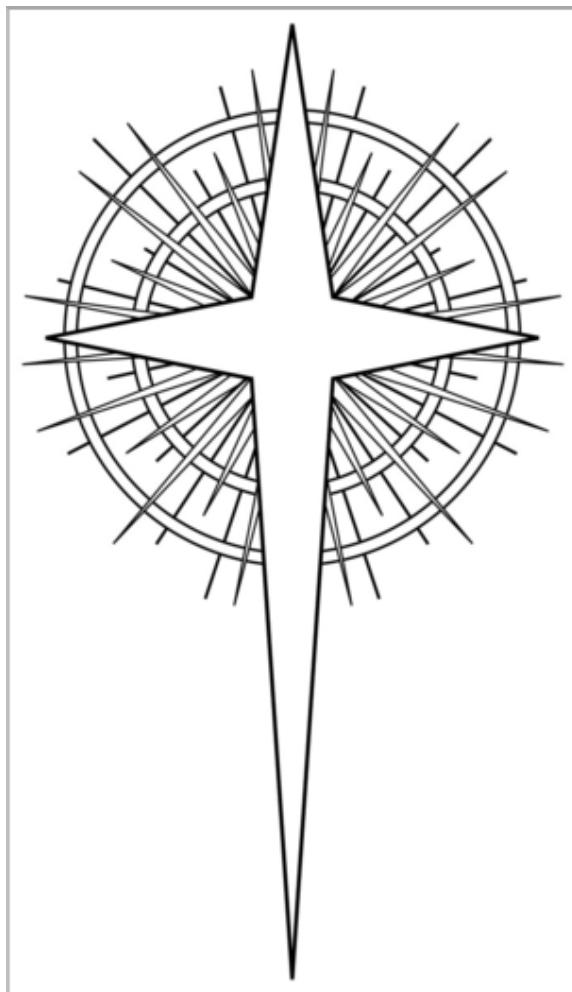


SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
+ The Holy Eucharist, Rite II +
January 19, 2020



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION
726 First Avenue NW
Hickory, North Carolina

Page numbers refer to the location of the text in the Book of Common Prayer. Hymn numbers refer to the Hymnal 1982. During the singing of the hymn, the cross is carried into the church. It is customary to face the cross and bow as it passes.

The "Gloria" is one of the oldest hymns of the church, based on the song of the angels in Luke 2, where they share the news that Christ has been born with the shepherds.

Processional #7 "Christ, whose glory fills the skies"

Opening Acclamation

BCP 355

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

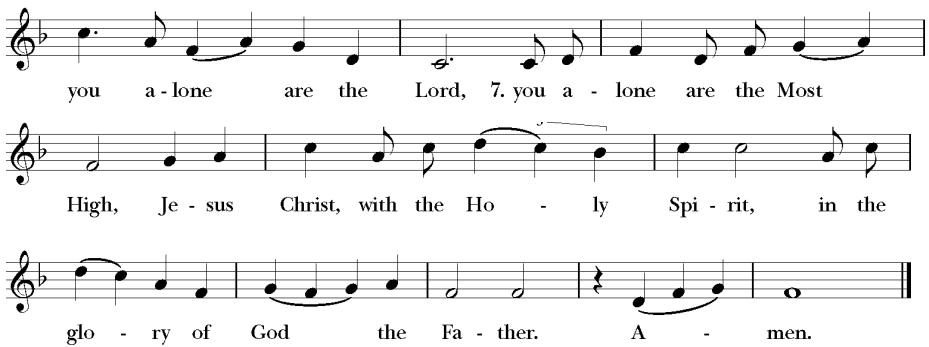
Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Gloria

8:00 BCP 356

10:30 Sung below

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,



Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray. Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The “Collect” is the Prayer of the Day, specific to this particular Sunday. It is inspired by today’s readings.

The Old Testament

Isaiah 49:1-7

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, “You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.” But I said, “I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and my reward with my God.” And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength-- he says, “It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.” Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, “Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

The servant brings light to the nations.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Psalm is the appointed response to the Old Testament lesson, usually echoing its themes. The title in italics is the Latin translation of the opening words. The Psalm is sung responsively by the choir and the people, to the music printed above. The people may sing the melody or the harmony parts printed, changing chords with the indications printed with the text.

