



# This Week at Ascension

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[Link to Betsy Hasegawa's Stewardship Talk](#)

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## Calendar Highlights

**Friday, October 7**  
1 pm, AI-Anon, Room 1

**Saturday, October 8**  
8:30am Outreach Retreat, Chapel  
9am Overeaters Anonymous, Room 1  
11am AI-Anon, Undercroft Commons  
11am Overeaters Anonymous, Room 1

**Sunday, October 9**  
7:45am Holy Eucharist, Main Church  
8:15am Choir Rehearsal  
9am Holy Eucharist, Main Church  
9am Godly Play, Room 6  
9am Joyful Path, Room 11

## Living Generously

In my Common English Bible translation of the story of healing found in Luke, the story is captioned, "Jesus heals a Samaritan." The story, of course, is about Jesus healing ten people with a serious skin disease, but only the Samaritan returns to thank him and give God praise. Jesus notes that it is the foreigner, the greater outcast, who is overwhelmed with gratitude. The others do what they are told to do, no doubt, but show no real gratitude to the one who transformed their lives. One wonders what they said to the priests to whom they were instructed to visit. Other than being healed, do they live life differently after this miracle? I bet the Samaritan does. He's already shown deep gratitude. He prostrated himself in front of Jesus to praise him for his newfound life. He's had to live apart from friends and loved ones because of his disease and now he can rejoin them. He's had to rely on begging to survive and now he can work. Oh, the joy in such transformation! There are many times when we experience miracles, small and large, in our lives. Do we take the time to give thanks for them or do we just go on about our daily work? Do we even recognize God's grace and glory in our daily lives, let alone give thanks for them? Do we see God's abundance in our lives or simply think most of what we have is the result of our own hard work? When we choose to live generously, we choose first and foremost to be grateful. Grateful to God for what we have; grateful to our families and friends for their love and support; grateful to our faith communities for their acceptance and challenge. Gratitude opens our soul to a fuller life because it

10:15am Holy Eucharist for Families with Young Children, Chapel  
11am Holy Eucharist in Spanish, Chapel  
11am Godly Play, Room 6  
11am Joyful Path, Room 11  
11:15am Holy Eucharist, Main Church  
12:30pm Pastoral Care Team Meeting, Library  
5pm Holy Eucharist, Chapel  
6pm Youth Group Meeting, Undercroft

**Monday, October 10**

OFFICE CLOSED

11:30am Living with a Serious Illness Support Group, Room 1  
1pm Al-Alon, Room 1  
6pm Girl Scouts, Room 1  
6:30pm Overeaters Anonymous, Room 4  
7pm Outreach Committee Meeting, Library

**Tuesday, October 11**

6pm Bible Study, Ascension House  
7pm Codependents Anonymous, Room 1  
7pm Stillwater Mindfulness Group, Chapel  
8:30pm Al-Anon, Room 1

**Wednesday, October 12**

10am Book Group, Library  
1pm Al-Anon, Room 1  
6:30pm Spanish Class, Ascension House  
7pm Ensemble Rehearsal, Main Church  
7pm Overeaters Anonymous, Room 1  
8pm Gamblers Anonymous, Chapel

**Thursday, October 13**

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

[Link to our Online Calendar](#)

opens our mind to seeing all that we have been given. When we accept that we have received so much, we can then live generously. That generosity is more than how we share what we have, how we welcome the stranger or foreigner, and how we forgive those who have offended us. Living generously can transform our lives and transform our communities. It is a way of praising God for all we have been given.

Reflection Questions • When have you experienced a miracle in your life? • How have you responded? • What is your favorite way of showing gratitude?

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PS. Pledge cards for the Annual Giving Campaign and Facilities Reserve Fund, and Electronic Funds Transfer Forms, are available on the table by the office door, Chapel side entrance, and on the website.

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**HEADLINERS**

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[Outreach Retreat](#)

[Armor of Light Viewings Scheduled](#)

[Wellness Fair](#)

[Let's Do Dinner and Dancing](#)

[All Saints' Sunday, November 6](#)

[Hospitality Angels](#)

**LIFELONG LEARNING**

[Yoga at Ascension](#)

[Wednesday Morning Book: Group](#)

## Worship Leaders

Sunday, October 9

Preacher: (The Rev.) Randy Lord-Wilkinson

*Flower Delivery:* Adoma Baffoe, Hawa Clemens

7:45 AM *Reader/Prayers:* Jason Cutshall, *Chalicians:* Leslie Sanya, Jason Cutshall, *Healing Prayer:* Lisa Murdock, *Acolytes:* Raymond Chin, Aidan Douglas, *Welcome Team:* Frank Sanya, Meredith Horan, *Altar Guild:* Enid Cole, Mardia Dennis

9:00 AM, *Readers:* Barb Mansfield, Susan Ahalt, *Prayers:* Gordon Donnelly, *Chalicians:* Nancy Carman, Cynthia Perley, *Healing Prayer:* Jason Cutshall, *Acolytes:* Kofi Kwamena-Poh, Manny Johnson, Nuelle Johnson, *Welcome Team:* Swithin Kwamena-Poh, Kevin Blanc, Algernon Thomas, *Altar Guild:* Nancy Carman, Cynthia Perley

11:15 AM *Reader:* Sarah Rubin, *Chalicians:* Rimie Sicard, Jason Cutshall, *Healing Prayer:* Alex Langley, *Welcome Team:* Sciou Broderick, Peedy Terry, Emmanuel Nwankwo, *Altar Guild:* Georgana Maines

5:00 PM *Reader/Chalician:* Dora Kreitzer

Eucharistic Visitors: Javier Ocampo

[Listening Heart Community at Ascension](#)

[Still Water Mindfulness Practice Group](#)

### WORSHIP

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### LIFE AT ASCENSION

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### Prayers

**FOR THOSE WHOSE LIVES ARE CLOSELY LINKED WITH OURS:**

In the Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for The regional assemblies and regional conveners of the Diocese.

The National Association of Episcopal Schools  
All Native Americans and Native American congregations.

**PRAY FOR COMFORT, HEALING, COURAGE, AND HOPE:**

Monica, Caleb, Sarah, Roz, Jeanne and Tom, Fe, 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.

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