

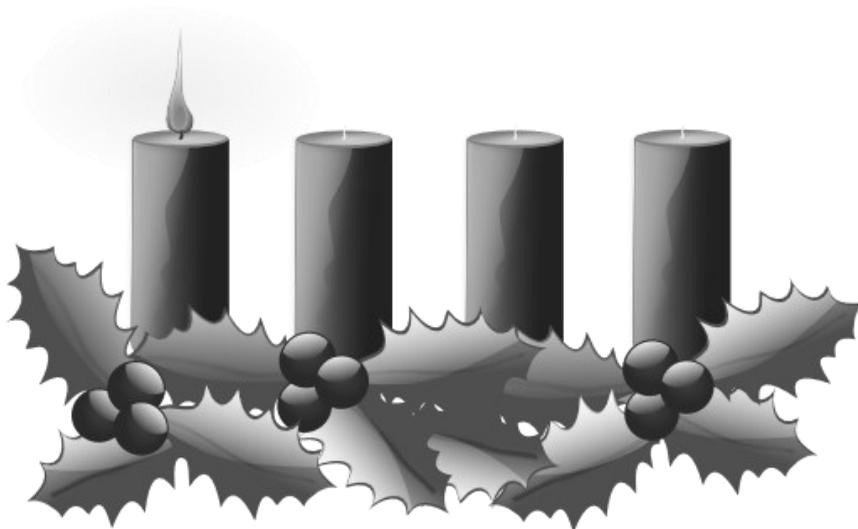
# ASCENSION EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 27, 2022

10:30 AM

**Holy Eucharist Rite II**



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PRELUDE

# The Word of God

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 61 "Sleepers, wake!" *A voice astounds us* WACHET AUF



1 "Sleep - ers, wake!" A voice a - stounds us, the  
2 Zi - on hears the watch - men sing - ing; her  
3 Lamb of God, the heavens a - dore you; let



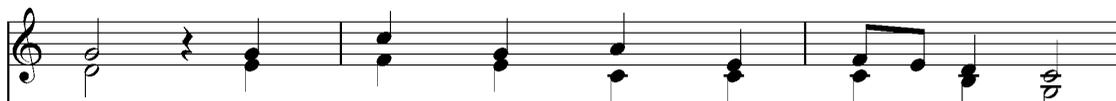
shout of ram - part - guards sur - rounds us: "A -  
heart with joy - ful hope is spring - ing, she  
saints and an - gels sing be - fore you, as



wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, a - rise!" Mid - night's peace their  
wakes and hur - ries through the night. Forth he comes, her  
harps and cym - bals swell the sound. Twelve great pearls, the



cry has bro - ken, their ur - gent sum - mons clear - ly spo -  
Bride-groom glo - rious in strength of grace, in truth vic - to -  
ci - ty's por - tals: through them we stream to join the im - mor -



ken: "The time has come, O maid - ens wise!  
rious: her star is risen, her light grows bright.  
tals as we with joy your throne sur - round.

Rise up, and give us light; the Bride - groom is in  
 Now come, most wor - thy Lord, God's Son, In - car - nate  
 No eye has known the sight, no ear heard such de -

sight. Al - le - lu - ia! Your lamps pre - pare and  
 Word, Al - le - lu - ia! We fol - low all and  
 light: Al - le - lu - ia! There - fore we sing to

has - ten there, that you the wed - ding feast may share."  
 heed your call to come in - to the ban - quet hall.  
 greet our King; for ev - er let our prais - es ring.

## LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Today we light the first candle of the Advent wreath. This is the candle of HOPE. With Christians around the world, we use this light to help us prepare our hearts and minds for the coming of God's Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. May we receive God's light as we hear the words of the prophet Isaiah:

*"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness — on them light has shined."*—Isaiah 9:2

Let us pray:

Lord as we look to the birth of Jesus, grant that the light of your love for us will help us to become lights in the lives of those around us. Prepare our hearts for the joy and gladness of your coming, for Jesus is our hope. Amen.

## OPENING ACCLAMATION

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

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

People *And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

## COLLECT FOR PURITY

*The Celebrant may say*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you 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.*

## KYRIE S 96

*Lord, have mercy upon us*

SCHUBERT/PROULX

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

# The Lessons

## FIRST READING: Isaiah 2:1-5

*The people sit.*

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

<sup>1</sup>The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

<sup>2</sup>In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains,

and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it.

