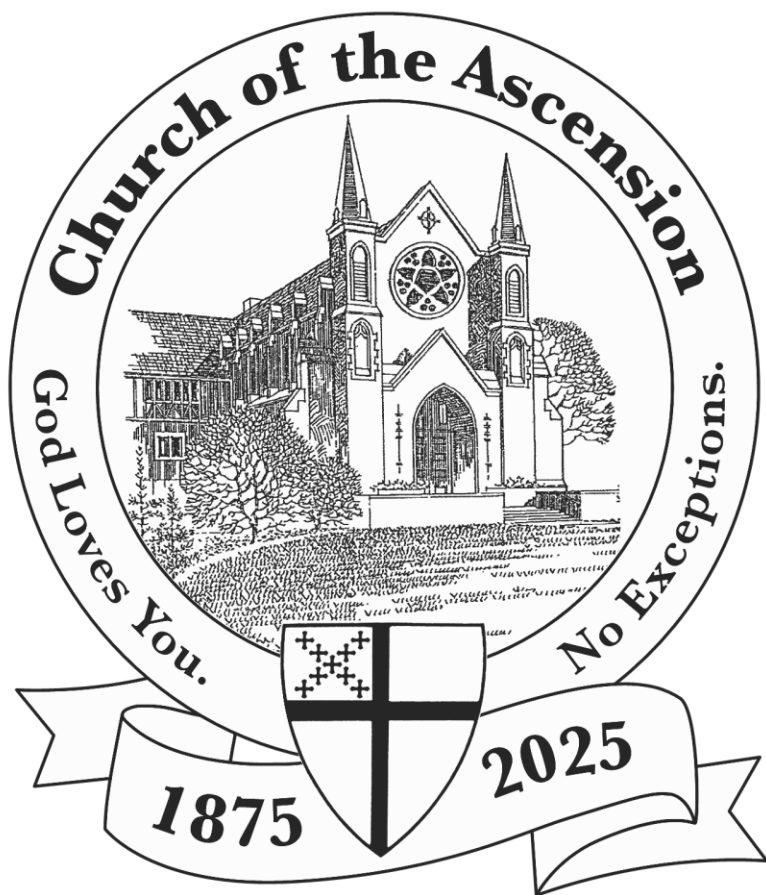




Church of the Ascension

October 12, 2025

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:30am

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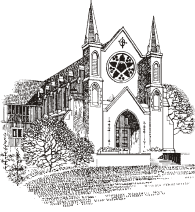
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Holy Eucharist, 10:30am,

Enriching Our Worship

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: Prelude on *Nun danket alle Gott*

Wilbur Held

Opening Hymn: Now Thank We All Our God

H397

Tune: *Nun danket alle Gott*

*1 Now thank we all our God,
with heart, and hands, and voices,
who wondrous things hath done,
in whom his world rejoices;
who from our mother's arms
hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.*

*2 O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us!
with ever-joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us in his grace,*

*and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
in this world and the next.*

*3 All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given,
the Son, and him who reigns
with them in highest heaven,
eternal, Triune God,
whom earth and heaven adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be, evermore.*

Welcome / Invitation to Sunday School

Opening Acclamation *(The people standing)*

EOW 50

Presider Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People *Glory to God for ever and ever.*

Song of Praise: Glory be to God the Father Tune: Regent Square

*1 Glory be to God the Father,
glory be to God the Son,
glory be to God the Spirit:
great Jehovah, Three in One!
Glory, glory, glory, glory,
while eternal ages run!*

*2 Glory be to him who loved us,
washed us from each spot and stain;
glory be to him who bought us,
made us kings with him to reign!
Glory, glory, glory, glory,
to the Lamb that once was slain!*

*3 Glory to the King of angels,
glory to the Church's King,
glory to the King of nations;
heav'n and earth your praises bring!*

*Glory, glory, glory, glory,
to the King of glory sing!*

*4 Glory, blessing, praise eternal!
thus the choir of angels sings;
Honor, riches, pow'r, dominion!
thus its praise creation brings.
Glory, glory, glory, glory,
Glory to the King of kings!*

The Collect for the Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Presider The Lord be with you.