I love to do your will, O my God.

Paul's greeting to the church at Cor inth.

Psalm 40

The people sing the verses in **bold** type. The choir sings the verses in regular type.



- 1 I waited patiently up-/on the /Lord; *
he stooped to /me and /heard my /cry.
- 2 He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the /mire and /clay; ***
he set my feet upon a high cliff and /made my /footing/sure.
- 3 He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise /to our /God; *
many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their /trust /in the /Lord.
- 4 Happy are they who trust /in the /Lord! ***
they do not resort to evil spirits or /turn to /false/gods.
- 5 Great things are they that you have done, O Lord my God!
how great your wonders and your /plans for /us! *
there is none who can /be com-/pared with /you.
- 6 Oh, that I could make them /known and /tell them! ***
but they are /more than /I can /count.
- 7 In sacrifice and offering you /take no /pleasure *
(you have /given me /ears to /hear you);
- 8 Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have /not re-/quired, ***
and so I/said, "Be-/hold, I/come.
- 9 In the roll of the book it is written con-/cerning /me: *
'I love to do your will, O my God; your law is /deep /in my /heart.'"
- 10 I proclaimed righteousness in the great/congre-/gation; ***
behold, I did not restrain my lips; and /that, O/Lord, you /know.
- 11 Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart;
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your de-/liver-/ance; *
I have not concealed your love and faithfulness from the /great congreg-/ation.
- 12 You are the Lord; do not withhold your com-/passion from /me; ***
let your love and your faithfulness /keep me /safe for /ever.

The New Testament

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, to the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give

thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn #757 "Will you come and follow me" (St. 1-3)

This hymn is found in the green hymnal, "Wonder, Love, and Praise"

Holy Gospel

John 1:29-42

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

John saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God." The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sequence Hymn #757 "Will you come and follow me" (St. 4-5)

Sermon

During the hymn, the Gospel Book is brought out among the people, following the cross, representing the Word of God coming among the people. It is customary to face the cross as it moves. The acclamation "Glory to you, Lord Christ" greet the Gospel, the words of Jesus, acknowledging his coming among us through his Word.

Revelation of Christ as God's servant

In the Creed, Prayers, and Confession, we confess our common faith, pray for the church and the world, confess our sins, and receive forgiveness.

The Nicene Creed was adopted in 325 by the First Council of Nicaea. The word "Creed" comes from the Latin "Credo", which means "I believe."

Natalie Jackson Aurand; Tyler Aurand; Andy Blanton; Luigi Bottella; Dan Bourland; Sid Brandon; Georgia & Jim Cates; Chris Childres; Anita Cirba; J. Austin Cox; Andy Critcher; Penha Critcher; Lynn Gardner Curfman; Judy Deal; David Dillow; Michelle DiMeo; Cannon Draughn; Miles Dunning; Claudia Earle; Everett; Nan Fanjoy; Christopher Finley; Claydon Fogelman; Marilyn, Elaine & Ronnie Fraraccio; Sandy & Jerry Frogde; Keith & Sue Fruitticher; Fred & Shirley Gachet; Nikki Gillespie; Ellen Haggard; Phillip Hatcher; Lena Hardaway; Phillip Harris; Becky Hart; Bob Hart; David Hart; Peter Hersey; Caleb Hershberger; Caldwell & Kristin Hunt; Stine Isenhower; Jay & Melissa; Winston & Jan Jackson; Katy & Johnny King; Cathy Korecky; Dennis London; Christine "Doodle" Lowry; Donna McDermott; McGrath Family; David T. Meek; Jonathan Merrill; Paulette Miller; Jane Mohney; Richard Moody; Beverly Moore; Amanda, Ken & Mary Morgan; Neely Family; Ogle Family; Jason Pardue; Zack Pardue; Dennis Phillips; Caitlyn Reece; Angela Reed; Noah Reese; Libby Reeves; Wendy Riddensdale; Jim Roane; John Ross; Sally & LeeAnn; Roman Scudder-Cotherman; Gary Sheridan; Evelyn Showfety; Dale Sides; Jacob Smith;

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People Form II

In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud so that our sanctuary is filled with the prayers of all. We pray with the assurance that God knows the prayers of our hearts, the ones we can speak and the ones for which we do not yet have words.

