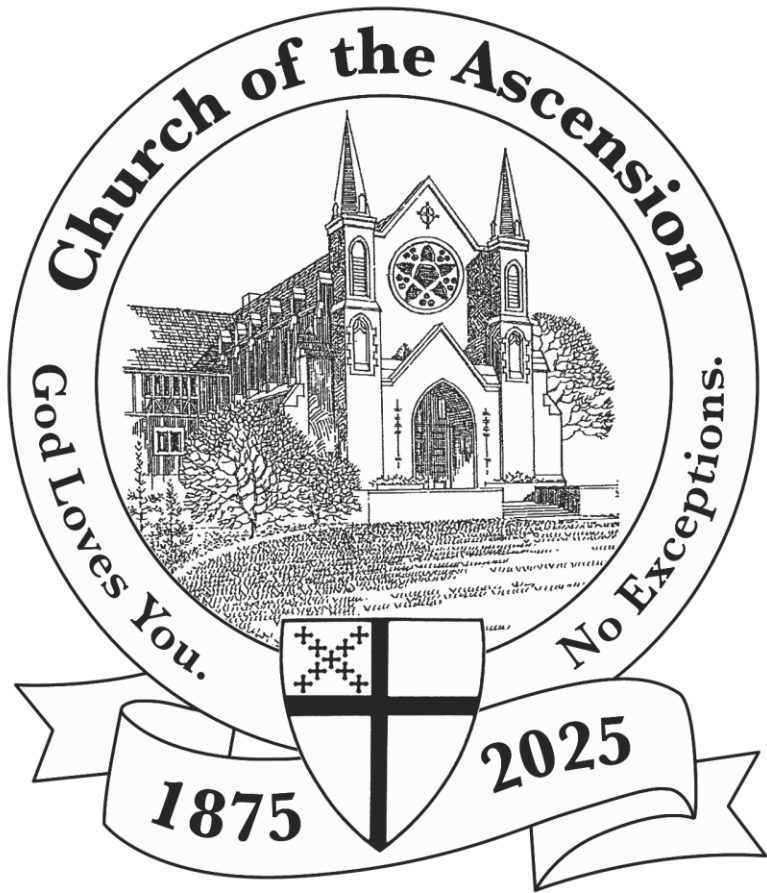




Church of the Ascension

November 2, 2025

All Saints' Day

10:30am

Welcome to the Church of the Ascension

We are pleased to have you worship with us.

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The references on the right side of the bulletin are as follows:

BCP indicates the Book of Common Prayer.

EOW indicates Enriching our Worship, a supplemental liturgical material.

Hymn and “S” numbers indicate the Hymnal 1982

“S” indicates service music found at the front of the hymnal

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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: Amazing Grace harm. John Barnard
Cara Clemens, Cory Clemens, Charlotte Sent, David Sent

Opening Hymn: For All the Saints H287 vs. 1-4
Tune: *Sine Nomine*

***1. For all the saints, who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy Name, O Jesus, be forever blessed.
Alleluia, Alleluia!***

***2. Thou wast their rock, their fortress and their might;
thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear, the one true Light.
Alleluia, Alleluia!***

***3. O may thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,
fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
and win, with them, the victor's crown of gold.
Alleluia, Alleluia!***

*4. O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluia, Alleluia!*

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 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 All Saints' Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

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

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

People sit for the reading of the lessons

A Reading from Daniel

7:1-3, 15-18

In the first year of Babylon's King Belshazzar, Daniel had a dream—a vision in his head as he lay on his bed. He wrote the dream down. Here is the beginning of the account:

I am Daniel. In the vision I had during the night I saw the four winds of heaven churning the great sea. Four giant beasts emerged from the sea, each different from the others.

Now this caused me, Daniel, to worry. My visions disturbed me greatly. So I went to one of the servants who was standing ready nearby. I asked him for the truth about all this.

He spoke to me and explained to me the meaning of these things. "These four giant beasts are four kings that will rise up from the earth, but the holy ones of the Most High will receive the kingship. They will hold the kingship securely forever and always."

