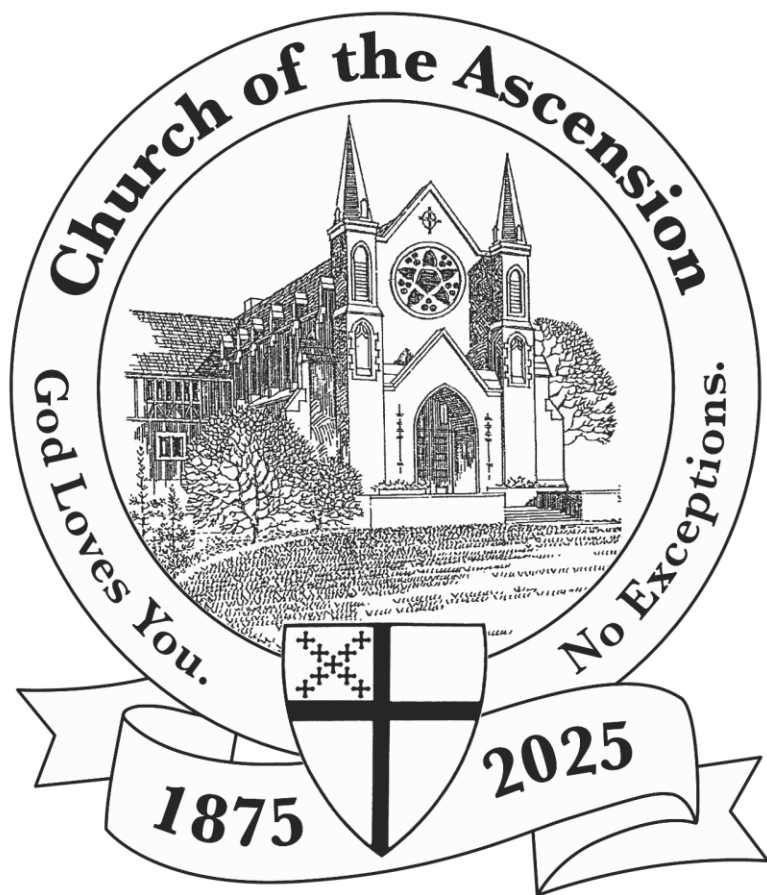




Church of the Ascension

October 19, 2025

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:30am

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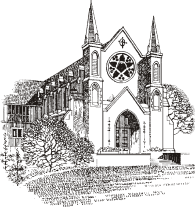
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Church of the Ascension
October 19, 2025
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Holy Eucharist, 10:30am,
Enriching Our Worship

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: Voluntary on *Herzlich tut mich verlangen* Mark Hayes

Opening Hymn: Commit Thou All that Grieves Thee H669
Tune: *Herzlich tut mich verlangen*

*1 Commit thou all that grieves thee
and fills thy heart with care
to him whose faithful mercy
the skies above declare,
who gives the winds their courses,
who points the clouds their way;
'tis he will guide thy footsteps
and be thy staff and stay?*

*2 O trust the Lord then wholly,
if thou wouldst be secure;
his work must thou consider
for thy work to endure.
What profit doth it bring thee
To pine in grief and care?*

*God ever sends his blessing
In answer to thy prayer.*

*3 Thy lasting truth and mercy,
O Father, see aright
the needs of all Thy children,
their anguish or delight:
what loving wisdom chooseth,
redeeming might will do,
and bring to sure fulfillment
thy counsel good and true.*

*4 Hope on, then, broken spirit;
hope on, be nit afraid:
fear not the griefs that plague thee
and keep thy heart dismayed:
thy God, in his great mercy,
will save thee, hold thee fast,
and in his own time grant thee
the sun of joy at last.*

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: **Let All Things Now Living**

Katherine Davis
Tune: Ash Grove

*1 Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
to God the creator triumphantly raise,
who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
who still guides us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us, his light goes before us,
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,
as forward we travel from light into light.*

*2 His law he enforces, the stars in their courses
and sun in its orbit, obediently shine;*

*the hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
the deeps of the ocean proclaim him divine.
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing;
with glad adoration a song let us raise
till all things now living unite in thanksgiving:
“to God in the highest, hosanna and praise!”*

The Collect for the Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Presider The Lord be with you.

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

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; 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 Genesis

32:22-31

Jacob got up during the night, took his two wives, his two women servants, and his eleven sons, and crossed the Jabbok River's shallow water. He took them and everything that belonged to him, and he helped them cross the river. But Jacob stayed apart by himself, and a man wrestled with him until dawn broke. When the man saw that he couldn't defeat Jacob, he grabbed Jacob's thigh and tore a muscle in Jacob's thigh as he wrestled with him. The man said, "Let me go because the dawn is breaking."

