

Church of the Ascension

August 31, 2025

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

10:30am

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BCP indicates the Book of Common Prayer.

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"S" indicates service music found at the front of the hymnal

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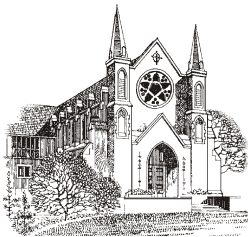
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Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 10:30am

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: Farwell to Fiunary

Norm MacLeod, arr. Faber
Cory Clemens, piano

Opening Hymn: Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

H423

Tune: St. Denio

*1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great Name we praise.*

*2 Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.*

*3 To all life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish, like leaves on the tree,
then wither and perish; but nought changeth thee.*

*4 Thou reignest in glory, thou rulest in light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render: O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.*

Welcome

Opening Acclamation (*The people standing*)

BCP 355

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People *And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

Song of Praise: **Glory to God (*Gloria in Excelsis*)**

S280

*Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.*

*Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
We worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.*

*Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;*

*You are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.*

*For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

The Collect for the Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Presider The Lord be with you.

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

Presider Let us pray.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things:
Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true
religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit
of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

People sit for the reading of the lessons

A Reading from Proverbs

25:6-7

Don't exalt yourself in the presence of the king,
or stand in the place of important people,
because it is better that he say to you,
"Come up here,"
than to be demoted before a ruler.

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

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

Psalm 112 (*spoken*)

Praise the Lord!

Those who honor the Lord,
who adore God's commandments, are truly happy!

² ***Their descendants will be strong throughout the land.***

The offspring of those who do right will be blessed;

³ wealth and riches will be in their houses.

Their righteousness stands forever.

⁴ ***They shine in the dark for others who do right.***

They are merciful, compassionate, and righteous.

⁵ Those who lend generously are good people—
as are those who conduct their affairs with justice.

⁶ ***Yes, these sorts of people will never be shaken;
the righteous will be remembered forever!***

⁷ They won't be frightened at bad news.

Their hearts are steady, trusting in the Lord.

⁸ ***Their hearts are firm; they aren't afraid.***

In the end, they will witness their enemies' defeat.

⁹ They give freely to those in need.

Their righteousness stands forever.

Their strength increases gloriously.

¹⁰ ***The wicked see all this and fume;***

they grind their teeth, but disappear to nothing.

What the wicked want to see happen comes to nothing!

A Reading from Hebrews

13:1-8, 15-16

Keep loving each other like family. Don't neglect to open up your homes to guests, because by doing this some have been hosts to angels without knowing it. Remember prisoners as if you were in prison with them, and people who are mistreated as if you were in their place. Marriage must be honored in every respect, with no cheating on the relationship, because God will judge the sexually immoral person and the person who commits adultery. Your way of life should be free from the love of money, and you should be content with what you have. After all, he has said, *I will never leave you or abandon you*. This is why we can confidently say,

*The Lord is my helper,
and I won't be afraid.
What can people do to me?*

Remember your leaders who spoke God's word to you. Imitate their faith as you consider the way their lives turned out. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever!

So let's continually offer up a sacrifice of praise through him, which is the fruit from our lips that confess his name. Don't forget to do good and to share what you have because God is pleased with these kinds of sacrifices.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People ***Thanks be to God.***

The people stand

Sequence Hymn Open Your Ears

H536 vs. 1,2

David Sent, cantor

Tune: Torah Song (Yisrael V'oraita)

***Open your ears, O faithful people,
open your ears and hear God's word.
Open your hearts, O royal priesthood,
God has come to you.***

Refrain

***God has spoken to the people, Hallelujah!
And his words are words of wisdom, Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
God has spoken to the people, Hallelujah!
And his words are words of wisdom, Hallelujah!***

***They who have ears to hear the message,
they who have ears, then let them hear.
They who would learn the way of wisdom,
let them hear Gods word. [refrain]***

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

14:1, 7-14

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

One Sabbath, when Jesus went to share a meal in the home of one of the leaders of the Pharisees, they were watching him closely.

When Jesus noticed how the guests sought out the best seats at the table, he told them a parable. “When someone invites you to a wedding celebration, don’t take your seat in the place of honor. Someone more highly regarded than you could have been invited by your host. The host who invited both of you will come and say to you, ‘Give your seat to this other person.’ Embarrassed, you will take your seat in the least important place. Instead, when you receive an invitation, go and sit in the least important place. When your host approaches you, he will say, ‘Friend, move up here to a better seat.’ Then you will be honored in the presence of all your fellow guests. All who lift themselves up will be brought low, and those who make themselves low will be lifted up.”

