and former youth) who have participated in any Diocesan event (EYE, Happening, Middle School Pilgrimage, Camp, Retreats) under the direction of (former) Canon for Formation, the Rev. Anna Sutterisch, are invited, along with their families, to a special celebration honoring her impactful ministry. The event will take place on Saturday, **January 11, 2025**, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at Bellwether Farm. Please RSVP by December 28th.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING: SUNDAY, JANUARY 19th.

There will be one service at 10:30. Lunch will be served after the service. Meeting begins after lunch, ending by 2:30 p.m.

We will elect two members to serve on the Vestry.

Joe Sgambellone and Alex DeJesus have been nominated. Nominations may be received from the floor when this action is called for.

All Parishioners Are Expected to Attend

Winter Convocation

Jan 31st - Feb 1st, 2025, at Sawmill Creek

All are invited to Winter Convocation, **January 31st-February 1st**, at Sawmill Creek in Huron to learn tangible skills for how to live out our vision in our faith communities. We'll be joined by two visiting trainers from The College for Congregational Development (CCD) who will lead us to deepen our faith and build our practical skills for being the church in the world today.

We strongly encourage you to bring groups from your. If you bring six or more from your congregation, the Diocese will reimburse half of the registration fees. Childcare and interactive activities for youth will be available. The cost to register is \$50.00 for adults and \$15.00 for children/youth. [Register and find more details at our website.](#)

Sunday Bible Study

There will be no bible study until **January 26th**.
Beginning **January 26th**, and ending **March 23rd**,
Keira Dodd will lead a Bible Study
of the Wisdom Books.

Go Deeper in Your Faith!

Father Vincent and Aaron Beatty will lead a book study of
"Inwardly Digest" by Derek Olsen from **6:30-8pm for 9 weeks**
on **Wednesdays beginning February 5 and ending April 16**.
We will not meet on Ash Wednesday (3/5) or when the president
of historical society is presenting (3/26).

We will discuss a chapter a week except on 2/5 we will discuss
the forward and ch1 and on 2/12 we will discuss chapters 2&3.

Chosen, Thursdays 6-8pm

Season 3: January and February

Jan 16th: 1	Feb 6th: 4&5	Feb 27th: 8
Jan 23rd: 2	Feb 13th: 6	
Jan 30th: 3	Feb 20th: 7	

Season 4: March, April, and May

Mar 6th: 1	Mar 27th: 4	Apr 24th: 7
Mar 13th: 2	Apr 3rd: 5	May 1st: 8
Mar 20th: 3	Apr 10th: 6	

Centering Prayer

We meet every Thursday from noon to 12:45 in Ascension Hall. For more information ask Father Vincent or call Jim in the office.

Ascension Night Out:

Join us as we ring in the New Year at Carrabbas Italian Grill, Westlake on **Wednesday, January 15th** at 6:00 pm. Carrabbas is located at 25054 Sperry Drive and you can check out the menu at [Menu | Carrabba's Italian Grill](#).

Please RSVP by **Sunday, January 12th** to Jim in the office by either calling 216-521-8727 or emailing Secretary@Ascension-Lakewood.org.

It's Tea Time

On **February 15th** at 3pm in celebration of our 150th Anniversary Tickets \$30.00 and go on sale by reservation only, after the New Year. Call Rosalie Ferline at 216-401-0729

We are also looking for people to set tables, serve those tables and bake scones. We are planning a meeting on **Sunday January 12th**, in Ascension Hall after church. I will have all the info you need to do these jobs. If you have questions please feel free to call me at 216- 262 -2285.

Dolly Doyle

A General Thanksgiving

Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us. We thank you for the splendor of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love.

We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side.

We thank you for setting us at tasks which demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us.

We thank you also for those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone.

Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his Word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying, through which he overcame death; and for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom.

Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know Christ and make him known; and through him, at all times and in all places, may give thanks to you in all things. *Amen.*

The flowers placed at the altar are given to the glory of God,
and in loving memory of or in thanksgiving for:

Theodore & Florence Petrilli	Mr. & Mrs. W. J. Davis
Raymond & Helen Black	Mr. & Mrs. Norman Wielgosz
Robert Black	Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Hankey
Bonnie R. Kidwell	Dr. & Mrs. R. T. Gildea
Edgar & Esther Sommer	Miss Ruth Conlon
Fred & Carrie Thacker	Mrs. Eva Gyler
Ed Meng	W. J. Davis, Jr.
Bill Hildebrandt	Ivan & Claire Burrell
Larry & Don Dusenbury	Max Close
Coles & Dorothy Dusenbury	Alejandro Mercado
Maria del Rosario & Bill Barnhard	Barbara Kutza
Pat Hendy	John A. Dunn
Marilyn Little	Sydney Folen
Bill Wofford	Neale Nitz
Eric Christiansen	Dr. Carrie Krewson Schopf
Linda Seward	Nancie McCrystal Vanah
Dennis & Eleanor Black	Donald R. Partlow
Ken Black	Carrie & Arthur Krewson
Mary Marcella	Capt. Robert McDowell & Carrie McDowell
Tina Marcella	Maria & George Sent
Gale & Don Allore	Nancy Reid Doolittle
The Madden Family	Steven R. Owen
David Paisley	Albert E. Fowerbaugh
Richard & Esther Paisley	Bob Knapp
Geraldine, Orville, & Janet Pelkey	Knapp & Kane Families
Sarah Walter & Phil Walter	Jennifer Carlson
Marilyn & Tom Bretz	Sam Sgambellone
Russell Boone	Jim Sgambellone
Zachary Klemola	Sally Gazala
Princess Merry	The O'Donnell Family
Paul Saylor Jr.	Jack & Mary Jo Flowers
Jean & Andrew Rerko	Anne & Dean Lucas
Adam Kulina	William Lucas
Philip & Adelle Bethea	Joe Ivanoski
Jessie & Alfred Beyer	Carol Culp & Jim Hendy
Ronald & Nancy Weiss	Bill & Trudy Cowell
Diantha Watkins	Tomas Cowell
Derek & Mark Lewallen	Edward Cowell

Collecting Clothes for St. Luke's Episcopal Church

Box is outside the office.

Please only clean and lightly worn clothing.
Highly needed are seasonal men's and children's items.

Noonday prayer Tuesdays at 12:12pm via conference call

**We will start prayer promptly at 12:12, and end just before 1pm.
Please do not call in before 12:05pm.**

You can call in for all or part of the time.

Dial-in number: (425) 436-6300

Access code: 593523#

Use *6 to mute and un-mute yourself when trying to talk.

We will use the Book of Common Prayer pp. 103-107.

Information for live streamed worship.

The service is streamed live each Sunday at 10:30am
on The Church of the Ascension website:

<https://ascension-lakewood.org/>

and on YouTube: <https://tinyurl.com/4rs872e2>.

Previous services and featured choir videos on YouTube
at: <https://tinyurl.com/3c336j6n>.

Office Hours

Office Hours are: 9am – 1:30pm, Tuesday - Thursday

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