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

Presider Let us pray.

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

People sit for the reading of the lessons

A Reading from Second Kings

5:1-3, 7-15c

Naaman, a general for the king of Aram, was a great man and highly regarded by his master, because through him the Lord had given victory to Aram. This man was a mighty warrior, but he had a skin disease. Now Aramean raiding parties had gone out and captured a young girl from the land of Israel. She served Naaman's wife.

She said to her mistress, "I wish that my master could come before the prophet who lives in Samaria. He would cure him of his skin disease."

When the king of Israel read the letter, he ripped his clothes. He said, "What? Am I God to hand out death and life? But this king writes me, asking me to cure someone of his skin disease! You must realize that he wants to start a fight with me."

*And gracious Lord, we well recall
Your works for they are marvelous.*

*3. To those who fear God, you give food;
You show the power of your hand
As, mindful of your covenant,
You give to us the promised land.*

*4. Your hands work justice, faithfulness,
And your commandments all are sure;
For they are done in equity
And truth, and they will long endure.*

*5. Redemption and eternal law
You sent us; holy is your Name;
With fear of God wisdom begins,
Whose praise endures, always the same.*

A Reading from Second Timothy

2:8-15

Remember Jesus Christ, who was raised from the dead and descended from David. This is my good news. This is the reason I'm suffering to the point that I'm in prison like a common criminal. But God's word cannot be imprisoned. This is why I endure everything for the sake of those who are chosen by God so that they too may experience salvation in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. This saying is reliable:

“If we have died together, we will also live together.

If we endure, we will also rule together.

If we deny him, he will also deny us.

If we are disloyal, he stays faithful”

because he can't be anything else than what he is.

Remind them of these things and warn them in the sight of God not to engage in battles over words that aren't helpful and only destroy those who hear them. Make an effort to present yourself to God as a tried-and-true worker, who doesn't need to be ashamed but is one who interprets the message of truth correctly.

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

The people stand

Sequence Hymn O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

H493 vs 1-3

Tune: Azmon

*1 O for a thousand tongues to sing
my dear Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace!*

*2 My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
and spread through all the earth abroad
the honors of thy Name.*

*3 Jesus! the Name that charms our fears
and bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears,
'tis life and health and peace.*

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

17:11-19

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

On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten men with skin diseases approached him. Keeping their distance from him, they raised their voices and said, “Jesus, Master, show us mercy!”

When Jesus saw them, he said, “Go, show yourselves to the priests.” As they left, they were cleansed. One of them, when he saw that he had been healed, returned and praised God with a loud voice. He fell on his face at Jesus’ feet and thanked him. He was a Samaritan. Jesus replied, “Weren’t ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? No one returned to praise God except this foreigner?” Then Jesus said to him, “Get up and go. Your faith has healed you.”

Presider The Gospel of our Savior.

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

*4 He speaks; and, listening to his voice,
new life the dead receive,
the mournful broken hearts rejoice,
the humble poor believe.*

*5 Hear him, ye deaf; ye voiceless ones,
your loosened tongues employ;
ye blind, behold your Savior comes;
and leap, ye lame, for joy!*

*6 Glory to God and praise and love
be now and ever given
by saints below and saints above,
the church in earth and heaven.*

The people sit

The Sermon

Clarke Valencia Mortensen

The people stand

The Nicene Creed

EOW 53

“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 VI

BCP 392

Stand or kneel as the Holy Spirit leads.

The Leader and People pray responsively.

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Anne, our Bishop; Vincent, our rector;
Clarke, our seminarian; and for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

In the Diocese of Ohio, we pray for St. Peter's Church, Lakewood,
and for the South Central Mission Area: St. Matthew's Church,
Ashland; Harcourt Parish, Gambier; and Grace Church, Mansfield;

For all who serve God in the Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation (especially... *the names on the long-term prayer list are read*).

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O Sovereign God;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom (especially... *the names of the recently deceased are read*).

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

The Presider adds a concluding Collect.