Then Jesus said to the person who had invited him, “When you host a lunch or dinner, don’t invite your friends, your brothers and sisters, your relatives, or rich neighbors. If you do, they will invite you in return and that will be your reward. Instead, when you give a banquet, invite the poor, crippled, lame, and blind. And you will be blessed because they can’t repay you. Instead, you will be repaid when the just are resurrected.”

Presider The Gospel of our Savior.

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

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The people sit

The Sermon

Domenico Sgambellone

The people stand

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

“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 V

BCP 389

Stand or kneel as the Holy Spirit leads.

Reader says

In peace, let us pray to Christ Jesus.

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love,
and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you,
O Christ.

Christ, have mercy.

For Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Anne, our Bishop; Vincent, our rector;
and Clarke, our seminarian; for all bishops and other ministers, and for
all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Christ.

Christ, have mercy.

In the Diocese of Ohio, for St. Peter's Church, Lakewood, and for the
Northeast Mission Area: St. Peter's Church, Ashtabula; St. Martin's
Church, Chagrin Falls; St. Luke's Church, Chardon; Church of the
Epiphany, Euclid; St. Christopher's by the River Church, Gates Mills;
and Christ Church, Geneva, we pray to you, O Christ.

Christ, have mercy.

For all who seek God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions
may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we
pray to you, O Christ.

Christ, have mercy.

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the
Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Christ.

Christ, have mercy.

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Christ.

Christ, have mercy.

For those in positions of public trust, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Christ.

Christ, have mercy.

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Christ.

Christ, have mercy.

For this *congregation*, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Christ.

Christ, have mercy.

For our enemies and those who wish us harm; and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Christ.

Christ, have mercy.

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Christ.

Christ, have mercy.

For (*the names on the prayer list are read*), we pray to you, O Christ.

Christ, have mercy.

For all who have died in the communion of your Church (especially... *the names of the recently deceased are read*), and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Christ.

Christ, have mercy.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

To you, O Lord our God.

Silence

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

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.

For those celebrating birthdays

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 Hymn Children of the Heavenly Father L213

Tune: Swedish folk melody

*1 Children of the heav'nly Father
Safely in His bosom gather;
Nestling bird nor star in heaven,
Such a refuge e'er was given.*

*2 God His own doth tend and nourish,
In His holy courts they flourish;
From all evil things He spares them,
In His mighty arms He bears them.*

*3 Neither life nor death shall ever
From the Lord His children sever;
Unto them His grace He showeth,
and their sorrows all He knoweth.*

*4 Praise the Lord in joyful numbers,
Your protector never slumbers;
At the will of your defender
Every person must surrender.*

*5 Tho' He giveth or He taketh,
God His children ne'er forsaketh;
His the loving purpose solely
To preserve them pure and holy.*

All stand

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Offerings

*The gifts of the people are brought forward at this time, including bread,
wine and alms, as the congregation sings the Presentation Hymn.*

Presentation Hymn: The Doxology

H380 v. 3
Tune: Old 100th

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below,
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

The people remain standing

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP 367

Presider 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.*

Presider

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

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

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

R. Bethancourt

Presider and People

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r, of pow'r and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r, of pow'r and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r, of pow'r and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

The people stand or kneel and the Presider continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People (spoken)

***We remember Christ’s death,
We proclaim Christ’s resurrection,
We await Christ’s coming in glory;***

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Mary, the mother of Jesus, and with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.***

The Presider continues

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

The Lord's Prayer (*spoken*)

BCP 364

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

W875

Refrain:

***Be known to us, Lord Jesus,
in the breaking of the bread.***

- 1. The bread which we break, alleluia,
is the communion of the body of Christ. [Refrain]***
- 2. One body are we, alleluia,
for though many we share one bread. [Refrain]***

The Invitation to Communion

BCP 364

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: Let Us Break Bread

H325

Tune: Let Us Break Bread Together

***Let us break bread together on our knees;
let us break bread together on our knees;***

[Refrain:]

***when I fall on my knees,
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.***

***Let us drink wine together on our knees;
let us drink wine together on our knees; (Refrain)***

***Let us praise God together on our knees;
let us praise God together on our knees; (Refrain)***

Postcommunion Music: I Bind unto Myself Today **H370, vs 6**
Tune: St. Patrick's Breastplate

*6 Christ be with me, Christ within me,
Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,
Christ to comfort and restore me,
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love me,
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.*

After Communion, the Presider says

Let us pray.