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishops & clergy; for this gathering; and for all ministers and, people. Pray for the Church. Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace. Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble. Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him. Silence

I ask your prayers and thanksgivings, aloud or in your heart.

The people offer their own intercessions & thanksgivings aloud and in silence, including names on the prayer list printed in the bulletin.

I ask your prayers for the departed. Pray for those who have died. Silence.

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day. Silence

The celebrant adds a concluding collect.

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

Peace & Announcements

BCP 360

+ THE HOLY EUCHARIST +

(10:30) Offertory Anthem "Strengthen for Service"

(10:30) Doxology

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

OLD 100TH

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

BCP 367

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your son Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Mark Southard; Susie; Terri; Chris Thomas; Hunter Tolbert; Tony; Jim Trollan; Norton Turner; Jeff Walker; Michael Weber; Kyle Westby; Lewlew Whayne; John Winkler; and Mary Mallette Jenkins Wood & Family.

We ask for forgiveness, which the Priest imparts, making the sign of the cross. It is appropriate to make the sign of the cross upon oneself at the same time.

Forgiven, we share the Peace of God with one another with a handshake or a hug and the words "Peace be with you."

During the anthem, activity moves to the altar as the Eucharistic table is prepared. The Doxology is sung as the Eucharistic elements are brought forward.

The Eucharistic prayer begins with the opening dialogue. The people are greeted and exhorted to lift up their hearts in thanks. This is followed by the preface, where God is praised and thanked for the work of salvation in words specific to the current liturgical season, and leads to the "Sanctus".

"Sanctus" means "Holy" in Latin; it is the high musical point of the liturgy, the organ accompaniment is full and the singing should be strong and loud.

Sanctus

Hymnal S-125

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Ho - san-na in the high-est.

The Eucharist prayer continues; recounting God's promises, our sinfulness, and our deliverance in the coming of Jesus Christ.

The Words of Institution are said over the elements ("Take, eat, this is my body..."). It is customary to make the sign of the cross at the words "This is my Body..." and "This is my Blood..."

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,
We remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the

Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

AMEN.

The Holy Spirit is called upon to sanctify the elements and those who administer and receive them. It concludes with a final offering of glory and praise to God, after which the people respond with a loud "AMEN!"

Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say, *Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.*

The Eucharistic Prayer concludes with the Lord's Prayer, spoken by all. The prayer is given by Jesus to his disciples in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke.

Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem

Hymnal S-155

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is
sac - ri - ficed for us; There-fore let us keep the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The bread is lifted up and broken. A period of silence is kept. The Fraction Anthem is sung by all.

After the Fraction Anthem, the congregation comes forward to receive communion. You may kneel at the rail or stand to receive. All are welcome to come to the altar to receive communion or a blessing.

You will receive the bread in your hand to eat and then drink from the chalice, or you may dip the bread into the wine and eat. If you wish to receive a blessing instead of communion, cross your arms over your chest.

Communion of the People

Hymns during Communion #533, #439

After the Eucharist, the blessing is said over the congregation. It is customary to make the sign of the cross at the naming of the Trinity ("Father, Son, and Holy Spirit..."). During the hymn, the cross is carried out of the nave; it is customary to turn and face the cross, bowing as it passes.

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

The blessing of Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be among you, and remain with you forever. Amen.

Recessional #535 "Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim"

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The office will be closed Monday, January 20 in observation of Martin Luther King, Jr. day.
- All are welcome to attend the annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Worship Service scheduled for Sunday, January 19 at 3:00 p.m. at Exodus Missionary Outreach Church (1763 Highland Ave. NE, Hickory). The guest preacher will be Rev. Julius Renwick, pastor at Mt. Ephraim Baptist Church in Philadelphia, PA.
- Adult Confirmation classes will be held Wednesdays, February 19 through April 1 at 6:45-8:00 p.m. Please contact The Rev. Karla Woggon at kmwoggon@gmail.com if you are interested in being confirmed or received into the church when The Rt. Rev. José McLoughlin visits Ascension on May 17.
- The annual Hickory Soup Kitchen Spaghetti Dinner is on Friday, January 31 from 4:30-8:00 p.m. at 110 2nd St. Pl. SE, Hickory. Tickets are \$10. Take-out is available!
A tradition since 1994, this is the most important fundraiser for the HSK all year....please come and support this important ministry. You can purchase tickets from Deacon Anita Ware on Sundays and Wednesday evenings, or from Bev in the church on weekdays.