<sup>3</sup>Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

<sup>4</sup>He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

<sup>5</sup>O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

Reader            The Word of the Lord.

People            *Thanks be to God.*

*Silence may follow.*

## PSALM: Psalm 122

*Remain seated. Please read responsively by half verse.*

<sup>1</sup>I was glad when they said to me, \*  
    *"Let us go to the house of the LORD."*

<sup>2</sup>Now our feet are standing \*  
    *within your gates, O Jerusalem.*

<sup>3</sup>Jerusalem is built as a city \*  
    *that is at unity with itself;*

<sup>4</sup>To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, \*  
    *the assembly of Israel, to praise the name of the LORD.*

<sup>5</sup>For there are the thrones of judgment, \*  
    *the thrones of the house of David.*

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: \*  
*“May they prosper who love you.*

Peace be within your walls \*  
*and quietness within your towers.*

For my brethren and companions’ sake, \*  
*I pray for your prosperity.*

Because of the house of the LORD our God, \*  
*I will seek to do you good.”*

## SECOND READING: Romans 13:11-14

*The people sit.*

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Rome.

<sup>1</sup>You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; <sup>2</sup>the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; <sup>3</sup>let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. <sup>4</sup>Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

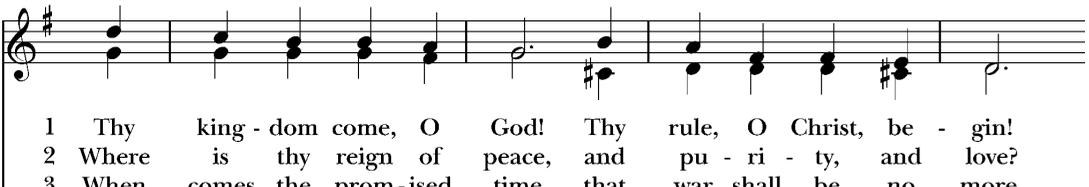
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People            *Thanks be to God.*

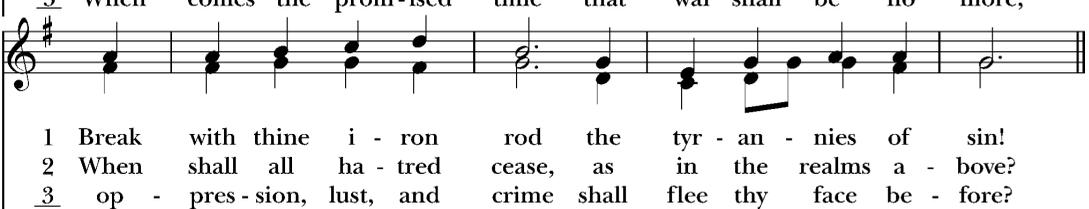
*Silence may follow.*

## SEQUENCE HYMN 613    *Thy kingdom come, O God*    ST. CECILIA

*All stand.*



1 Thy king - dom come, O God! Thy rule, O Christ, be - gin!  
2 Where is thy reign of peace, and pu - ri - ty, and love?  
3 When comes the prom - ised time that war shall be no more,



1 Break with thine i - ron rod the tyr - an - nies of sin!  
2 When shall all ha - tred cease, as in the realms a - bove?  
3 op - pres - sion, lust, and crime shall flee thy face be - fore?

## **THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 24:36-44**

*All stand.*

Priest            The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People            *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

[Jesus said to his disciples,] <sup>36</sup>“About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>37</sup>For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup>For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, <sup>39</sup>and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>40</sup>Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. <sup>41</sup>Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. <sup>42</sup>Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. <sup>43</sup>But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>44</sup>Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

Priest            The Gospel of the Lord.

