WORSHIP

ACOLYTES

Young people begin serving as acolytes in 3rd grade. Acolytes are Worship leaders and help with all parts of our Sunday morning Eucharist.

ALTAR GUILD

Altar Guild members help prepare for all services, including weddings and funerals. Our Altar Guild maintain and care for the sacred vessels, altar linens, candles, and hangings.

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS/LECTORS

LEMs/Lectors assist in worship by reading lessons, psalms and prayers. LEMs also assist with communion by administering the chalice while the clergy shares "bread" from the paten.



A/V GUILD

Help bring church to those who are homebound and travling by running our live stream on Sunday mornings.

CHOIR/MUSICIANS

Ascension's Choir and Casual Church musicians provide musical leadership during services and special occasions. Our Sunday morning choir is open to all ages from middle school up. Anyone who can play an instrument are welcome to join during Casual Church services.

USHERS

Ushers welcome people to the service, as well as distribute bulletins and help with the offeratory and communion.

FLOWER GUILD

Flower Guild members choose the flowers you see on the Altar each Sunday. They design floral arrangements and bring the beauty of God's creation to life for Sunday worship and other special events.

GREETERS

Greeters are the first people you see when you arrive for worship. They are your guides when you're unsure and always wear a friendly smile on Sunday

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EDUCATION

CHILDREN

- Children's Chapel
  - Ages 2K–3rd grade | Sundays during the 10:30 Rite II service
  - Children worship together in a service designed just for them.
- Club 345
  - For 3rd–5th graders | Sundays at 9:30 (Sunday School)
  - Also invited to "Rock Solid," a monthly after-school Bible study (2:45–3:45 PM)
- Godly Play Sunday School
  - Ages 4K–2nd grade | Godly Play Room
  - Uses Montessori-based methods to teach sacred stories, parables, and liturgical practice, with time for children to respond through play and art.
- Nursery
  - 6 months–3 years
  - A safe, caring space for little ones while parents worship or attend adult formation. Each week features a story about God's love.

ADULTS

- Sunday School: Rotating Classes
  - August: How We Gather
  - September: Teach Us to Pray
  - October: Growing Holy Community
  - November: Communion of Saints
  - December: Advent Contemplative
- Recurring Bible Studies
  - Rector's Bible Study (topic changes, currently: "A Who's Who of the Bible"
  - Women's Bible Study, led by Rev. Emily (lectionary study)
  - The Golden Thread: A Bible Study for moms, meeting weekly, tracing the golden thread of scripture from Creation, to Convenant & Failure, Jesus & Redemption, and Restoration & New Creation. Led by Ashley Monachelli.
- Education for Ministry (EfM): Classic
  - 4 year study created by Sewanee, The University of the South
- EfM: Wide Angle
  - 1 year version of EfM Classic

YOUTH

- Youth Faith Formation
  - Grades 6–12 | Sunday mornings, Youth Room
  - Discuss the Gospel lesson and connect with friends.
- EYC (Episcopal Youth Community)
  - Grades 6–12 | Sunday evenings, 5:30–7:15
  - This fall, students dive into the book of Acts—exploring how the early church began and what it means to follow God with heartfelt devotion. Includes dinner, fellowship, and Bible study.
- Confirmation
  - 7th Grade + | Led by clergy
  - Confirmation is described in the BCP as: when you "express a mature commitment to Christ, and receive strength from the Holy Spirit through prayer and the laying on of hands by a bishop'"

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