Postcommunion Prayer *(said by all, standing)* **BCP 366**

*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

Closing Hymn: Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee **H376**
Tune: Hymn to Joy

*1 Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
praising thee, their sun above.*

*Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
drive the dark of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.*

*2 All thy works with joy surround thee,
earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee,
center of unbroken praise.
field and forest, vale and mountain,
blooming meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain,
call us to rejoice in thee.*

*3 Thou art giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
wellspring of the joy of living,
ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother:
all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine.*

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 Let us go forth into the world,
 rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

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

Voluntary: Postlude on *Hymn to Joy*

arr. K. Lee Scott

† † †

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.

Organ Crawl

Anyone interested in a tour of the organ, please
see Jon Peterson after the 10:30 service.

**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:

Coco Angarita	Boots Johnston
Mimi Angarita	Joyce Knapp
Amanda Arnold	June Madden
Betsy Bates	Gil Newlands
Mickey Black	Corey Niebes
Teddi Black	The Nunny Family
Rehtaeh Brady	Kris Purdy
Becky Burdzinski	Ray and Family
Shirley Champion	Sandy Reagan
Robert Dibb	Michael Redmond
Kaisu Donovan	Kalieghe Roe
Doug Damron	Tim Sabolik
Giavonna Evans	Patricia Saylor
Barbara Faux	Wendy Semple
Spencer Faux	Miriam Schantz
Stephanie Foster	Roselle Sgambellone
Ella Jane Fowerbaugh	Daniel Smith
Linda Gratz	Corky Thacker
Spencer Griffith	Ruth Vacha
Hannah	Barb Weinert
Pamela Jackson	

Those We Know in the Military

Wiley Goins	Burton McCarthy
Lauren Hober	Jason Strater
Sydney Kline	

The Departed

Peter Alix
Amanda Hinton
Cheryl Jankowski

Lenore Heller
Lois Leete

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.

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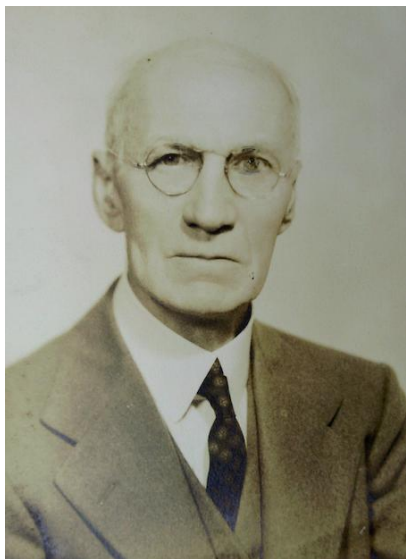
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Please join us in helping to keep
The Church of the Ascension strong
and able to meet the needs of an ever-changing world.

Remembering Past Parishioners

Celebrating 150 years of ministry

1875 – 2025



William Henry Chappel (1874-1943)
Julia Anna Hood (1879-1966)

William Henry Chappel was born on February 8, 1874, in Stormont, Canada to Hiram and Marion Anderson Chappel. The Chappel family were farmers. Canadian records indicate that the Chappel family belonged to the Church of England. After the turn of the century, William H. Chappel, who was a professional hockey player in Toronto, Canada, came to Cleveland, Ohio and captained one of the first teams to play in the Elysium.

Julia A. Hood was born September 28, 1879, in Toronto, Ohio (near Steubenville, Ohio) to Thomas and Margaret Myers Hood. The Hood family was Methodist. Her father, a veteran of the Civil War, worked as a ceramic tile maker.

Julia and William married on April 15, 1914, at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Cleveland. In 1920, the Chappel family was found living at 1490 Grace Avenue, which is within walking distance to Church of the

Ascension. Together Julia and William had two children: William Henry Chappel Jr. and Margaret Marion Chappel. Their son and daughter were baptized at Church of the Ascension on April 3, 1920, by Rev. Wallace Gordon. Julia Hood Chappel was confirmed as an adult on May 9, 1926, by Bishop Leonard and presented by Rev. Gordon. William H. Chappel Jr. was confirmed April 21, 1929, by Bishop Rogers and presented by Rev. Gordon. Margaret Marion Chappel was confirmed on April 30, 1933, by Bishop Rogers and presented by Rev. Studwell.