People            *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

## **THE SERMON - THE REV. MARK W. MCDONALD**

### **THE NICENE CREED (BCP p. 358)**

*All stand.*

*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.*

## **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE - FORM VI - BCP P. 393**

*All remain standing.*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;  
*For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.*

For Joe, our president; Greg, our Governor; Sylvester, our Mayor, for the city of Houston, for the nation, and for the world;  
*For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.*

For the just and proper use of your creation;  
*For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.*

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;  
*For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.*

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

*For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.*

For Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael, the Presiding Bishop, Andy, our Bishop, Hector, our Bishop Assistant, Mark our Rector, and for all bishops and other ministers;

*For all who serve God in his Church.*

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. We pray for: Cathie, Alice, Frances, Landon, John, Dion, Jim, John, Albert, Cory, Todd, Stephanie, John, James, Ellen, Greg, Jack & Jean, Shirley, Lucia, Jean, Bobby, Dennie, Lance, Lucia, Angela, Olive, Carissa, Kelley, Laura, Pete, Hillary, Maria Isabel, C.J., Margaret, Mary, David, Ann, Valerie, and family and friends we name now.

We pray for peace in the world; in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Nippon Sei Ko Kai (the Anglican Church of Japan) and in the Diocese of Texas Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Ascension of Houston, Christ the King in Alief of Houston, Emmanuel of Houston, and Epiphany of Houston. We invite you to offer your prayers at this time.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions.*

Hear us, Lord;

*For your mercy is great.*

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

We thank you for the people who make up the Church of the Ascension. We thank you for your wonderful creation. We thank you for our family and friends. We thank you for the opportunities you give us to serve in the Kingdom of God, and most of all, we thank you for your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

We invite you to offer you own thanksgivings at this time.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own thanksgivings*

We will exalt you, O God our King;

*And praise your Name for ever and ever.*

We pray for all who have died, especially \_\_\_\_\_, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*  
*The People may add their own petitions*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;  
*Who put their trust in you.*

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Leader and People*

*Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;  
in your compassion forgive us our sins,  
known and unknown,  
things done and left undone;  
and so uphold us by your Spirit  
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,  
to the honor and glory of your Name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

*The Celebrant concludes with the following absolution.*

## **ABSOLUTION**

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

## **THE PEACE - BCP P. 360**

*All stand.*

Celebrant      The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People          *And also with you.*

*Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Prayers for Birthdays & Anniversaries and those who are Traveling**  
*If you are a visitor or guest, please scan the QR code in the announcements section of this bulletin and give us your contact information. Let us connect with you!*

# The Holy Communion

## OFFERTORY SENTENCE

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Simple Gifts*

arr. by Hal Hopson

### AT THE PRESENTATION

*From all that dwell below the skies*

OLD 100TH

*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.*

## The Great Thanksgiving

### EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER A BCP P. 361

*The People remain standing.*

Celebrant      The Lord be with you.

*People*          *And also with you.*

Celebrant      Lift up your hearts.

*People*          *We lift them to the Lord.*

Celebrant      Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People*          *It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

*Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

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:

**SANCTUS S 129**  
*Celebrant and People*

*Holy, holy, holy*

POWELL

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

*The People stand or kneel.*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

*Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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.*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*People and Celebrant*

*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,  
forever and ever. Amen.*

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

*A period of silence is kept.*

**FRACTION ANTHEM S 164**

*Jesus, Lamb of God*

SCHUBERT/PROULX

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.  
 Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.  
 Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:  
 give us your peace, give us your peace.

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

The Gifts of God for the People of God. This is the table, not of the Church, but of the Lord. It is made ready for those who love God and for those who hope to love God more. So, come, you who have faith and you who have doubts. Come if you have been here often, and come if you have not been here long. Come if you have followed, and come if you have stumbled; come, because it is the Lord who invites you. It is Christ's will that those who seek him will meet him here at God's table. Come!

**AT THE COMMUNION**

- *All baptized Christian welcome to receive communion.*
- *To receive communion, place your right hand inside of your left to receive the bread.*
- *To receive a gluten free wafer please place your palms together.*
- *You may then either drink from the cup or dip the bread into the wine.*
- *If you do not wish to receive communion, cross your hands over your chest to receive a blessing.*

