



This Week at Ascension

[Link to the Bulletins for
November 1](#)

[Link to Randy's Sermon
"Now You See Him..." from
October 25.](#)

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

Calendar Highlights

Saturday, October 31

Daylight Saving Time Ends
9am Overeaters Anonymous,
Undercroft Commons
11am Memorial Service for
Ernie Rossie, Main Church
11am AI-Anon, Undercroft
Commons
11am Overeaters
Anonymous, Chapel

Sunday, November 1

7:45am Holy Eucharist, Main
Church
8:15am Choir Rehearsal,
Choir Room
9am Holy Eucharist, Main
Church
9am Godly Play, Room 6
9am Joyful Path, Room 11
9am ESOL Class, Room 1
10:15am Holy Eucharist for
Families with Young
Children, Chapel
10:15am Capital Campaign
Forum, Undercroft Commons
11am Holy Eucharist in
Spanish, Chapel
11am Godly Play, Room 6

God the Giver

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11am Joyful Path, Room 11
11:15am Holy Eucharist,
Main Church
2pm Minister of Music
Discernment Team Meeting,
Library
5pm Holy Eucharist, Chapel
7pm Choral Evensong, Main
Church

Monday, November 2

11:30am Cancer Support
Group, Room 1
6:30pm Overeaters
Anonymous, Undercroft
Commons
7pm Listening Heart
Community, Library

Tuesday, November 3

9:30am Staff Meeting,
Library
7pm Spanish Bible Study,
Ascension House
7pm Still Water Mindfulness
Practice, Chapel
7pm Codependents
Anonymous, Room 1
8:30pm AI-Anon, Room 1

Wednesday, November 4

10am *Daring Greatly* Book
Group, Library
6:30pm Yoga, Chapel
7pm Spanish Class, Ascension
House
7:30pm *Daring Greatly* Book
Group, Library
8pm Gamblers Anonymous,
Chapel

Thursday, November 5

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

Friday, November 6

6pm Family Movie Night,
Undercroft Commons

[Link to our Online Calendar](#)

Worship Leaders

instinctively know that by stopping the flow of resources, they will decay and turn rotten. Resources are like water: When it doesn't flow, it turns rotten and smells and becomes opportunities for destructive things to grow. Jesus finally confronts us by naming the heart of the issue: "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" Do you believe in God the giver? Do you believe in the abundance that Jesus had shown us? Do you believe in the resurrection? When we believe in the abundance of God, we can have the courage to open and unbind our resources. In doing so, we join Jesus, with all the saints in the past and in the future, in becoming the extension of God the Giver causing resources to flow and rejuvenate our lives, communities and creation.

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Announcements

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HEADLINERS

[Annual Giving Campaign News with Annual Giving Form](#)

[All Saints' Sunday, November 1](#)

[Dia de los Muertos, November 1](#)

[All Saints' Sunday Choral Evensong](#)

[Cottage Meeting](#)

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

[Godly Play, November 1](#)

[A Joyful Path, November 1](#)

[Youth Group/Formation](#)

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

[Spirituality 101](#)

[Yoga at Ascension](#)

[Listening Heart Community at Ascension](#)

[Still Water Mindfulness Practice Group](#)

WORSHIP

[Thanksgiving Day Eucharist](#)

[Bulletins for Tablets Link](#)

Sunday, November 1

Preacher: Ms. Enid Cole

Flower Delivery: Eliane Dunn-Johnson, Alice Padmore

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

9:00 AM Readers: Sue Snay, Barbara Mansfield, *Prayers:* Gordon Donnelly, *Chalicians:* Esther Tellu, Diane Gustafson, *Healing Prayer:* Randy Lord-Wilkinson, *Acolytes:* Sam Mendimasa, Kofi Dickson, Lisa Dickson, *Welcome Team:* Nii Armah Akuete, Ruby King, Charles Dickson, Swithin Kwamena-Poh, *Altar Guild:* Nancy Carman, Cynthia Perley, Liz Lennon

11:15 AM Reader: Alex Langley, *Chalicians:* Page Salazar, Christian Nwankwo, *Healing Prayer:* Diane Gustafson, *Welcome Team:* Penelope Cudjoe, Karl Didavi, *Altar Guild:* Lynne Shaer, Georgana Maines

5:00 PM Reader/Usher: Hollis King

Eucharistic Visitors: Meredith Horan, Barb Mansfield

Worship Rosters, October - December

SERVICE

Gaithersburg HELP

Ascension's Cancer Support Group

Lord's Table Soup Kitchen

Men's Shelter Lunch Preparation

LIFE AT ASCENSION

Memorial Service for Ernie Rossi

Daylight Saving Time Ends October 31

Movie Night, November 6

Ascension's Adventure Group to Visit Antietam

Nursery Volunteers Needed

Keeping the Feast

Spanish Classes

ESOL Classes

Prayer Request Updates

PUBLICATIONS

October Ascendant

Together We Shine

Prayers

FOR THOSE WHOSE LIVES ARE CLOSELY LINKED WITH OURS:

In the Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for Installation of our new Presiding Bishop, Michael Bruce Curry, All Saints' Church, Chevy Chase Parish, All Saints' Pre-School, Chevy Chase, All Saints' Parish, Oakley, All Souls' Memorial Church, All Souls' Parish

In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for Truro (England.)

PRAY FOR COMFORT, HEALING, COURAGE, AND HOPE:

Barbara, Ted, Peg, Hollis, Susan, Johnetta, Doris, Marcia, 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 Ascension's Minister of Music Discernment Team.

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.

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

THANKSGIVING:

We give thanks for the baptism of Ryan James Stojinski, son of Jessica and Rosemary Stojinski.

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