

## **EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ASCENSION** **Announcements for March 7, 2021**

**The service will be streamed at 8:30 a.m.**

<https://m.facebook.com/AscensionEpiscopalVA/>

Our Celebrant and Preacher is the Reverend Stewart Tabb  
Throughout this Season of Lent, we will be using  
A Penitential Order: Rite One  
Holy Eucharist: Rite One

Our organist is William McCoy  
Our singers are Carol Evans and Roni Porfert

Here is a link to the bulletin

<https://files.constantcontact.com/837184a7201/5601b070-f0dd-49cf-bee8-f0564fe13874.pdf>

**Streamed Service:** Our worship services are streamed. Please join us on Facebook. You do not need to have a Facebook account to view the service. <https://m.facebook.com/AscensionEpiscopalVA/>

**About The Episcopal Church of the Ascension:** The Church of the Ascension is a Eucharistically-centered Christian community committed to sharing the knowledge and love of Jesus Christ through worship, teaching, fellowship, outreach, and personal example. Our Rector is The Reverend Stewart Mason Tabb. Her contact is [stabb@ascension-norfolk.org](mailto:stabb@ascension-norfolk.org); (757) 423-6715. Our website is <https://ascension-norfolk.org/>

Our office hours are Monday through Thursday 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. On Friday, our office hours are 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Contact the office at 757.423.6715 or email [office@ascension-norfolk.org](mailto:office@ascension-norfolk.org)

### **Lent**

**Virtual Lenten Tea and Conversation:** Please join Stewart for Thursday Tea at 5:30 p.m. These virtual gatherings will be held every Thursday in Lent (not Maundy Thursday).

Topic: **Lenten Tea and conversation.** Time: Every Thursday at 5:30 p.m.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89484292007?pwd=OERCeThlUkdkUUVac1FzNGNIUXFaUT09>

**Meeting ID: 894 8429 2007**

**Passcode: lentent**

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### **Formation, Fellowship and Fun**

**Tuesday Early Morning Centering Prayer:** Centering Prayer meets at 6:45 Tuesday mornings on Zoom for one hour. Our meeting involves reading a book a chapter at a time. We are currently reading "Interior Castle" by St. Teresa of Avila, a 16<sup>th</sup> Century mystic. We have 20 minutes of silent prayer followed by a discussion of the reading. You are invited to join us at any time. Call or email office for details: 757.423.6715 [office@ascension-norfolk.org](mailto:office@ascension-norfolk.org)

**Wednesday evening Bible Project:** Join Stewart as we use the Bible Project to begin to understand what the Bible says about God and God's will for the world. The hour-long class will be on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

Topic: **The Bible Project**

Time: Every week on Wed, 7:00-8:00 p.m. Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85647434010?pwd=SnliZkN5TjBjTyxYnNZRINNMETnZz09>

**Meeting ID: 856 4743 4010**

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**Thursday Mid-Morning Women's Bible Study:** We will watch a video, read scripture passages and discuss the questions together. I recommend joining the meeting early in case you have any issues connecting. I hope to see everyone Thursday at 10:00 AM! If you are not on the email group, please email Susan Meredith at [merbec@cox.net](mailto:merbec@cox.net) Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84891200564?pwd=LORHYSt1c2NNaUp2YkduTzcxUFlxZz09>

**Meeting ID: 775 068 658**

**Passcode: Bible**

## Around the Diocese

**The 129<sup>th</sup> Annual Council has concluded.** Our delegates were Susan Motley, Stewart Tabb and Courtney Wheeler. You might want to view Bishop Haynes address to the council where she speaks to five initiatives and the Keynote Speech by Jerusalem Greer. Here are the links:

Bishop's Address: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QqMLUaVLW9M&feature=youtu.be>

Keynote Address: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x6j95rcrueM&feature=youtu.be>

## Info at a Glance

**Automated giving:** Please keep us in mind during this time. We are still paying our staff, and our expenses are ongoing. Now is a great time to set up bill pay with your bank. For many banks, this is a free service, and it helps the church with steady cash flow when things like vacations, holidays, or pandemics hit. You don't have to do anything after the initial setup; you even save a stamp every month. This automates your giving and gives us an idea what to expect each week.

**PRAYER MINISTRY:** Thank you to the group of people we call our prayer chain or prayer ministry who respond with faithful prayer to requests for prayer. If you would like to become a member of the Prayer Ministry or if you would like to request prayer, please contact the office. [office@ascension-norfolk.org](mailto:office@ascension-norfolk.org) or call 757.423.6715.

**Church Directory:** <https://files.constantcontact.com/837184a7201/16857d5a-70cb-41e5-92cc-db8bc4eee121.pdf>

## Prayer

**In Our Prayers:** Mason Beers, Margaret Daly, Jimmy Fields, Patti Glowatsky, Peggy Hackett, Erin Johnson, Barbara Jones, Kathy Purves, Don Miller, Megan Miller, Cecelia Osteen, Marian Parsons, Shana Paul, Sydney Ruloph, Diane Shephard, Chuck and Louise Steinbruck, Pearl Windle, Nancy Whitman.

*Note: Names of those not directly connected to the church will be in the bulletin for three weeks.*

**For those celebrating birthdays: Faye Pahl (March 7)**

**Altar Guild: Suzanne Tate, Jane Webster (Mar 1-7); Dee Dorman, Susan Motley, Susan Meredith (Mar 8-14)**

The church's calendar is available at <https://73961520.view-events.com/calendar/73961520>

**Your Vestry is here to serve you:**

Debra Griggs	Senior Warden		
Anji Harris	Junior Warden		
Chuck Beers	Stewardship & Finance		
Ann McMellin	Outreach		
Melvin Phillips	Outreach		
Harry Porfert	Fellowship		
Phillip Todd	Pastoral Care		
Doug Thompson			

Vestry minutes: <https://ascension-norfolk.org/vestry>

**Vestry norms: With God's help we will —**

- Be rooted in God's love for each of us and the world.
- Be clear about our mission, have an action plan, and identify milestones by which we move toward it.
- Be transparent about results and share results and information with the church.
- Clarity of communications to the Parish.
- Be accountable and responsible to each other and as a whole for our work together.
- Ask "What went well; what can we do better?"
- Be respectful.
- Agree to disagree, but work toward consensus and broad buy-in.
- The Vestry works together to make decisions on behalf of the whole church. When a decision is made, that is the decision of the Vestry as a whole. We will not take disagreements to the congregation.
- Listen with our hearts as well as our heads.
- Be curious, asking probing questions to better understand situations and each other's perspectives.
- Think big and outside the box.
- Participate, each and every one of us.
- When communicating especially by email, make sure that the whole Vestry is included.
- Our consultant is Beverley Buston and her email is [bgbuston@gmail.com](mailto:bgbuston@gmail.com)