**COMMUNION HYMN**

*Of the Father's love begotten*

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

1 Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten, ere the worlds be -  
 2 O that birth for ev - er bless - ed, when the Vir - gin,  
 3 Let the heights of heaven a - dore him; an - gel hosts, his  
 4 Christ, to thee with God the Fa - ther, and, O Ho - ly

gan to be, he is Al - pha and O - me - ga,  
 full of grace, by the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing,  
 prais - es sing; powers, do - min - ions, bow be - fore him,  
 Ghost, to thee, hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing,

he the source, the end - ing he, of the things that  
 bore the Sa - vior of our race; and the Babe, the  
 and ex - tol our God and King; let no tongue on  
 and un - wea - ried prais - es be; hon - or, glo - ry

are, that have \_\_\_\_\_ been, and that fu - ture  
 world's Re - deem - er, first re - vealed his  
 earth be si - lent, ev - ery voice in  
 and do - min - ion, and e - ter - nal

years shall see, ev - er - more and ev - er - more! \_\_\_\_\_  
 sa - cred face, ev - er - more and ev - er - more! \_\_\_\_\_  
 con - cert ring, ev - er - more and ev - er - more! \_\_\_\_\_  
 vic - to - ry, ev - er - more and ev - er - more! \_\_\_\_\_

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

*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.*

## ADVENT BLESSING

May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin. *Amen.*

May he whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love. *Amen.*

May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at his second Advent be rewarded with unending life. *Amen.*

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

## RECESSIONAL HYMN 68

*Rejoice! rejoice, believers*

LLANGLOFFAN

1 Re - joice! re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear!  
2 See that your lamps are burn - ing, re - ple-nish them with oil;  
3 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;

The eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.  
look now for your sal - va - tion, the end of sin and toil.  
a - rise, thou Sun so longed for, a - bove this dark - ened sphere!

The Bride - groom is a - ris - ing, and soon he will draw nigh;  
The mar - riage - feast is wait - ing, the gates wide o - pen stand;  
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see

up, watch in ex - pec - ta - tion! at mid - night comes the cry.  
rise up, ye heirs of glo - ry, the Bride - groom is at hand!  
the day of earth's re - demp - tion, and ev - er be with thee!

## DISMISSAL

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People *Thanks be to God.*

## POSTLUDE

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# Announcements

*The Altar flowers are given to the glory of the Almighty God  
in thanksgiving for His many blessings.*

## STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Thank you to all for your generosity!! There are still a few pledges trickling in but please see below for the stewardship update.

	Pledges	2023 Pledges	2022 Pledges	Difference
Increase	25	\$164,570	\$148,288	\$16,282
Decrease	2	\$12,100	\$19,200	(\$7,100)
Same	11	\$53,000	\$5,300	\$47,700
New Pledges	9	\$11,970	\$0	\$11,970
Total So Far	47	\$241,640	\$220,488	\$21,152
Pledges yet to be received	28	\$69,692	\$69,692	\$0
		<b><u>Est. 2023 Total</u></b>	<b><u>Act. 2022 Total</u></b>	
		\$311,332	\$290,180	

## SALVATION ARMY CHRISTMAS “FORGOTTEN SENIOR” PROGRAM

All bags were picked up!! And thank you to all who did so!  
Some of them are already returned, but please make sure they are all  
back by next Sunday, Dec. 4th.



# Welcome

*You've found home.*

A church home, where whatever your background, however you see God today, no matter how challenging your journey is right now, you belong here. At Ascension Episcopal Church, we strive to be a welcoming and safe place for all people to belong. We hope you encounter the radical love of God and the love of His church community right here.

We're a multi-generational spiritual center, with grandparents, parents, singles, teens and children living out the central invitation from Jesus to Love God, Love Others, and Serve the World. We smile a lot around here, and it's authentic!

We believe that people desire relationships over religion; our Sunday services are engaging and hope-filled. And, I believe that fun and church worship are not mutually exclusive. Love and joy are the byproducts of life with God and with each other. Come see and experience the beauty and love of Christ with us.

Welcome home!



The Rev. Mark W. McDonald

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## JOIN US EVERY SUNDAY.

We offer two services; our **8:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE** is a Rite I Traditional Eucharist Service, without music and our **10:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE** is a Rite II Contemporary Eucharist Service with organ and choral music.

Our **NURSERY** is available from 10 to noon on Sunday mornings. The safeguarded staff maintains a healthy and safe environment for your children.

Join us in person in the Church Library for **ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL**, from 9:30am to 10:15am.