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

EOW 56

The Presider says

Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

Presider and People

***God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. 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

Corey Niebes

Rhydian Marcella

***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 Music: Standin' in the Need of Prayer arr. Carl Haywood
Performed by the Youth Choir

Refrain:

It's me, it's me, O Lord,
Standin' in the need of prayer;
It's me, it's me, O Lord,
Standin' in the need of prayer.

I Not my brother, not my sister, but it's me, O Lord,
Standin' in the need of prayer,
Not my brother, not my sister, but it's me, O Lord,
Standin' in the need of prayer. [Refrain]

3 Not my father, not my mother, but it's me, O Lord,
Standin' in the need of prayer,
Not my father, not my mother, but it's me, O Lord,
Standin' in the need of prayer. [Refrain]

***I Not my brother, not my sister, but it's me, O Lord,
Standin' in the need of prayer,
Not my brother, not my sister, but it's me, O Lord,
Standin' in the need of prayer. [Refrain]***

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 1

EW 57

Presider The Lord 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 truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

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, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Sanctus and Benedictus

S125

Presider and People

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

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed 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

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and 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 friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, 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 poured out for you and for all 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

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with Mary, the mother of Jesus, and with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

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

W877

Refrain:

***The disciples knew the 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.

[Refrain:]

*There is a balm in Gilead,
to make the wounded whole,
there is a balm in Gilead
to heal the sin-sick soul.*

*1 Sometimes I feel discouraged.
and think my work's in vain,
but then the Holy Spirit
revives my soul again. (Refrain)*

*2 If you cannot preach like Peter,
if you cannot pray like Paul,
you can tell the love of Jesus
and say, "He died for all." (Refrain)*

*3 Don't ever be discouraged
for Jesus is your friend,
and if you lack for knowledge,
He'll ne'er refuse to lend. (Refrain)*

Post Communion Music: Supplication

Taizé

O Lord, we call to Thee. Cleanse our hearts so we may love Thee.

After Communion, the Presider says

Let us pray.

Postcommunion Prayer (*said by all, standing*)

EOW 70

*Loving God,
we give you thanks
for restoring us in your image
and nourishing us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.
Now send us forth
a people forgiven, healed, renewed;
that we may proclaim your love to the world
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.*

Blessing

Closing Hymn: O Bless the Lord, My Soul

H411

Tune: St. Thomas (Williams)

*1 O bless the Lord, my soul!
His grace to thee proclaim!
And all that is within me join
to bless his holy Name!*

*2 O bless the Lord, my soul!
His mercies bear in mind!
Forget not all his benefits!
The Lord to thee is kind.*

*3 He will not always chide;
he will with patience wait;
his wrath is ever slow to rise
and ready to abate.*

*4 He pardons all thy sins,
prolongs thy feeble breath;
he healeth thine infirmities
and ransoms thee from death.*

*5 He clothes thee with his love,
upholds thee with his truth;
and like the eagle he renews
the vigor of thy youth.*

*6 Then bless his holy Name,
whose grace hath made thee whole,
whose loving-kindness crowns thy days:
O bless the Lord, my soul!*

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: Chant Héroïque

Gordon Young

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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.**

Organ Crawl

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



The Ministers of the Liturgy

Presider: Rev. Brad Purdom

Preacher: Clarke Valencia Mortensen

Music Director and Organist: Jon Peterson

Choir Director: Margie Hildebrandt

Acolytes: Derek Lewallen, Terrie Schade, Charlotte Sent

Readers: Ann Pesta, Joe Crichton

Spiritual Eucharist Reader: Ann Pesta

Chalice Bearers: Derek Lewallen, Terrie Schade

Ushers: Chris Coppock, Joe Sgambellone

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The flowers on the chapel altar are given to the glory of God
in memory of James and Orissa Kidney.

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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	Joyce Knapp
Mimi Angarita	June Madden
Amanda Arnold	Gil Newlands
Ralph Barbato	Corey Niebes
Betsy Bates	The Nunny Family
Rehtaeh Brady	Kris Purdy
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Linda Gratz	Corky Thacker
Spencer Griffith	Ruth Vacha
Hannah	Barb Weinert
Boots Johnston	Diane Welfley
Emily Junkans	

Those We Know in the Military

Wiley Goins	Burton McCarthy
Lauren Hober	Jason Strater
Sydney Kline	

The Departed

Mickey Black

Teddi Black

Lenore Heller

Joseph R. Hildebrandt

Pamela Jackson

Lois Leete

Patricia Sayler

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.