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 149 (*metric text*)

Tune: Wareham (H137)

(O Wondrous Type, O Vision Fair)

***1. Hallelujah! Sing praise to God,
Let all the faithful raise their voice;
Let Israel, Zion's children too,
In their Creator now rejoice.***

***2. In dances praise God's Name and sing
With harp and timbrel joyfully,***

*For God takes pleasure in our praise,
Adorns the poor with victory.*

*3. Let faithful saints rejoice in bed,
Let them be joyful in the Lord;
Let praise of God be in their throat
And in their hand a two-edged sword,*

*4. To wreak God's vengeance on all lands,
The punishment which God ordains:
To bind their rulers fast with iron
And place their nobles, too, in chains;*

*5. To levy and inflict on them
The judgment God decreed by law;
For this is glory which God's own
Will yet receive. Hallelujah!*

A Reading from Ephesians

1:11-23

We have also received an inheritance in Christ. We were destined by the plan of God, who accomplishes everything according to his design. We are called to be an honor to God's glory because we were the first to hope in Christ. You too heard the word of truth in Christ, which is the good news of your salvation. You were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit because you believed in Christ. The Holy Spirit is the down payment on our inheritance, which is applied toward our redemption as God's own people, resulting in the honor of God's glory.

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

Christ when God raised him from the dead and sat him at God's right side in the heavens, far above every ruler and authority and power and angelic power, any power that might be named not only now but in the future. God put everything under Christ's feet and made him head of everything in the church, which is his body. His body, the church, is the fullness of Christ, who fills everything in every way.

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

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

The people stand

Sequence Hymn There's a Wideness in God's Mercy H470 vs 1,2
Tune: Beecher

*1 There's a wideness in God's mercy
like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in his justice,
which is more than liberty.
There is welcome for the sinner,
and more graces for the good;
there is mercy with the Savior;
there is healing in his blood.*

*2 There is no place where earth's sorrows
are more felt than up in heaven;
there is no place where earth's failings
have such kindly judgment given.
There is plentiful redemption
in the blood that has been shed;
there is joy for all the members
in the sorrows of the Head.*

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

6:20-31

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

Jesus raised his eyes to his disciples and said:

“Happy are you who are poor,
because God's kingdom is yours.

Happy are you who hunger now,
because you will be satisfied.
Happy are you who weep now,
because you will laugh.

Happy are you when people hate you, reject you, insult you, and condemn your name as evil because of the Human One. Rejoice when that happens! Leap for joy because you have a great reward in heaven. Their ancestors did the same things to the prophets.

But how terrible for you who are rich,
because you have already received your comfort.
How terrible for you who have plenty now,
because you will be hungry.
How terrible for you who laugh now,
because you will mourn and weep.
How terrible for you when all speak well of you.
Their ancestors did the same things to the false prophets.

“But I say to you who are willing to hear: Love your enemies. Do good to those who hate you. Bless those who curse you. Pray for those who mistreat you. If someone slaps you on the cheek, offer the other one as well. If someone takes your coat, don’t withhold your shirt either. Give to everyone who asks and don’t demand your things back from those who take them. Treat people in the same way that you want them to treat you.

Presider The Gospel of our Savior.
People: ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

Hymn **There's a Wideness in God's Mercy** **H470 vs 3**
Tune: *Beecher*

*3 For the love of God is broader
than the measure of the mind;
and the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.
If our love were but more faithful,
we should take him at his word;
and our life would be thanksgiving
for the goodness of the Lord.*

The people sit

The Sermon

Rev. Vincent Black

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 Archbishop-designate Dame Sarah Mullally, 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 Southeast Mission Area: St. James' Church, Boardman; St. Stephen's Church, East Liverpool; and Holy Trinity Church, Lisbon;

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

Parker Edman

Henry Hildebrandt

Katy Marcy

Arthur Sent

***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: A Blessing

Martin Shaw, arr. John Jacobson

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

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.

For in the multitude of your saints, you have surrounded us with a great cloud of witnesses, that we might rejoice in their fellowship, and run with endurance the race that is set before us; and, together with them, receive the crown of glory that never fades away.

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

S130

Presider and People

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

Communion Hymn: Here I Am, Lord

Daniel Schutte

*I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin
My hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?*

Refrain:

***Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me,
I will hold your people in my heart.***

***I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my peoples pain.
I have wept for love of them,
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send? [Refrain]***

***I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them,
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send? [Refrain]***

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.***

*May the road rise to meet you.
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine upon your face
and rains fall softly on your fields.*

*May the road rise to meet you.
May the wind be always at your back.
And until we meet again may God hold you,
may God hold you in the palm of his hand.*

*May the road rise to meet you
And God hold you, hold you,
in the palm of his hand. Amen, Amen, Amen.*

