



This Week at Ascension

[Link to the Bulletins for February 7](#)

[Link to Randy's Sermon "What's Love Got to Do With It?" from January 31.](#)

[Link to the Episcopal Diocese of Washington's Website](#)

Calendar Highlights

Friday, February 5
6pm Movie Night, Undercroft Commons
6pm Couples in Recovery, Chapel

Saturday, February 6
9am Overeaters Anonymous, Undercroft Commons
11am AI-Anon, Undercroft Commons
11am Overeaters Anonymous, Chapel

Sunday, February 7
7:45am Holy Eucharist, Main Church
8:15am Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
9am Holy Eucharist, Main Church
9am *Godly Play*, Room 6
9am *A Joyful Path*, Room 11
9am ESOL Class, Room 1
10:15am Holy Eucharist for Families with Young Children, Chapel
11am Holy Eucharist in Spanish, Chapel

"Science Mike" McHargue Reflects on the Origin of Life in the Universe

"We've known for a long time that despite an overall trend for chaos, the universe also has a tendency toward local organization. The questions we're wrestling with is: Is this the sign of an architect of some kind, or is it just the way things are from a completely natural perspective?"

"You can take this same information and have it make sense in either of those views. Both camps, I believe, will claim this as a win. Naturalists will say, 'Well, of course the universe is structured this way.' We have frameworks by which this is plausible from a naturalistic perspective."

"People of faith will say, 'No, this is a slam-dunk. This is more evidence that the universe reflects some creative intelligence or master planner architect.'"

"There's this great quote Neil deGrasse Tyson said, that basically, 'God has to be more to you than just where science has yet to tread.'"

"There's this tendency right now [for religious people] to say, 'What science knows is science, and what we don't know is God.' And for non-religious people: 'Science is science and what we don't know are things that science will eventually find out.'"

"Wherever we have been, God has been there and met with us and kept moving and moved forward with us."

"The way I view God absolutely involves what we already know. I see God revealed just as much in physics, neurology and cosmology as I do in Scripture and theology and prayer: God is present in all of these places and available if we're just willing to open our eyes to the wonder and the mystery that is our maker."

"I would caution people of faith from constantly retreating as science advances, and instead dwell in the knowledge that we have, and the way that it reveals that life is both a miracle and

11am Godly Play, Room 6
11am A Joyful Path, Room 11
11:15am Holy Eucharist, Main Church
1:30pm Vestry Meeting, Room 1
5pm Holy Eucharist, Chapel

Monday, February 8

11am Cancer Support Group, Room 1
6:30pm Overeaters Anonymous, Undercroft Commons
7pm Girl Scouts, Room 6

Tuesday, February 9

6pm Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, Undercroft Commons
6:30pm Spanish Class, Ascension House
7pm Education for Ministry, Library
7pm Codependents Anonymous, Room 1
8:30pm AI-Anon, Room 1

Wednesday, February 10

Ash Wednesday
10am-7pm Labyrinth, Chapel
10am *Falling Upward* Book Group, Library
12pm Holy Eucharist, Main Church
7:30pm Holy Eucharist, Main Church
8pm Gamblers Anonymous, Chapel

Thursday, February 11

7:45pm Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

[Link to our Online Calendar](#)

Worship Leaders

Sunday, February 7
Preacher: The Rev. Javier Garcia Ocampo

Flower Delivery: Adoma Baffoe, Hawa Clemens

a gift.

“God is with us wherever we are. He was with us in a garden, and He was with us in a burning bush. He was with us in an ark, and in a tabernacle and in a temple, then incarnate as a man.

“Wherever we have been, God has been there and met with us and kept moving and moved forward with us.

“I look at Scripture as the stories of people of faith—people who are serving and loving the same God I am. So when I see new science, it doesn't scare me at all. It doesn't freak me out that ancient people had ancient understandings of science.

“Of course they filtered God through certain astronomical models or different ideas about how the universe is structured. That's the way they understood the world. I am not afraid at all wherever science goes.

“Heisenberg said that the first gulp from the glass of the natural sciences will turn you into an atheist, but God is waiting for you at the bottom of the glass. I have found that to be remarkably true: The more I learn about the miracle and majesty of creation, the more God is revealed to me.”

Mike McHargue is “a Christian-turned atheist, turned follower of Jesus.” He writes about science and faith. Read more at <http://mikemchargue.com/>

Announcements

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HEADLINERS

[Movie Night, February 5](#)

[Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper](#)

[Ash Wednesday, 2016](#)

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

[Godly Play, February 7](#)

[A Joyful Path, February 7](#)

[Youth Group](#)

[Education for Ministry](#)

[Falling Upward, Wednesday Morning Book Group](#)

[New Book for Wednesday Morning Book Group](#)

[Lenten Series: God's Children Talk About Race](#)

[Yoga at Ascension](#)

7:45 AM *Reader/Prayers:* Kate Siberine, *Chalicians:* Wadai Dennis, Leslie Sanya, *Healing Prayer:* Janet King, *Acolytes:* Ron Hayden, Jackson Douglas, Aidan Douglas, *Welcome Team:* Florence Srleaf, Meredith Horan, *Altar Guild:* Leslie Sanya, Wadai Dennis

9:00 AM, *Readers:* Sue Shay, Gordon Donnelly, *Prayers:* Barbara Mansfield, *Chalicians:* Cynthia Perley, *Healing Prayer:* Diana Gustafson, *Acolytes:* Kofi Kwamena-Poh, Kayleigh Yankie, Sam Mendimasa, *Welcome Team:* Esther Allotey-Taylor, Bev Stennett, Christine Kroma, Josephine Clarke, *Altar Guild:* Nancy Carman, Cynthia Perley

11:15 AM *Reader:* Tunde Ayinde, *Chalicians:* Kirk Fitch, Anika Lalmansingh, *Healing Prayer:* Diana Gustafson, *Welcome Team:* Pete Minderman, Kendall Anderson, *Altar Guild:* Georgana Maines

5:00 PM *Reader/Usher:* Hollis King

Eucharistic Visitors: Jean Cohn, Barb Mansfield

[Listening Heart Community at Ascension](#)

[Still Water Mindfulness Practice Group](#)

WORSHIP

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Prayers

FOR THOSE WHOSE LIVES ARE CLOSELY LINKED WITH OURS:

In the Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for Theological Education Sunday, The Diocesan Commission on Ministry, All Seminaries, Seminarians, and Seminary Professors; Postulants and Candidates, Pray in thanksgiving for the life and witness of Absalom Jones.

PRAY FOR COMFORT, HEALING, COURAGE, AND HOPE:

Carol, Ann, Alice, Warren, Nancy, Janet, Lou, Fran, Leslie, and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

We pray for peace in the world and all who are serving our country here and abroad, especially those in harm's way, and their families. For all people affected by natural disasters,

violence, and war.

Equip us and empower us to be witnesses to your love - as advocates and as servants, as ministers of welcome and of hope for Syrians and all those displaced by war and violence.

Compassionate God and Father of all, we are horrified at violence in so many parts of the world. It seems that none are safe, and some are terrified. Hold back the hands that kill and maim; turn around the hearts that hate. Grant instead your strong Spirit of Peace- peace that passes our understanding but changes lives.

We pray for all special intentions, and those on our extended Healing Prayer List.

THANKSGIVING:

For the life of Clarence Simpson, father of Christian Simpson, who died on January 30.

For the life of Ruth Bell Wolfrom, sister of Betty Knight, who died on January 31.

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