Their daughter, Margaret Marion Chappel, married Malcolm John Lang on July 15, 1942, at Church of the Ascension and Rev. John R. Pattie officiated. They both were active at Church of the Ascension with Malcolm Lang serving on vestry for many years including terms as Junior and Senior Warden.

William H. Chappel Sr. was a salesman and jobber of automobile accessories. He would buy goods in quantity from manufactures and then sell to dealers. At Church of the Ascension, William H. Chappel was on vestry. His first term was in 1929 and his last was in 1942.

On May 25, 1943, William Henry Chappel Sr. passed away. His burial was at Church of the Ascension on May 27, 1943, and officiated by Rev. John R. Pattie. In memory of her husband, Julia Chappel donated the window *Amos*.

After the death of her husband, Julia Chappel continued to be active at Ascension. She was at one time head of the Ladies' Guild and on a committee to help the vestry with fundraising. She was known as a strong leader, who was talented at motivating people to work as a team. When Rev. Gordon left Ascension, she was head of a group that wanted to raise money to give as a farewell gift.

Julia Hood Chappel passed away on March 9, 1966, and her funeral services at Church of the Ascension were on March 11, 1966, officiated by Dr. Stuart Cole. Julia and William Chappel were buried at Lakewood Park Cemetery in Rocky River.

Submitted by Gregory Sent, Archivist



A Legacy of Faith and Future: Celebrating 150 Years

Beloved People of God,

For 150 years, Church of the Ascension has stood as a beacon of faith and community in Lakewood, Ohio, holding the distinct honor of being the oldest church of any denomination in our vibrant city. As we celebrate this remarkable sesquicentennial, we are launching a special **Legacy Campaign** to honor our past and secure our future.

Our goal is to raise **\$150,000** to support vital projects that will enhance our worship, strengthen our ministries, and preserve our cherished campus for generations to come. A significant portion of these funds, **\$90,000**, is dedicated to a project close to the heart of many: the **completion of our magnificent pipe organ**.

Many of you know that when our organ underwent its extensive refurbishment in the early 2000s, funds ran short, leaving one crucial element unaddressed: the **16' pedal Violone**, which requires 73 new pipes. Our devoted organist, **Jon Peterson**, who has graced our services with his talent for more than a third of the church's existence, dreams of seeing the organ fully completed in his lifetime. Imagine the profound richness and depth this addition will bring to our hymns, anthems, and special musical offerings!

The Legacy Campaign funds will also be used to address other pressing needs. We will **replace the roof on Strom Hall kitchen**, estimated to be **\$30,000**, ensuring the continued functionality and protection of this important space used to prepare community meals. Additionally, we

will **add to our endowment for Facility Upkeep**, providing long-term financial stability for the ongoing maintenance and preservation of our historic buildings.

To acknowledge your generous support for this project, those who contribute a minimum of **\$1,500 to the 150th Legacy Campaign** will have their names inscribed on a **plaque of honor** within the church.

Your contribution of any amount to the Legacy Campaign is an investment in the enduring legacy of Church of the Ascension. It's a chance to honor the countless individuals who have built and sustained this parish for 150 years, and to ensure that our church continues to be a spiritual home, a vibrant community hub, and a cornerstone of Lakewood for the next 150 years and beyond.

I prayerfully ask for your generous support as we embark on this exciting chapter. Please consider how you can help us surpass our goal and leave your own mark on the rich history of Church of the Ascension.

Yours in Christ,
Father Vincent Black

Sesquicentennial Memorabilia

Make sure to get your anniversary mementos for sale outside the parish office. Items include bags, ornaments, mugs, and magnets. Limited supply.

We are now taking orders for T-shirts. T-shirts are \$20 and \$25 for 2XL or larger. Long sleeve T-shirts are \$25 and \$30 for 2XL or larger. Payment is due upfront via cash or check. Please see Stephanie Gillies to purchase or with any questions.

150th Anniversary Cookbook Available!

150th Anniversary Cookbooks: A Slice of History with photos, recipes, and biographies spanning the years! Now available for a minimum donation of \$20.00.

