



This Week at Ascension

[Link to the Bulletins for March 8](#)

[Link to the Rev. Javier Garcia Ocampo's Sermon "Taking a break in our lives and hearing God's voice" from March 1.](#)

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

Calendar Highlights

Friday, March 6
6pm Couples 12-Step Program, Ascension House

Saturday, March 7
9am Overeaters Anonymous, Undercroft Commons
11am AI-Anon, Undercroft Commons
11am Overeaters Anonymous, Ascension House
3pm The Lord's Table Soup Kitchen, St. Martin's

Sunday, March 8
*Daylight Saving Time Begins
Turn Clocks Forward 1 Hour*
7:45am Holy Eucharist, Main Church
9am Holy Eucharist, Main Church
9am Godly Play, Room 6
9am ESOL Class, Room 1
10:15am Holy Eucharist for Families with young Children, Chapel
10:15am A Joyful Path,

Welcome to Ascension!

The Episcopal Church of the Ascension is a progressive, multicultural Christian community in metropolitan D.C. with a passion for service, diverse worship, and life long spiritual formation.

We believe that God continues to be revealed in all cultures in every era. We treasure the opportunities for mutual evangelism we encounter in our church and in our world.

Our worship is a celebration of God's abiding love. We are a community of unconditional welcome, inviting anyone to our worship community. We endeavor to speak newcomers' languages and meet them in the cultures of their homes.

Christianity means action. We see a fundamental connection between the freely given life of Christ and the giving of our lives in the service of others.

The Christian journey is a lifelong pursuit. We have a tradition of living a life in Christ by enriching our understanding through study, and converting our hearts through shared spiritual practice.

- Seamus Welsh, former Chair of Ascension's Committee on Growth

Announcements
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HEADLINERS

[Annual Meeting and Pot Luck, March 8](#)

[Christ, Actually: The Son of God for the Secular Age Lenten Class](#)

[Youth Group, March 8](#)

[Youth Sunday, New Date](#)

Room 3

10:15am Rite 13 & Confirm,
not Conform, Ascension
House

10:15am Choir Practice,
Choir Room

11am Holy Eucharist in
Spanish, Chapel

11am Godly Play, Room 6

11:15am Holy Eucharist,
Main Church

12:30pm Annual Meeting
and Pot Luck, Undercroft
Commons

5pm Holy Eucharist, Chapel

6pm Youth Group,
Undercroft Commons

Monday, March 9

6:30pm Overeaters
Anonymous, Undercroft
Commons

Tuesday, March 10

9:30am Staff Meeting,
Library

11am Yoga, Chapel

6pm Spanish Bible Study,
Room 3

7pm Education for Ministry,
Library

7pm Still Water Mindfulness
Practice, Chapel

8:30pm AI-Anon, Ascension
House

Wednesday, March 11

10am *Speaking Christian*
Book Group, Library

6pm Yoga, Chapel

6:45pm Meditation, Chapel

7pm Codependents
Anonymous, Ascension House

7:30 Christ, *Actually: The
Son of God for the Secular*
Age Class, Library

8pm Gamblers Anonymous,
Ascension House

Thursday, March 12

6pm Spanish Class, Room 3

[Link to our Online Calendar](#)

[Men's Retreat - Save the Date!](#)

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

[Godly Play, March 8](#)

[A Joyful Path, March 8](#)

[Rite-13 and Confirm, not Conform](#)

[Confirmation Class](#)

[Lenten Lectio Retreat: March 21](#)

[Wednesday Evening Spiritual Practice Opportunities](#)

[Still Water Mindfulness Practice Group](#)

[Listening Heart Community at Ascension](#)

[Speaking Christian Morning Book Study](#)

WORSHIP

[Celebrate Girl Scout Sunday at Ascension, March 8](#)

[Bulletins for Tablets Link](#)

[Worship Rosters, January - March 2015](#)

SERVICE

[This Year's Rice Bowl Offering](#)

[Men's Shelter Lunch Preparation](#)

[Lord's Table Soup Kitchen](#)

[Gaithersburg HELP](#)

[Youth Against Hunger](#)

[Ascension's Cancer Support Group](#)

LIFE AT ASCENSION

[Annual Report](#)

[Ascension's Adventure Group to Hike Cunningham Falls Trail](#)

[ESOL Class](#)

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Worship Leaders

Sunday, March 8

Preacher: (The Rev.) Randy Lord-Wilkinson

Flower Delivery: Eliane Dunn-Johnson, Hawa Clemens

7:45 AM *Reader/Prayers:* Leslie Sanya, *Chalicians:* Enid Cole, Wadai Dennis, *Healing Prayer:* Lisa Murdock, *Acolytes:* Ron Hayden, Jackson Douglas, Aidan Douglas, *Welcome Team:* Janet King, Florence Sirleaf, *Altar Guild:* Leslie Sanya, Mardia Dennis

9:00 AM *Readers:* Carleton MacDonald, Barbara Mansfield, *Prayers:* Suzyn Gonzalez, *Chalicians:* Jerry Pfadenhauer, Dotty Pfadenhauer, *Healing Prayer:* Major Clemens, *Acolytes:* Kofi Kwamena-Poh, Stacy Taylor, Kayleigh Yankie, *Welcome Team:* Margaret Joseph, Dorett Sutherland, James Black, Jonathan Black, *Altar Guild:* Dorett Sutherland, Margaret Joseph

11:15 AM *Reader:* Avin Lalmansingh, *Chalicians:* Page Salazar, Georgana Maines, *Healing Prayer:* Peg Ruppel, *Welcome Team:* Alex Langley, Alice Padmore, *Altar Guild:* Avin Lalmansingh, Anika Lalmansingh, Laura Shay

5:00 PM *Reader/Usher:* Kate Siberine

Eucharistic Visitor: Barb Mansfield, Peg Ruppel

THE ASCENDANT

March

Prayers

FOR THOSE WHOSE LIVES ARE CLOSELY LINKED WITH OURS:
The Non-Parochial Clergy of the Diocese
Washington Episcopal Clergy Association (WECA)
Network of National Episcopal Clergy Associations (NNECA)

PRAY FOR COMFORT, HEALING, COURAGE, AND HOPE:
Carol, Sue, Lee, Susan, Nancy, Gail, 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.

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

We pray for all who are threatened by the Ebola virus, and give thanks that the tide is turning.

We pray for the victims of violence cloaked in the mantle of religion wherever it may be found, especially for Christians and other religious and ethnic minorities in the Middle East.

We pray that the leadership of our nation will adopt legal measures that will reduce the incidence of gun violence.

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