

EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ASCENSION
Announcements for May 9, 2021

**8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II service will be celebrated
in-person in the church and
will simultaneously be live-streamed.**

**There are two bulletins for the 8:30 a.m. service.
For the in-person service, bulletins (without music) will be available at the church
And also available through the link below**

<https://files.constantcontact.com/837184a7201/2f175956-5318-4dff-951b-4bd10f548b82.pdf>

For the 8:30 a.m. streamed service:

Please join us on Facebook. Having a Facebook account is not required.

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

Follow along with a copy of the bulletin

<https://files.constantcontact.com/837184a7201/9a98c2f3-6929-4b7a-beaf-bd8f5492d8c1.pdf>

**10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II will be celebrated in person
at the Labyrinth in the churchyard.**

Here is a copy of the bulletin for the 10:30 a.m. Service.

<https://files.constantcontact.com/837184a7201/e9c89b29-e352-454d-82eb-8a58fd8cc8d0.pdf>

A Message from the Rector announcing in-person services: As you may recall, we suspended indoor in-person services until the percentage of positivity on COVID tests in Norfolk fell below 8 percent for two weeks. Tomorrow marks two weeks since the 8 percent mark was hit. Accordingly, we will resume indoor in-person worship THIS Sunday, May 9th at the 8:30 a.m. service. Those attending the indoor service will be required to wear a mask, keep appropriate social distance and refrain from singing. Communion in the form of bread alone (no wine) will be offered. We will continue to stream this service live, and bulletins with music will be available for those who want to stream the service at home and sing along. Bulletins for those attending the 8:30 a.m. service in person will not include music or words for the hymns. We will continue to hold the 10:30 a.m. in-person outdoor service for those who enjoy congregational singing with masks. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Stewart Tabb.

Liturgy and Schedule Notes

Beginning Sunday, May 9, we will allow in-person worship at the 8:30 a.m. service. COVID precautions will be followed: Masks, distance, no singing. We will continue to stream the service as before, and bulletins with music will be available for those who stream. Bulletins for the in-person gathering will have the music stripped from them. The 10:30 a.m. service will remain as before, outside out back.

Thursday, May 13, Ascension Day: Outdoor service followed by a picnic. Service will be at 5:30 p.m. by the labyrinth. Nellwyn is providing the music for this along with portions of the Ghent United Methodist praise band. The service will be followed by a picnic. Chicken and cupcakes will be provided but we ask you to bring your own side item. We will not be sharing food as a potluck because of COVID restrictions.

Sunday, May, 16 Parish Meeting Sunday: The 8:30 service will be **moved** to **8 a.m.** in order to accommodate the Parish meeting, which will be outdoors from 9-10 a.m. The outdoor service will continue as normal.

Sunday, May 23. Pentecost: Service times 8:30 a.m. indoor in-person/streamed and 10:30 a.m. outdoor.

Sunday, May 30, Trinity Sunday, joint service and Memorial Day: The 8:30 a.m. service will proceed as normal. The 10:30 a.m. service will be moved to 11:00 to accommodate the joint service with Talbot Park Baptist Church and Royster Memorial Presbyterian Church. The service will be outside under the magnolia. The Rev. Brian Harroff, will preach and The Rev. Aaron Brittain will assist.

Sunday, June 6. Begin Summer Schedule: Outdoor service under magnolia at 8:30 a.m. and indoor in-person/streamed service at 10 a.m.

Tips for Attending the In-Person outdoor Service: Please dress comfortably and be prepared for the typical changes in temperature that happen in our area. If there is inclement weather or the COVID 19 percentage of tests coming back for COVID 19 in Norfolk rises above 12 percent, the service will be cancelled and an email will be sent. BRING a chair or something to sit on. WEAR a mask. MAINTAIN social distance. And, get ready to SING. YES, JOYFUL SINGING WHILE MASKED IS ALLOWED

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; (757) 423-6715. Our website is <https://ascension-norfolk.org/>

Office hours are Monday through Thursday 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and Friday 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Phone 757.423.6715 or email office@ascension-norfolk.org

Formation, Fellowship and Fun

Tuesday Centering Prayer meets at 6:45 Tuesday mornings on Zoom for one hour. The group is reading, New Seeds of Contemplation by Thomas Merton. We have 20 minutes of silent prayer followed by a discussion of the reading. You are invited to join us at any time. Please call office.

The Bible Project is every Wednesday 7-8 p.m. 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. (Updated Zoom link below.)

Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81899096247?pwd=RFVDdTVpV2ZMSFNlckdlXNmOHRyZz09>
Meeting ID: 818 9909 6247 **Passcode: Bible**

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 Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84891200564?pwd=L0RHYSSt1c2NNaUp2YkduTzcxUFIxZz09>
Meeting ID: 775 068 658 **Passcode: Bible**

Around the Diocese

Camp Chanco will be open for 2021 season! Chanco will be open for the 2021 season! Young people will be able to gather at Chanco away from screens, experiencing outdoor adventures, and challenging themselves in new ways and in person. Missioner for Camp and Retreat Ministry, Gareth Kalfas, and his team have researched all COVID safety camp guidelines to prepare for a safe and exciting camp experience. Chanco will operate at a reduced capacity this summer and registrations are already ahead of schedule. Register your camper today at www.chanco.org

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 or call 757.423.6715.

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

Prayer

In Our Prayers:

Sarah Beck, Mason Beers, Lana Butler, the Coldiron Family, Margaret Daly, Jimmy Fields, Patti Glowatsky, Peggy Hackett, Erin Johnson, Barbara Jones, Doug Knight, Pam Knight, Don Miller, Megan Miller, Genevieve Nelson, Cecelia Osteen, Marian Parsons, Shana Paul, James Primm, 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.

We pray for those who are deployed and their families including Andrew Burks and Jacob Hartsfield.

For those celebrating birthdays:

John D. Horn, Mathilde Liskin, Anji Harris, Victoria Jones, Puddy Sturtevant Jr., Brenda Engle.

For those celebrating anniversaries: Jonathan and Lindsay Shephard, Jerry and Tricia Mahlau-Heinert, Christie and Brian O'Connell.

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

Your Vestry is here to serve you:

Debra Griggs	2019-2022	Senior Warden		
Anji Harris	2019-2022	Junior Warden		
Chuck Beers	2018-2021	Stewardship & Finance		
Mitch Burton	2021-2023			
Kris Huddle	2021-2023			
Ann McMellin	2018-2021	Outreach		
Melvin Phillips	2019-2021	Liturgy and Worship		
Doug Thompson	2019-2022			
Phillip Todd	2020-2023	Pastoral Care		

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