But Jacob said, "I won't let you go until you bless me."

He said to Jacob, "What's your name?" and he said, "Jacob." Then he said, "Your name won't be Jacob any longer, but Israel, because you struggled with God and with men and won."

Jacob also asked and said, "Tell me your name."

But he said, "Why do you ask for my name?" and he blessed Jacob there. Jacob named the place Peniel, "because I've seen God face-

to-face, and my life has been saved.” The sun rose as Jacob passed Penuel, limping because of his thigh.

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 121 (*metric text*)

**Tune: *Nun danket all* (H627)
(Lamp of Our Feet)**

*1. We lift our eyes up to the hills,
From where shall we find aid?
Our help will come from you, Lord God,
By whom the world was made.*

*2. You will not let our feet be moved,
You watch by day and night;
You do not sleep, for Israel
Is always in your sight.*

*3, You, Lord, keep watch above your own
And give us shade at noon,
The sun shall not strike us by day
Nor yet at night the moon.*

*4. The Lord shall save us from all harm,
Preserve our lives in peace,
And watch us as we come and go;
God’s care will never cease.*

A Reading from Second Timothy

3:14-4:5

But you must continue with the things you have learned and found convincing. You know who taught you. Since childhood you have known the holy scriptures that help you to be wise in a way that leads to salvation through faith that is in Christ Jesus. Every scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for showing mistakes, for correcting, and for training character, so that the person who belongs to God can be equipped to do everything that is good.

I’m giving you this commission in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is coming to judge the living and the dead, and by his

appearance and his kingdom. Preach the word. Be ready to do it whether it is convenient or inconvenient. Correct, confront, and encourage with patience and instruction. There will come a time when people will not tolerate sound teaching. They will collect teachers who say what they want to hear because they are self-centered. They will turn their back on the truth and turn to myths. But you must keep control of yourself in all circumstances. Endure suffering, do the work of a preacher of the good news, and carry out your service fully.

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

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

The people stand

Sequence Hymn Book of Books

H631 vs 1,2

Tune: *Liebster Jesu*

*1 Book of books, our people's strength,
statesman's, teacher's, hero's treasure,
bringing freedom, spreading truth,
shedding light that none can measure —
wisdom comes to those who know you,
all the best we have we owe you.*

*2 Thank we those who toiled in thought,
many diverse scrolls completing,
poets, prophets, scholars, saints,
each a word from God repeating,
till they came, who told the story
of His Word, and showed His glory.*

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

18:1-8

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

Jesus was telling them a parable about their need to pray continuously and not to be discouraged. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him, asking, 'Give me justice in this case against my adversary.' For a while he refused but finally said to himself, I don't fear God or respect people, but I

will give this widow justice because she keeps bothering me. Otherwise, there will be no end to her coming here and embarrassing me.” The Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says. Won’t God provide justice to his chosen people who cry out to him day and night? Will he be slow to help them? I tell you, he will give them justice quickly. But when the Human One comes, will he find faithfulness on earth?”

Presider The Gospel of our Savior.

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

Hymn **Book of Books**

H631 vs 3

Tune: *Liebster Jesu*

*3 Praise we God, who has inspired
those whose wisdom still directs us;
praise Him for the Word made flesh,
for the Spirit who protects us,
light of knowledge, ever burning,
shed on us your deathless learning.*

The people sit

The Sermon

Rev. Brad Purdom

The people stand

The Nicene Creed

EWOW 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. Paul's Church, Mount
Vernon; St. Mark's Church, Shelby; and St. James' Church, Wooster;

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

EW 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

Jenny Christ

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: Abide with Me

arr. Malcomb Archer

Abide with me: fast falls the eventide;
the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away.
Change and decay in all around I see.
O thou who changest not, abide with me.

Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes.
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.
Heaven's morning breaks and earth's vain shadows flee;
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

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: Doxology with Alleluias Tune: *Lasst uns Erfreuen*

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below,
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

The people remain standing

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer 1

EOW 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.

For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

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

W858

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 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

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]***

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 Hymn: Down to the River to Pray spiritual

Refrain:

***As I went down to the river to pray,
studyin' about that good ole way
and who shall wear the starry crown—
Good Lord, show me the way!***

***O *sisters, let's go down.
Let's go down, come on down.
O *sisters, let's go down,
down to the river to pray. [refrain]***

****brothers, fathers, mothers, sinners***

Postcommunion Music: Bless the Lord My Soul Jacques Berthier
Taizé

*Bless the Lord my soul and bless God's holy name.
Bless the Lord my soul, who leads me into life.*

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: Tell Out My Soul

H438

Tune: Woodlands

*1 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of his word;
in God my Savior shall my heart rejoice.*

*2 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name!
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
his mercy sure, from age to age the same;
his holy name -- the Lord, the Mighty One.*

*3 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by.
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.*

***4 Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and forevermore!***

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: Fanfare and Trumpet Tune Henry Purcell, Lanni Smith

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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

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The flowers on the chapel altar are given to the glory of God
in memory of Win and Stephen Bowen.