Presider And the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you this day, and remain with you forever more. *Amen.*

Closing Hymn: I Sing a Song of the Saints of God

H293

Tune: Grand Isle

*1. I sing a song of the saints of God,
patient and brave and true,
who toiled and fought and lived and died
for the Lord they loved and knew.
And one was a doctor, and one was a queen,
and one was a shepherdess on the green:
they were all of them saints of God--and I mean,
God helping, to be one too.*

*2. They loved their Lord so dear, so dear,
and his love made them strong;
and they followed the right, for Jesus' sake,
the whole of their good lives long.
And one was a soldier, and one was a priest,
and one was slain by a fierce wild beast:
and there's not any reason, no, not the least
why I shouldn't be one too.*

*3. They lived not only in ages past,
there are hundreds of thousands still;
the world is bright with the joyous saints
who love to do Jesus' will.
You can meet them in school, or in lanes, or at sea,
in church, or in trains, or in shops, or at tea;
for the saints of God are just folk like me,
and I mean to be one too.*

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.

**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	Joyce Knapp
Mimi Angarita	June Madden
Amanda Arnold	Gil Newlands
Betsy Bates	Corey Niebes
Carlos Borges	The Nunny Family
Rehtaeh Brady	Kris Purdy
Shirley Campion	Ray and Family
Doug Damron	Sandy Reagan
Robert Dibb	Michael Redmond
Kaisu Donovan	Kalieghe Roe
Sister Marian Durkin	Tim Sabolik
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
Boots Johnston	Diane Welfley
Emily Junkans	

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.

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.

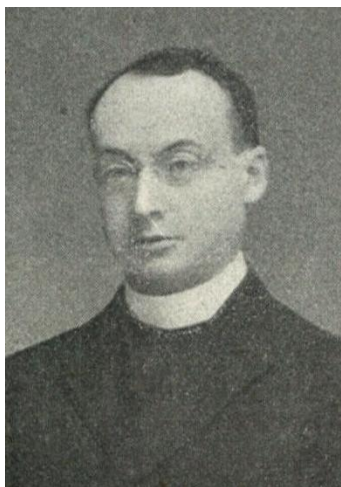
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The Church of the Ascension strong
and able to meet the needs of an ever-changing world.

Remembering Past Parishioners
Celebrating 150 years of ministry
1875 – 2025



William Carey Sheppard (1866-1909)
Anna Nye Peaslee Sheppard (1866-1952)

William Carey Sheppard was born on June 25, 1866, in New Hampshire to Theodore and Jane Sheppard. He studied at Colby College in Waterville, Maine. For many years he wrote for and was a dramatic critic for the Providence newspaper.

On December 28, 1889, William C. Sheppard and Anna Nye Peaslee married in Haverhill, Massachusetts. Together they had four children: William, Katherine, Edson and Harriet.

On November 17, 1896, William Carey Sheppard was ordained as a minister by Bishop Leonard. He was called to be the rector of Church of the Ascension in Lakewood. He started his rectorship on December 1, 1896. Anna Peaslee Sheppard immediately showed great leadership in the church. She was the principal of the Sunday School and secretary of the Ladies Guild. The women of the church are found often in the society pages of the local newspapers

working to raise money to build a much-needed rectory for the church. The funds needed were obtained and in 1898 a new, four-bedroom, Victorian wooden home was built and the Sheppard family was the first to inhabit it. In 1898, Rev. Sheppard had the additional responsibility as assistant secretary of the diocese.

November 1, 1900, was the last day for Rev. Sheppard at Church of the Ascension. He accepted a position at St. Mary's Church in Middleboro, Kentucky. Days after leaving, on November 28, 1900, his third child, Edson P. Sheppard, was born. Two years later, Rev. Sheppard accepted the position as rector at pastor of St. Luke's Church in Vancouver, Washington. He was known not only for his powerful, well-thought-out sermons but also his lectures, which were published in local papers.

On May 30, 1907, tragedy struck the Sheppard family when their eldest son, William Theodore, drowned at the age of 16. He was laid out in his vestments, which he wore when he assisted his father every Sunday at services.

In November of 1908, Rev. Sheppard resigned the rectorship of St. Luke's because of his health. The Sheppard family moved to Westville, New Hampshire in hope his health would improve. Rev. William Carey Sheppard passed away on January 14, 1909. Months after his death, his wife gave birth to their fourth child, Harriet. His only surviving son, Edson, later became an Episcopal minister. His wife lived forty-three years as a widow and passed away on July 16, 1952. Rev. Sheppard and his wife are buried together in Greenwood Cemetery in Coventry, Rhode Island.

