

weekly announcements

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Making Christ Known by our Love for All



Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost | October 26, 2025

Upcoming Events

Men's Breakfast | October 30

Join us for Men's Breakfast on Thursday, October 30th at 8:30 AM at The Abbey (131 41st St S, Birmingham). Enjoy fellowship and support Ascension's ministry. RSVP in Realm or contact Martin Hoerner to ensure enough breakfast for all. For questions, contact Martin at mhoerner@gmail.com.

Adult Formation | November 2

Practicing Spiritual Practices | As part of the *Upon This Rock* campaign, Faith Formation for Adults (9:30 a.m.) will spend the coming weeks exploring, practicing, and reflecting on spiritual practices that help ground us in the faith of Christ. *November 2: Lectio Divina*

Celebration Sunday | November 2

Celebration Sunday concludes our *Upon This Rock* annual giving campaign. During the Eucharist, our pledge cards will be placed on the Lord's Table, offering them to God as signs of gratitude and trust. These pledges will be consecrated for God's work and will help us plan faithfully for the year ahead.

All Souls' Sunday | November 2

On All Souls' Sunday, we remember and give thanks for the faithful departed, trusting in the promise that nothing - not even death - can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. During the Great Thanksgiving, we will name those who have died in the past year. If you would like a loved one remembered, please email the parish office by October 29.

Parish Workday | November 8

Join us from 8:30 AM to Noon for a day of fellowship and service as we spruce up the church grounds! If you have specific indoor or kitchen concerns, or plan to attend, please contact Ann Nelson at annhnelson@bellsouth.net. Feel free to bring any lawn or garden equipment you have. Come for as long as you can - every bit helps!

Adult Faith Formation | November 9, 16 & 23

What Do Episcopalians Think About...Join us for a three-week series exploring Episcopal beliefs on questions that spark curiosity and wonder! **Nov. 9: The Confessional Booth | Nov. 16: Infant Baptism | Nov. 23: Transubstantiation.** Meets on Sundays from 9:30-10:15 a.m. in Ware Hall. All are welcome!

Youth Sunday | November 16

Our youth will take leadership roles in various aspects of the service. It serves as an opportunity to celebrate and affirm their contributions, showcase their faith and creativity. Parents and youth are invited to stay for lunch in Ware hall immediately following the service. More information coming soon! If you have any questions reach out to Ashley Monachelli at ashley.monachelli@ascensionepiscopal.org

Ascension Women's Game Night | November 18

Join us on Tuesday, November 18th from 6:00-7:30 p.m. for a women's bunco night! Bring a snack to share and whatever you would like to drink. Friends are always welcome! Please RSVP in Realm or to Emily emily.collette@ascensionepiscopal.org to attend.

Men's Retreat | November 21 - 23

Join us for a Men's Retreat at Camp McDowell, affectionately known as God's backyard. This will be a time for fellowship, fun, and reflection as we enjoy hikes, rocking chairs, football watching, and meaningful spiritual conversation. You may choose to stay one or two nights.. To find out more and register visit Realm or contact Martin Hoerner at mhoerner@gmail.com.

Parish Retreat | Save the Date

Parish Retreat at Camp McDowell January 2nd - 4th, 2026. Registration will go live in November.

News & Notes

Vestry Nominations

Do you know someone with a love for God and a heart for Ascension? Vestry members help guide the life and ministry of our parish through prayer, service, and leadership. The election for the Class of 2026–2028 will take place at the Annual Parish Meeting on Sunday, December 7. Pre-filed nominations are due by Sunday, November 23, and can be submitted by emailing Karyn Watts (Karyn.watts@ascensionepiscopal.org) or completing the Google Form, available online or in the Terrell Foyer.

EYC

Join us for EYC (6th-12 graders) this fall! Sunday's from 5:30 PM to 7:15 PM and dinner is provided. Bring a friend and enjoy an evening of fellowship and fun activities. Mark your calendars for our upcoming EYC dates - October 19; November 2, 9, & 30; December 7, 14 & 21. Please reach out to Sam Herman with any questions, youth@ascensionepiscopal.org.

Threads of Love | Fridays

Are you eager to master the art of knitting, crochet, or needlepoint? Perhaps you have a project waiting to be completed but need a supportive environment to make progress? Look no further! Join us as we gather for Threads of Love on Fridays starting September 26th from 1 - 3 pm in the Sunshine Room. Whether you're a seasoned crafter or just starting out, bring your project and enthusiasm. For more information please contact Marguerite Handlin at kinneym@bellsouth.net.

Giving Hope | October

Help The Abbey in Avondale by donating to this month's Giving Hope Outreach! We are collecting fish in pouches (like tuna or sardines), meat sticks (beef or turkey jerky), granola bars, trail mix, hand warmers, and men's and women's socks. Thank you for helping us share hope with our neighbors in need.

The Abbey Volunteers

Every Thursday morning, members of the congregation distribute sack lunches for those experiencing hunger in Avondale. Members of the congregation also gather on Wednesday to pack these sack lunches. To learn more and sign up, visit Sign-Up Central or contact Ross Parker at rossparker@att.net.

First Light Volunteers

Every month, members of the congregation serve a hot meal to the women and children at First Light Shelter. We also need teams to cook and/or serve the meal. To learn more and sign up, visit Sign-Up Central or contact Caralyn McDaniel at caralynmcdaniel@gmail.com

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A/V Guild Volunteers Needed!

The A/V Guild is looking for a few new recruits to help stream our Sunday services. Members would typically be responsible for one Sunday per month. You don't have to be a computer wiz to figure it out but some computer skills are required. This ministry helps connect people to the gospel who would otherwise not have access to church. Please reach out to Matt Hottle (matthewshottle@gmail.com) to find out more.

Breakfast Teams

Join a Breakfast Team! We're looking for team members (men and women) to help cook breakfast on a rotating basis every 4 weeks before Sunday School. Team leaders are already in place—we just need you! If you're interested or have questions, email Christy at christy.smith@ascensionepiscopal.org.