



This Week at Ascension

[Link to the Bulletins for October 16 \(now including the Misa en Español\)](#)

[Link to Randy's sermon "Stranger Truth"](#)

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

[Link to Avin Lalmansingh's Stewardship Talk](#)

[Link to Janet King's Stewardship Talk](#)

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

Calendar Highlights

Friday, October 14
1 pm, Al-Anon, Room 1

Saturday, October 15
9am Overeaters Anonymous, Room 1
11am Al-Anon, Undercroft Commons
11am Overeaters Anonymous, Room 1

Sunday, October 16
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
10:15am Holy Eucharist for

Living Generously
The Rev. Christine Rockwell

Haven't we all been told that perseverance, along with resilience, are the keys to adult success? In Luke's gospel today we see perseverance in action as the determined woman, most probably at an extreme social and economic disadvantage from the judge, perseveres until she wears him down and receives justice and compensation for her grievance. Probably a minor miracle in that biblical setting! So, could this woman's perseverance teach us something not only about justice, but also about our understanding of stewardship? One of the most valuable lessons I have learned over the years is that to be successful as a steward, I need to persevere as I approach charitable giving, just as I need to persevere in the many other facets of my life. If I am serious about my religious stewardship, it's helpful to remember this woman and the judge. Taking one stab at my annual pledge amount, or making a pledge to begin proportional giving, won't get me to the goal of being generous with the gifts God has given me unless I stick with the goal I have set and persevere when I encounter hardship and difficulty in reaching that goal. Pledging to take on a volunteer project will go nowhere unless I also promise myself to persevere when obstacles get in the way of keeping my pledge (and obstacles always do). Jesus tells us it is important to persevere and that spiritual rewards await those who are consistent and constant in their relationship to God. What that tells me is that God will indeed help me reach my spiritual goals if I commit myself to persevering when the going gets tough.... As I know

Families with Young Children, Chapel
10:15am Men's Shelter Lunches—Undercroft
11am Holy Eucharist in Spanish, Chapel
11am Godly Play, Room 6
11am Joyful Path, Room 11
11:15am Holy Eucharist, Main Church
2:00pm Christian Counselors Meeting, Library
5pm Holy Eucharist, Chapel

Monday, October 17

1pm Al-Alon, Room 1
7pm Listening Hearts Community, Library

Tuesday, October 18

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

Wednesday, October 19

10am Book Group, Library
1pm Al-Anon, Room 1
6:30pm Spanish Class, Ascension House
6:30pm N. Montgomery County Regional Meeting—Main Church
7pm Ensemble Rehearsal, Choir Room
7pm Overeaters Anonymous, Room 1
8pm Gamblers Anonymous, Chapel

Thursday, October 20

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

[Link to our Online Calendar](#)

Worship Leaders

Sunday, October 16
Preacher: The Rev. Javier Garcia

it will.

Reflection Questions:

- Think of a time you pledged time or money to the church. Were there obstacles that got in the way of your commitment?
- How did you react to those obstacles?
- Did you persevere in fulfilling the promise(s) you had made? If not, does that make it harder for you now to pledge time or talent or treasure?

The Rev. Cristine V. Rockwell is a retired parish priest and former college chaplain at UMass Amherst. She has been active in issues of stewardship since before her ordination in 1990.

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.

[Announcements](#)

HEADLINERS

[Men's Shelter Sandwich Making](#)

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

[Armor of Light Viewings Scheduled](#)

["Fifth Sunday" Brunch is Coming](#)

[Cell Groups at Ascension](#)

[Wellness Fair](#)

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

[Hospitality Angels](#)

LIFELONG LEARNING

[Yoga at Ascension](#)

[Wednesday Morning Book Group](#)

[Listening Heart Community at Ascension](#)

[Still Water Mindfulness Practice Group](#)

Ocampo

Flower Delivery: Eliane Dunn-Johnson, Alice Padmore

7:45 AM *Reader/Prayers:* Enid Cole, *Chalicians:* Edna Leake, Wadai Dennis, *Healing Prayer:* Jason Cutshall, *Acolytes:* Ron Hayden, Aidan Douglas, *Welcome Team:* Enid Cole, Florence Sirleaf, *Altar Guild:* Leslie Sanya, Wadai Dennis

9:00 AM, *Readers:* Andrew Greene, Chris Ruggeri, *Prayers:* John Pruessner, *Chalicians:* Margaret Tellu, Jerry Pfadenhauer, *Healing Prayer:* Javier Ocampo, *Acolytes:* Alfred Wasikye, Gary McLaughlin, Roberta Taylor, *Welcome Team:* Esther Allotey-Taylor, Bev Stennett, Christine Kroma, Josephine Clarke, *Altar Guild:* Doret Sutherland, Adoma Baffoe

11:15 AM *Reader:* Kendall Anderson, *Chalicians:* Kirk Fitch, Anika Lalmansingh, *Healing Prayer:* Sarah Rubin, *Welcome Team:* Avin Lalmansingh, Karl Didavi, Clark Didavi, *Altar Guild:* Laura Shay

5:00 PM *Reader/Chalician:* Christine Yankus-Eng

Eucharistic Visitors: Kate Foley, Jean Cohn

WORSHIP

[Worship Rosters, October-December](#)

[Bulletins for Tablets Link](#)

SERVICE

[The Lord's Table Soup Kitchen](#)

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LIFE AT ASCENSION

[Prayer Request Updates](#)

PUBLICATIONS

[Link to the Annual Report](#)

[October Ascendant](#)

[Together We Shine](#)

Prayers

FOR THOSE WHOSE LIVES ARE CLOSELY LINKED WITH OURS:
In the Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for St. Luke's Church, Brighton; St. Luke's Parish, DC; St. Luke's Church, Trinity Parish; St. Luke's House, Bethesda; The Hunger Fund Committee; World Food Day (October 16)
Pray for all who are hungry, especially children.

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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