Submitted by Gregory Sent, Archivist



The Ministers of the Liturgy

Presider: Rev. Vincent Black

Music Director and Organist: Jon Peterson

Choir Director: Margie Hildebrandt

Acolytes: Derek Lewallen, Terrie Schade, Seth Clemens

Readers: Cara Clemens, Joe Sgambellone

Spiritual Eucharist Reader: Cara Clemens

Chalice Bearers: Derek Lewallen, Terrie Schade

Ushers: Jeff Sommer, Chris Coppock

Sunday School: Jenny Christ

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The flowers on the chapel altar are given to the glory of God
in memory of Rev. William and Anna Sheppard.

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Tell Out My Soul

Music that Moves You

An Interview By the Very Rev.

Julia McCray Goldsmith

Everyone loves the hymn version of "Tell Out My Soul." It's just so singable, and also so central to how we think about church. Stewardship may be about nuts and bolts, but—like everything we do in church—it needs theological context. The Magnificat beautifully supports a generous theology. There is an innate beauty to what Mary is saying, but it is framed within an expectation of justice and equality. Her words are a Gospel imperative. Church music should always be like that: it should grab people where we are and take us to a new place. Through the music, the message gets into our souls and minds and hearts, where we can't get rid of it.

I was a childhood church nerd who felt called to music ministry from a young age. I've been fortunate to have worked in many fabulous places, and each place opened up new horizons for me. I've had to be open to each parish and their traditions, which means that I was learning as much as I was teaching. I feel especially grateful to my home parish in Kennewick, Washington. They took the risk of having me serve as their music director while I was still in high school!

Church musicians have a strange and mysterious gift. It can't be seen, and people can't always tell you what they've received, but I know that they do. All of our arts "tell out" what our bodies and souls are doing, but music has a pride of place. Alignment to the liturgy is what makes it principal. And because of this, music serves to deepen community and strengthen commitment. It builds energy around belonging to each other. If we're not doing that as church musicians, then why are we doing it? Our work is to amplify the Gospel, lift people up, and bring them into the fold. TENS.org



Questions for Reflection:

Music is one way that we tell story and align our words and actions, what are others that you have experienced or practice? How do you engage your creative efforts with your story?



After having served several parishes and cathedrals over the course of a half-century, **Bruce Neswick** now works in "semi-retirement" as the Artist-in-Residence at St. James by-the-Sea, La Jolla, California.



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.

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



Holiday Market

HELP. The Holiday Market is less than a week away, **this Saturday, the 8th**. We NEED baked goods and vintage items. Old Christmas ornaments you no longer want or other holiday items. Set up starts this Friday, the 7th, at 10:00am. Baked goods can be brought in Friday or Saturday morning. Thank you for all of your help.

Explore some Christian history in Ephesus and Istanbul
with Father Vincent through photos and stories.

Wednesday, **November 5th**, 6-7pm.

Please sign up for the evening session.

Evening Prayer in Church

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

Ascension Night Out

How about we kick off the holiday season a week early and have an evening of delicious food, great company, and lots of fun at Kitchen Social in Westlake? It's going to be the final Ascension Night Out for 2025, and it's happening on Wednesday, November 19th, at 6:00 pm. Kitchen Social is at 2207 Crocker Road, which is across the street from Crocker Park, and they have their own parking lot. You can check out their menu at <https://ourkitchensocial.com/locations/westlake/>

Please RSVP to Jim by Sunday, November 16th, either by emailing Jim.Weiss@Ascension-Lakewood.org or calling the office at 216-521-8727.

Holiday Calendar

Sat,	November 8 th	Christmas Market	9:00 am – 5:00 pm
Thurs,	November 27 th	Holy Eucharist	10:30 am
Thurs,	November 27 th	Thanksgiving Dinner	Noon – 2:00pm
Sun,	November 30 th	Jesse Tree Service	10:30 am
Sat,	December 13 th	Cookie Walk	9:00 am – 2:00 pm
Sun,	December 14 th	Carols and Cocoa	5:00pm
Sun,	December 21 st	Lessons and Carols	4:00 pm
Sun,	December 21 st	Christmas Dinner	6:00 pm
Thurs,	December 25 th	Holy Eucharist	10:30 am

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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