



This Week at Ascension

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[Link to a Word Document of Javier's Sermon "The Lost Children of God" from January 3.](#)

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Calendar Highlights

Friday, January 8

6pm Family Movie Night,
Undercroft Commons

Saturday, January 9

9am Overeaters Anonymous,
Undercroft Commons
10am Epiphany Pageant
Rehearsal, Main Church
11am Al-Anon, Undercroft
Commons
11am Overeaters
Anonymous, Chapel

Sunday, January 10

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

From Paul Tillich's Sermon The New Being

"If I were asked to sum up the Christian message for our time in two words, I would say with Paul: It is the message of a "New Creation." We have read something of the New Creation in Paul's second letter to the Corinthians. Let me repeat one of his sentences in the words of an exact translation: If anyone is in union with Christ he is a new being: the old state of things has passed away; there is a new state of things. Christianity is the message of the New Creation, the New Being, the New Reality which has appeared with the appearance of Jesus who for this reason, and just for this reason, is called the Christ, the Messiah, the selected and anointed one is He who brings the new state of things.

"What is this New Being? Paul answers first by saying what it is not. It is neither circumcision, nor uncircumcision, he says. For Paul and for the readers of this letter this meant something very definite. It meant that neither to be a Jew nor to be a pagan is ultimately important; that only one thing counts, namely, the union with Him in whom the New Reality is present...

"It means that no religion as such produces the New Being. Circumcision is a religious rite, observed by the Jews; sacrifices are religious rites, observed by the pagans; baptism is a religious rite, observed by the Christians. All these rites do not matter - only a New Creation. And since these rites stand, in the words of Paul, for the whole religion to which they belong, we can say: No religion matters - only a new state of things.

"The New Creation - this is our ultimate concern; this should be our infinite passion - the infinite passion of every human being. This matters; this alone matters ultimately. In comparison with it everything else, even religion or non-religion, even Christianity or non-Christianity, matters very little - and ultimately nothing.

"What is the New Being? The New Being is not something that simply takes the place of the Old Being. But it is a renewal of the Old which has been corrupted, distorted, split and almost

Spanish, Chapel
11am Godly Play, Room 6
11am A Joyful Path, Room 11
11:15am Holy Eucharist, Main Church
5pm Epiphany Pageant, Main Church - *No Eucharist in the Chapel*
6pm Youth Group, Undercroft Commons

Monday, January 11

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

Tuesday, January 12

6:30pm Spanish Class, Ascension House
7pm Codependents Anonymous, Room 1
8:30pm AI-Anon, Room 1

Wednesday, January 13

10am *Falling Upward* Book Group, Library
6pm Yoga, Chapel
7pm Spanish Bible Study, Ascension House
7pm Ensemble Rehearsal, Main Church
8pm Gamblers Anonymous, Chapel

Thursday, January 14

10am Yoga, Chapel
7:45pm Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

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Worship Leaders

Sunday, January 10
Preacher: (The Rev.) Randy Lord-Wilkinson

Flower Delivery: Eliane Dunn-Johnson, Alice Padmore

7:45 AM *Reader/Prayers*: Jackson

destroyed. But not wholly destroyed. Salvation does not destroy creation; but it transforms the Old Creation into a New one. Therefore we can speak of the New in terms of renewal: the threefold "re," namely, re-conciliation, re-union, and resurrection.

"The Church, like all its members, relapses from the New into the Old Being.... Where there is a New Being, there is resurrection, namely, the creation into eternity out of every moment of time. The Old Being has the mark of disintegration and death. The New Being puts a new mark over the old one. Out of disintegration and death something is born of eternal significance. That which is immersed in dissolution emerges in a New Creation. Resurrection happens now, or it does not happen at all. It happens in us and around us, in soul and history, in nature and universe.

"Reconciliation, reunion, resurrection - this is the New Creation, the New Being, the New state of things. Do we participate in it? The message of Christianity is not Christianity, but a New Reality. A New state of things has appeared, it still appears; it is hidden and visible, it is there and it is here. Accept it, enter into it, let it grasp you."

- *Transcribed from the sermon delivered on the eve of his retirement from Union Theological Seminary in New York in 1955.*

Announcements

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HEADLINERS

[Epiphany Pageant Information](#)

[Family Movie Night, January 8](#)

[Men's Shelter Lunch Preparation, January 17](#)

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

[Godly Play, January 10](#)

[A Joyful Path, January 10](#)

[Youth Group, January 10](#)

[Education for Ministry](#)

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

[Yoga at Ascension](#)

[Listening Heart Community at Ascension](#)

[Still Water Mindfulness Practice Group](#)

Douglas, *Chalicians*: Sharon Hayden, Edna Leake, *Healing Prayer*: Jean Cohn, *Acolytes*: Ron Hayden, Jackson Douglas, Aidan Douglas, *Welcome Team*: Herald Douglas, Lisa Murdock, *Altar Guild*:

9:00 AM, *Readers*: Andrew Greene, Sue Snay, *Prayers*: Susan McLaughlin, *Chalicians*: Nancy Carman, Cynthia Perley, *Healing Prayer*: Major Clemens, *Acolytes*: Msangwa Ogada, Kayleigh Yankie, Nuelle Johnson, *Welcome Team*: Esther Allotey-Taylor Bev Stennett, Christine Kroma, Josephine Clarke, *Altar Guild*: Cynthia Perley, Nancy Carman, Liz Lennon

11:15 AM *Reader*: Alex Langley, *Chalicians*: Anika Lalmansingh, Christian Nwankwo, *Healing Prayer*: Laura Shay, *Welcome Team*: Avin Lalmansingh, Karl Didavi, *Altar Guild*: Georgana Maines

5:00 PM *Reader / Usher*: Pete Minderman

Eucharistic Visitors: Jean Cohn

WORSHIP

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Prayers

FOR THOSE WHOSE LIVES ARE CLOSELY LINKED WITH OURS:

In the Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for Christ Church Accokeek (St. John's Parish) and St. John's Chapel, Christ Church, Georgetown, Christ Church Parish, Kensington, Christ Church, Washington Parish

PRAY FOR COMFORT, HEALING, COURAGE, AND HOPE:

Carol, Joseph, Susan, Alice, Clarence, Nancy, Janet, Lou, Fran, 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 Denise Marie Dorio, niece of Carleton MacDonald, who died on December 24.

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