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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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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

Orissa Fidelia Plimpton (1835-1900)
James A. Kidney (1832-1912)



Orissa F. Plimpton was born March 28, 1835, in Lakewood, Ohio to Jonathan and Malone Plimpton.

James Kidney was born in 1832 in Saratoga, New York to Chaucey and Sarah Kidney.

James and Orissa married on January 1, 1861, in Roaring Creek, Wisconsin. They never had children.

During the Civil War, James Kidney is found in registration records listed as a farmer in Rockport, Ohio. James also worked for a time in Cleveland for the department store Fries and Schuele. Both James and Orissa came from old Lakewood families, families that were pioneers in the early days of Rockport. They both had ancestors who were buried in the old Kidney Cemetery and Wagar Cemetery here in Lakewood, of which both were destroyed to make room for a growing community. Their ancestors were later re-interred in Lakewood Park Cemetery in mass graves. In Lakewood, Orissa and James were known for buying and selling real estate especially near the Nicholson farm.

James A. Kidney and his wife pledged fifty dollars towards the building of Church of the Ascension in 1875. Beforehand, they were part of a group in the community who would conduct prayer groups in the homes of the Hird, Nicholson, Newman and other families.

James A. Kidney is found in the records for Church of the Ascension first in 1892 as a member of vestry and as a Junior Warden that year. James continued to serve on vestry many years in the 1890s.

Orissa was active in the Ladies Guild. Her name is found with many other women who worked tirelessly to provide the funds for the first rectory, which was built in 1898. She was involved in a variety of fundraisers, and her recipes live on in our archives and were recently published in our 2025 collection of recipes and histories. "During her lifetime she endeared herself to all who knew her by thoughtful kindness for others and her endeavors to lighten the load of those who were in need".

Orissa Plimpton Kidney passed away on June 23, 1900, and was buried at Woodland Cemetery in Cleveland. Her funeral services were on June 26, 1900, and were officiated by Rev. William Sheppard at Church of the Ascension. James Kidney passed away on September 28, 1912, in Painesville, Ohio. His funeral service was at Church of the Ascension on October 2, 1912, and was officiated by Rev. George F. Williams.

Submitted by Gregory Sent, Archivist

Sesquicentennial Memorabilia

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

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



All Hallows Eve Celebration

Sunday, October 26, we will celebrate the Eve of All Hallows by inviting people to wear appropriate costumes to church and to join in a festive hospitality afterwards.

Evening Prayer in Church

Wednesdays, 7-7:30pm, in the nave.

Ascension Night Out

Join us for Ascension Night Out on **Wednesday, October 15th**, at 6:00 p.m. at Thai Spice. Thai Spice is located at 25099 Center Ridge Road, Westlake, and you can view their menu at [Thai Spice, Westlake, OH | 25099 Center Ridge Rd, Westlake, OH 44145 | SmileDining.](#)

Please RSVP to Jim no later than **Sunday, October 12th**, by either calling the office at 216-521-8727 or emailing him at Jim.Weiss@Ascension-Lakewood.org.

Holiday Market

The Holiday Market is less than a month away, on **November 8th**. We need bakers. Anything you want to bake is welcome. We will have a market meeting after church after the 10:30 service today.

Vintage Christmas Items

We will have a table or two of vintage Christmas items. We hope you will give us items in good condition you no longer want. Please bring them to the church office ASAP.

Help needed with fillable PDFs

Are you proficient in Adobe Acrobat Pro, and Microsoft Word? I have several certificates that need to be converted from a fillable Word document to a fillable PDF document. In the process I also need to learn how to create fillable PDF documents. The work can be done remotely, and the knowledge transfer can happen via Zoom or another screen sharing application. I am expecting the time commitment to be approximately 5 hours in total (not at one time). If you are able to assist please contact the Parish Administrator by either calling the Office at 216-521-8727, or sending an email to Jim.Weiss@Ascension-Lakewood.org.

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

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

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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