UPCOMING EVENTS, CLASSES, AND PROGRAMS

Please see the “Spiritual Renewal & The Stewardship of the Fullness of Our Lives” program catalog for complete descriptions of Ascension’s scheduled events, classes, and programs.

- **Sundays, January 19 & 26 (9:30-10:15 a.m.)**

Adult Forum – Moral Injury: Intro to Ethics Join Dr. Michael Deckard & Stephen Williamson to learn about “moral injury” and its emphasis on the psychological, social, cultural, and spiritual aspects of trauma.

- **Wednesdays, January 22 & 29 and February 5 & 12 (6:45-7:30 p.m.)**

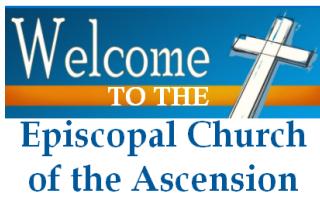
Healthy Eating: Mind, Body, & Spirit Nutritionist Lee Gibbs will explain practical tips for how and why you should eat healthier.

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| * January 22 – Sugar | * February 5 – Micronutrients |
| * January 29 – Macronutrients | * February 12 – Calories |

- **Sunday, February 9 (5:00-6:00 p.m.)**

Author Jim Wallis will be at Ascension to discuss his newest book, *Christ in Crises*.

Jim Wallis is an author of 12 books, including the *New York Times* bestseller *God's Politics*, and the founder of Sojourners, a global faith and justice network. He is a public theologian, an internationally renowned speaker and preacher, a faith-based activist, husband, and father to two young boys, and a Little League baseball coach.



If you’re visiting Ascension today, a special welcome to you! Please take a moment to complete the newcomer’s card located on the backside of each pew.

Our regular weekly worship schedule is below. Please join us again soon!

Daily Morning Prayer: Monday-Thursday, 9:00 a.m. (Chapel)

Daily Centering Prayer: Monday-Thursday, 9:30 a.m. (Chapel)

Holy Eucharist & Healing Service: Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. (Chapel)

Holy Eucharist, Rite I: Sunday, 8:00 a.m.

Holy Eucharist, Rite II: Sunday, 10:30 a.m.

If you have any questions or would like more information about Ascension, our activities, worship, community events, and Christian education opportunities, please visit our website (www.ascensionhickory.org) and click on the link for our Program Catalog. You are also welcome to contact us by email at ascensionhickory@gmail.com or by phone at 828-328-5393.

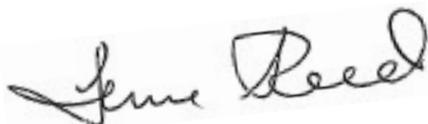
Notes

Ascension Friends,

In September 2018 the Episcopal Church of the Ascension conducted a survey, Spiritual Life Inventory, sponsored by RenewalWorks. Stan Rogan and I led the committee that prayed over the results and worked with Karla and the Vestry to address the spiritual needs identified in your responses. Karla and the Vestry have implemented many programs as a result of the group survey, including reading the Bible as a group in "The Good Book Reading Club" and setting up Faith-Sharing Dinner Groups in member's homes.

RenewalWorks has recently expanded their offerings to include a more personal approach to Spiritual Renewal called *Renewal Works for Me*. Visit <https://renewalworks.org/resources/rw4me/>. I was intrigued by the idea of having my own personal survey results analyzed and a special program set up especially for me so I signed up, took the survey, and have now received three weeks of online spiritual coaching.

Each week I receive my own personal warm up, stretch and coaching exercise, and a to-do task for the week. As an example, last week I was asked to look for 'God-Sightings,' times of positive actions regardless of the source, that I could log and be mindful of for the week. This week, my exercises build on my new focus on positive actions and, I assume, the program will continue to be a workout leading me to 'build up' my spiritual muscles. I look forward to the weekly encouragements and exercises. If you think you would benefit from your own spiritual workout, I encourage you to register. Besides, it's free!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "June Reed". The signature is fluid and cursive, with "June" on the left and "Reed" on the right, connected by a flourish.