

weekly announcements

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Making Christ Known by our Love for All



Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost | November 9, 2025

Adult Faith Formation | November 9, 16 & 23

What Do Episcopalians Think About...

Join a three-week series exploring Episcopal beliefs:

Nov. 9 – Private Confession | Nov. 16 – Infant Baptism | Nov. 23 – Transubstantiation

Meets 9:30 –10:15 a.m. in the Sunshine Room. All are welcome!

Alabama Choral Society Concert | November 15

Enjoy an afternoon of music with the Alabama Choral Society, conducted by Dr. Melinda Doyle, 2:30 p.m. at Ascension.

Youth Sunday & Lunch | November 16

Our youth lead worship through prayer, music, and service. Stay for lunch in Ware Hall afterward! RSVP via Realm or contact ashley.monachelli@ascensionepiscopal.org.

Ascension Women's Game Night | November 18

Women's Bunco Night! Tuesday, 6–7:30 p.m. Bring a snack, beverage, and a friend. RSVP in Realm or to emily.collette@ascensionepiscopal.org.

Soup Social | November 19

Join us for soup and fellowship, 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. in Ware Hall. No cost—just come and enjoy! This month: Black Bean & Conecuh Sausage. Contact Kathy Lounsbury at lounsbury.k@icloud.com.

Men's Retreat | November 21–23

A weekend of fellowship, rest, and renewal at Camp McDowell. Stay one or two nights. Register on Realm or contact Martin Hoerner at mhoerner@gmail.com

Thanksgiving Volunteers | November 21

Help Greater Birmingham Ministries distribute food to 150 families, 9 a.m. at GBM. Contact emily.collette@ascensionepiscopal.org to volunteer.

Advent Wreath Workshop | November 30

Start the Advent season with us! Join in Advent wreath making on Sunday, November 30, during the Sunday School hour. Cost: \$20 per family (financial assistance available - contact Rev. Jack Alvey at jack.alvey@ascensionepiscopal.org). Some greenery will be provided; please bring some of your own. Register via Realm by November 24. All are welcome!

Saint Nicholas Day | December 6

Children 4K–5th grade are invited to celebrate the season on December 6 from 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. with crafts, stories, and a visit from St. Nicholas! Please pack a lunch. Cost is \$10. Please register by December 1. Any questions? Reach out to Ashley Monachelli at ashley.monachelli@ascensionepiscopal.org.

Bake Sale | December 7

Donate your favorite holiday treats—casseroles, soups, candies, or baked goods! Proceeds support the scholarship fund. Contact Jeannie Duke (jdjl2xs@gmail.com) or Mary Marshall Jones.

Pier 60+ Sweets & Treats Christmas Party | December 9

Join us on Tuesday, December 9th from 10 am - 12 pm in the Terrell Foyer for delicious hot chocolate and a variety of sweets and treats as well as fellowship and fun. Wear your holiday colors/attire.

Pier 60+ Holiday Party | December 13

Join us on Saturday, December 13th at 6 pm at the home of Martha & Bill Oyston with the Bucks co-hosting. Bring your favorite appetizer, and the event is BYOB. The hosts will provide sliced ham. Signup on Realm or let the Oystons or Bucks know you plan to attend.

EYC Christmas Party | December 21

Cozy and Crazy Christmas! Join us December 21 from 5:30–7:15 p.m. at Ascension for festive fun, a hot cocoa bar, cookie decorating, games, and a Dirty Santa gift exchange (max \$10). Wear your favorite Christmas PJs, ugly sweater, or holiday socks!

Parish Retreat | January 3-4

Join your parish family for a fun-filled weekend at Camp McDowell, January 3–4! Enjoy fellowship, delicious meals, and our Saturday night Three Kings Party potluck. The retreat kicks off at 11 a.m. Saturday and ends after Sunday worship, with an optional Friday night stay available. Lodging is \$140 per room per night; meals are \$15 per adult/child (5+), \$1 for ages 1–4, and free for infants. Register by **December 31, 2025**, and contact Rev. Jack Alvey for financial assistance, jack.alvey@ascensionepiscopal.org.

News & Notes

Christmas Pageant Costume Crew

A dedicated group of women are busy sewing new costumes for this year's Christmas Pageant—and they'd love your help! Join us on Tuesdays from 9:30 a.m. to noon in Ware Hall. There are opportunities to cut, sew, or iron

Winter Warmth Drive

Donate new or gently used coats, hats, gloves, socks, and scarves through Nov. 16. Place items in the Giving Hope bin by the Abbey Closet. Distribution at The Abbey on Nov. 24. Contact rossparker@att.net.

Day School Greenery Sale

Support Ascension Day School! Order greenery by Nov. 14; pick up Dec. 2–3 in Ware Hall. Forms available in Ware Hall. Questions? rebecca.posey@ascensionepiscopal.org.

Vestry Nominations

Know someone with love of God and a heart for Ascension? Nominations for the Class of 2026–2028 are due Nov. 23. Election held Dec. 7 at the Annual Meeting. Submit via email to Karyn Watts (karyn.watts@ascensionepiscopal.org) or access the Google Form (handout with QR code in Foyer).

Threads of Love | Fridays

Bring your knitting, crochet, or needlepoint project and enjoy fellowship Fridays, 1–3 p.m. in the Sunshine Room. Contact Marguerite Handlin at kinneym@bellsouth.net.

Giving Hope | November

Take an angel from the tree in Ware Hall (Nov. 2), buy the listed gift(s), and return unwrapped by Dec. 3. Your generosity supports families through Greater Birmingham Ministries.

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The Abbey Volunteers

Help pack lunches Wednesdays or distribute Thursdays in Avondale. Sign up in Sign-Up Central or contact rossparker@att.net.

First Light Volunteers

Serve a meal to women and children at First Light Shelter. Sign up in Sign-Up Central or contact caralynmcdaniel@gmail.com.

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.