**Voices of small children are always welcome.  
Please take a moment to silence your cell phone.**

# Christmas is Coming!

## Christmas Music Underwriters

Please make an offering to help underwrite the Christmas Guest Musicians expense. Donations may be mailed, placed in the offering plate, brought to the church office, or made online. (Be sure checks "for Choir Fund/Christmas Brass" on the memo line.) You may dedicate your the gift in memory of, in honor of, in thanksgiving for, etc., and the contribution will be acknowledged in the Christmas orders of service. Thank you for your support of the Music Department. ***The deadline for the printed dedications is December 19th.***



## Christmas Poinsettia Offerings



Please sign-up to donate and dedicate a poinsettia. We ask that you sign the flower chart in the narthex and write your dedication in the book below the chart. The dedications may be made in honor of someone, in memory of someone or in thanksgiving for all the wonderful things that God has put in your life. The cost is \$25, but any donation amount is welcome. Any questions can be directed to the office or to Mrs. Ann Burton. ***The deadline for the printed dedications is December 19th.***

## VESTRY NOMINATIONS

Do you know a person who has demonstrated a passion for Ascension and shown themselves to be a leader? Today through December 19th, we will take nominations of people you think will be good vestry members. Each nomination should include the nominee's name, and what you think qualifies them for this leadership position. We ask that you speak to them first about their willingness to serve. They should be confirmed pledging members who are in good standing. Thank you for your help in this process which is vital to the ongoing life of Ascension. Just drop their information in the plate or speak to our current Senior Warden, John Searle.

**Vestry Nomination:**

To the best of my knowledge, \_\_\_\_\_ is a  
pledging, confirmed member in good standing. I believe they will serve Ascension  
well because \_\_\_\_\_

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## CHILDREN'S CHOIR

The Children's Choir will be singing on December 11th during the 10:30 service. They will practice in the sanctuary, immediately following the 10:30 service for 15-20 minutes. Parents can mingle outside. The choir is open to children's/youth grades K through 8.

Final rehearsal are today and next Sunday!

### Your Current Vestry

*To Annual Meeting of 2023*– Jim Anderson, Ken Kingdon, Dipo Ogunmesa, John Searle  
*To Annual Meeting of 2024*– Pam Schwabrow, Carroll Prasad, Troi Malveaux, Jackie Bergquist  
*To Annual Meeting of 2025*– Mike Black, Todd Breton, Funmi Falayi, Carol Goulet



## Welcome Visitors

Please take a moment to let us know who you are!! Scan the QR code to the left and fill out the form. This will allow us to connect with you and get to know you and your family.

## Giving

A quick an easy way to give to the church!! If you would like to give your pledge, make a donation, contribute to specialty music or flower campaigns, or any other reason, simply scan the QR code to the right, make your contribution, and leave a message as to what it is for.



	<b>November 27</b>	<b>December 4</b>	<b>December 11</b>
	<i>First Sunday of Advent</i>	<i>Second Sunday of Advent</i>	<i>Third Sunday of Advent</i>
<b>Vestry of the Week</b>	Funmi Falayi and Dipo Ogunmesa	Jim Anderson and Troi Malveaux	Carroll Prasad and Carol Goulet
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Dipuma	Cole	Sutton
<b>Lessons</b>	Isaiah 2:1-5, Psalm 122 Romans 13:11-14, Matthew 24:36-44,	Isaiah 11:1-10, Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19 Romans 15:4-13, Matthew 3:1-12,	Isaiah 35:1-10, James 5:7-10, Matthew 11:2-11, Psalm 146:4-9 or Canticle 15
<b>Ushers</b>	The Falayi Family	Gemma Williams	Edwin and Jolie Murvee
<b>8 am Lect./Intercessor</b>	Glenn Criswell	Glenn Criswell	Carroll Prasad
<b>1030am Lect./Intercessor</b>	Tim Sloan	Tex Wariboko	Joni McDonald
<b>Stream Team</b>	Enoch Falayi	Mike Black	Cooper McDonald
<b>Post Service Coffee</b>	Nifemi & Damisi Falayi and Allison Garcia	Jim Anderson and Donna Mahoney	Cristina Mattern and Margo Kaplan

# *Have a Blessed Day!!*