150th Anniversary History Available!

Get a history of the 150 years of Church of the Ascension! Now available for a minimum donation of \$20.00.

All purchases and donations can be made via the following QR Code:



Looking Back, Looking Forward!

Join Father Vincent on **Sunday, September 7th and 14th, from 9:15-10:15am** in Ascension Hall, to discuss The History of the Church of the Ascension and where we go from here.

Please read pages 1-64 in preparation for **September 7th**. We will discuss pages 65 to the end of the book on **September 14th**.

Books can be purchased in the office for \$20.00

Please join us:

Would you like to learn more about our Episcopal identity? Join our College for Congregational Development (CCD) team on **Tuesday, September 9th, at 7:00 pm** in Ascension Hall as we explore what makes Episcopalians Episcopalians! There will be a brief presentation and discussion, ending with Compline. Bring your questions and curiosities! There will be light refreshments.

Please see Alex DeJesus, Emily Junkans, Kiera Dodd,
or Fr. Vincent for more information.

Pet Blessing and Memorial Service

There will be a Blessing of the Animals and pet memorial service on **Saturday, September 13th, at 10:00 am** in the West Garden. All live pets are to be caged or leashed. Stuffed animals welcome as well!

If you intend to have the remains of your pets spread in the holy circle, please call the church secretary at 216-521-8727 by **Tuesday, Sept. 9th**. Memorial offerings may be made to support our garden fund.

Ascension Night Out

It might not be a backyard BBQ, but we can still celebrate the end of Summer with a burger. Join us on **Wednesday, September 17th at 6:00 pm** at the Red Robin in Fairview Park. Red Robin is located at 3190 W. 210th St., and their website is [Family Friendly Burger Restaurant | Red Robin](#).

Please RSVP to Jim by either calling the office at 216-521-8727 or emailing Jim.Weiss@Ascension-Lakewood.org no later than **Sunday, September 14th**.

Evensong with Trinity Cathedral Sunday, September 21st, at 4pm

Dean BJ Owens preaching,
the Cathedral Choir singing,
Rev. Mike Lager, rector of St. Peter's presiding.

Followed by dinner.

Please sign up!

The Church

Q. What is the Church?

A. The Church is the community of the New Covenant.

Q. How is the Church described in the Bible?

A. The Church is described as the Body of which Jesus Christ is the Head and of which all baptized persons are members. It is called the People of God, the New Israel, a holy nation, a royal priesthood, and the pillar and ground of truth.

Q. How is the Church described in the creeds?

A. The Church is described as one, holy, catholic, and apostolic.

Q. Why is the Church described as one?

A. The Church is one, because it is one Body, under one Head, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Q. Why is the Church described as holy?

A. The Church is holy, because the Holy Spirit dwells in it, consecrates its members, and guides them to do God's work.

Q. Why is the Church described as catholic?

A. The Church is catholic, because it proclaims the whole Faith to all people, to the end of time.

Q. Why is the Church described as apostolic?

A. The Church is apostolic, because it continues in the teaching and fellowship of the apostles and is sent to carry out Christ's mission to all people.

Q. What is the mission of the Church?

A. The mission of the Church is to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ.

Q. How does the Church pursue its mission?

A. The Church pursues its mission as it prays and worships, proclaims the Gospel, and promotes justice, peace, and love.

Q. Through whom does the Church carry out its mission?

A. The Church carries out its mission through the ministry of all its members



The Ministers of the Liturgy

Presider: Rev. Vincent Black

Preacher: Domenico Sgambellone

Music Director and Organist: Jon Peterson

Acolytes: Seth Clemens, Maizie Gillies

Readers: Kinzley Gillies, Cory Clemens

Prayers: Cory Clemens

Spiritual Eucharist Reader: Kinzley Gillies

Chalice Bearers: Jan Bednarski, Terrie Schade

Ushers: Javier DeJesus, Aaron and Zander Gillies

Adult Supervisors: Stephanie Gillies, Jan Bednarski

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The flowers on the chapel altar are given to the glory of God
in memory of Amos and Julia Chappel.

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Office Hours

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

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.

**Centering Prayer will resume
on Thursday, September 11th.**

Eucharistic Visit

If you are unable to attend church and would like to request Holy Communion to be brought to you please call or email our Church Secretary 216-521-8727 secretary@ascension-lakewood.org

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>.

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