



This Week at Ascension

[Link to the Bulletins for July 24](#)

[Link to Randy's Sermon "The Guest" from July 27.](#)

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

Calendar Highlights

Saturday, July 23

9am Overeaters Anonymous, Room 1

11am AI-Anon, Undercroft Commons

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Sunday, July 24

Blood Pressure Screenings after each Service, Room 1

7:45am Holy Eucharist, Main Church

8:15am Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

9am Holy Eucharist, Main Church

10:15am Holy Eucharist for Families with Young Children, Chapel

11am Holy Eucharist in Spanish, Chapel

11:15am Holy Eucharist, Main Church

1:30pm Vestry Meeting, Room 1

5pm Holy Eucharist, Chapel

Monday, July 25

6:30pm Overeaters

Existence

"I fell to thinking about the passage in the *Institutes* where it says the image of the Lord in anyone is much more than reason enough to love him, and that the Lord stands waiting to take our enemies' sins upon Himself. So it is a rejection of the reality of grace to hold our enemy at fault. Those things can only be true. It seems to me people tend to forget that we are to love our enemies, not to satisfy some standard of righteousness, but because God their Father loves them. I have probably preached on that a hundred times.

"Now here is the point I wish to make, because this is the thought that came to me as I was putting all this before the Lord. Existence is the essential thing and the holy thing. If the Lord chooses to make nothing of our transgressions, then they *are* nothing. Or whatever reality they have is trivial and conditional beside the exquisite primary fact of existence. Of course the Lord would wipe them away, just as I wipe dirt from your face, or tears. After all, why should the Lord bother much over these smirches that are no part of His Creation?

"Well, there are a good many reasons why He should. We human beings do real harm. History could make a stone weep. I am aware that significant confusion enters my thinking at this point. I'm tired—that may be some part of the problem. Though I recall even in my prime foundering whenever I set the true gravity of sin over against the free grace of forgiveness. As I am a Christian man, I could never say otherwise."

The voice of narrator Rev. John Ames, from Marilynne Robinson, *Gilead*

Announcements

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HEADLINERS

[Linkages to Learning](#)

Anonymous, Room 1
7pm Listening Heart
Community, Library

Tuesday, July 26

7pm Codependents
Anonymous, Room 1
7pm Stillwater Mindfulness
Group, Chapel
8:30pm AI-Anon, Room 1

Wednesday, July 27

10am Book Group Discussion,
Library
6:30pm Spanish Class,
Ascension House
7pm Ensemble Rehearsal,
Main Church
8pm Gamblers Anonymous,
Chapel

Thursday, July 28

10am No Yoga
6pm Bariatric Support Group,
Chapel

[Link to our Online Calendar](#)

Worship Leaders

Sunday, July 24

Preacher: (The Rev.) Randy Lord-
Wilkinson

Flower Delivery: Alice Padmore,
Esther Sawyer

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

9:00 AM, Readers: Gordon Donnelly,
Susan Ahalt, *Prayers:* Betsy
Hasegawa, *Chalicians:* Sari Stoddard,
Major Clemens, *Healing Prayer:*
Randy Lord-Wilkinson, *Acolytes:*
Sam Mendimasa, Kofi Kwamena-Poh,
Msangwa Ogada, *Welcome Team:*
Esther Allotey-Taylor, Bev Stennett,
Christine Kroma, Josephine Clarke,
Altar Guild: Sarah Gallagher, Kristin
FitzPatrick

11:15 AM Reader: Sarah Rubin,
Chalicians: Sarah Rubin, Peg Ruppel,

[Blood Pressure Screenings, July 24](#)

[Newcomer's Brunch/Summer Potluck, July 31](#)

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

[Yoga at Ascension](#)

[Wednesday Morning Book Group: *Gilead*](#)

[New Wednesday Morning Book: Searching for Sunday, Loving,
Leaving, and finding the Church](#)

[Women's Retreat - with Registration Form](#)

[Education for Ministry, Fall 2016](#)

[Listening Heart Community at Ascension](#)

[Still Water Mindfulness Practice Group](#)

WORSHIP

[Ascension Choir](#)

[Worship Rosters, July-September](#)

[Bulletins for Tablets Link](#)

SERVICE

[Men's Shelter Lunch Preparation](#)

LIFE AT ASCENSION

[Helping Your Seniors](#)

[Yard Sale and Car Wash, August 13](#)

[Armor of Light](#)

[Summer Office Hours](#)

[Living with Serious Illness Group](#)

[Keeping the Feast](#)

[Prayer Request Updates](#)

PUBLICATIONS

[Link to the Annual Report and the Vestry Candidate
Questionnaire](#)

[July Ascendant](#)

[Together We Shine](#)

Healing Prayer: Alex Langley,
Welcome Team: Avin Lalmansingh,
Karl Didavi, Clark Didavi, *Altar*
Guild: Lynne Shaer

5:00 PM *Reader/Chalicerist:* Howard
Holland

Eucharistic Visitors: Barb
Mansfield, Enid Cole

Prayers

FOR THOSE WHOSE LIVES ARE CLOSELY LINKED WITH OURS:

In the Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for St. Anne's Church, Damascus, St. James' Church, Indian Head, St. James' Church, Potomac, St. James' Children's School, Potomac, Pray for Camp EDOW: Junior Camp

PRAY FOR COMFORT, HEALING, COURAGE, AND HOPE:

Helen, Joseph, George, Homé, Maria Estela, Sarah, Peg, Lea Ann, 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.

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

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

We give thanks for the Ordination to Priesthood of Kate Harmon Siberine.

We give thanks for the quinceañera of Rachele Olivia Vasquez.

ALTAR FLOWERS:

We give thanks for the life of Glenn Jerold Pfadenhauer, in whose loving memory his parents, Dotty and Jerry Pfadenhauer have given altar flowers on the anniversary of Glenn's birth, July 23.

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