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**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	Emily Junkans
Mimi Angarita	Joyce Knapp
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Stephanie Foster	Roselle Sgambellone
Ella Jane Fowerbaugh	Daniel Smith
Linda Gratz	Corky Thacker
Spencer Griffith	Ruth Vacha
Hannah	Barb Weinert
Boots Johnston	Diane Welfley

Those We Know in the Military

Wiley Goins	Burton McCarthy
Lauren Hober	Jason Strater
Sydney Kline	

The Departed

Ralph Barbato
Mickey Black
Teddi Black
Lenore Heller

Joseph R. Hildebrandt
Pamela Jackson
Lois Leete
Patricia Saylor

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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Winifred Anne Magers Bowen (1914-1998)
Stephen T. Bowen (1915-1980)



Stephen Tellman Bowen was born July 19, 1915, in Port Huron, Michigan to Alfred and Mary Tellman Bowen. As a young man, his family moved to Lakewood, Ohio. He graduated from Lakewood High School and then studied at Fenn College. He graduated from the air force technical school at Yale University in 1943.

Winifred Anne Magers was born on September 11, 1914, in New York City, New York to James and Dorothea Denhard Magers.

Winifred and Stephen were married May 1, 1943, in New Haven, Connecticut. He served during World War II as an Air Force Captain in Europe. Together they had a daughter, Barbara.

Stephen T. Bowen was a heating and cooling specialist for the Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company for 27 years. He also developed two computer programs for estimating energy costs.

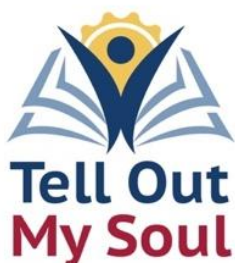
At Church of the Ascension, Stephen, Winifred and Barbara were all confirmed on December 16, 1962, by Bishop Beverley Tucker and presented by Dr. Stuart Cole. Stephen Bowen was a lay reader, an usher, sang in the choir and served on vestry in the 1970s. He was also Senior Warden in 1973. Winifred was known to all at Ascension as “Win” Bowen. She was active with the Women’s Guild and would help with all fundraising, especially the Christmas Bazaar. She was also on Altar Guild.

After a very short illness, Stephen Bowen passed away August 27, 1980. His memorial service at Church of the Ascension was on August 30, 1980. After the death of her husband, Win Bowen was also on vestry. In 1986, Win Bowen donated the window *Ruth* in memory of her husband. It was dedicated along with the other five windows in the narthex or porch of the church on July 6, 1986. She also donated a beautiful brass lamp for the organ.

Win Bowen passed away February 14, 1998, and her service at Ascension was on February 17, 1998. Stephen and Winifred are in the columbarium in the chapel of Church of the Ascension.

Submitted by Gregory Sent, Archivist





*And Mary said,
“My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior...”
Luke 1:46-47, NRSV*

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

There's a certain feeling you get when you go to Church of the Ascension. It's why I keep coming back. I am always in awe of this congregation. When I look around our church and observe all that is happening, I can so easily understand how God's dream is at work here. Through our formation as disciples, the sermons we hear about love and service, and the many creative ideas that you all bring to our outreach, in-reach, and community, we are a vibrant, thriving community.

Our church isn't the only place undergoing a transformation as the whole world seems to be navigating great change. Against this backdrop, I look into our church – a church filled with people with remarkable gifts and abilities, a church full of generous, loving, creative people who find new ways to seek and serve Jesus in all people. We are making a difference in our community; we are a part of positive change in our neighborhood and the world.

Our annual campaign this year asks us to share two big things with our congregation. First, we are asked to share our gifts. There are plenty of opportunities to volunteer for events or

outreach, but even just participating is enough. Maybe your gifts lie in becoming more active in the service, as a reader, usher, acolyte or as part of the choir or altar guild. Our community is better with you in whatever form that takes! Second, you are asked to share your story with us and the people you encounter. That is how we grow God's kingdom and, like Jesus instructs Peter in Luke, we should cast the net again (and again!).

Soon you will receive a letter from the Stewardship Chair with the materials you need to consider and make your pledge. In these coming days, I invite you to pray, to listen, and to continue sharing yourself with our community in the many ways that you do.

With Love and Admiration,
Joe Sgambellone
Senior Warden, Church of the Ascension

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:



Evening Prayer in Church

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

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.

Holiday Market

The Holiday Market is less than a month away, on **November 8th**. We need bakers. Anything you want to bake is welcome.

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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