



We believe in sharing love and grace with God and one another.

From the Rector...

St. Francis believed that all creatures were equal under the eyes of God and thus should all be treated with respect. Stories are told of him preaching to birds and even a man-eating wolf. As humans, he saw our responsibility to God's creation as a stewardship in which we should honor and build up that creation. Creation is not something to be used for human gain but to be cared for so that the earth and all therein might flourish.

I write this as I sit in my car on idle in a parking lot in South Atlanta. The sounds of traffic—cars whizzing by and horns blaring—is my background music. The hum of the engine and industrial noises nearby almost keep me from hearing the birds or noticing the blue sky and the green trees that surround me. It's easy to get distracted by the things of man and important to remember the beauty of this earth and the gift God has given to us in creation.



Sunday we celebrated that gift with the Blessing of the Animals. It is a joyous occasion to share our liturgy with our furry friends. They inspire a bit of fun and frivolity in the service that doesn't make our worship less meaningful but much more joyful. The sounds of dogs barking and children laughing centers us on the goodness of God. It reminds me of Psalm 133:1, "How good and pleasant it is when brethren dwell together in unity."

There will always be a lot of reasons for us to be divided in our thinking and beliefs, but creation has the power to help us come together in joy when we bless our pets and in concern and compassion when we help others recover from natural disaster.

We have been given the responsibility of stewardship for this good earth by the God who created it. Take a moment this day to remember the gift that it is to care for something so beautiful, so life giving, so joyful.

Light and Life,

Candice+

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## SERVE



Episcopal  
Relief & Development  
Working Together for Lasting Change

In the last week we have seen the devastating pictures coming out of North Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee, South Carolina, and Florida due to Hurricane Helene. Hurricane Milton is now threatening the western coast of Florida, projecting to land as a Category 3 with significant wind threat and storm surge. Pray for those who have been victims of the severe weather and those who are in the path of the latest threat. If you would like to further support relief and rebuilding efforts, consider giving to [Episcopal Relief and Development](#). This agency works through the national church as our response to devastation throughout the world.

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Come support ADS by signing up to read to our students on Thursday's at noon! Please reach out to Murrey if you are interested.

## Mercy House Volunteer Sign-up

A new sign up is now available for volunteers to help distribute lunches at Mercy House from August-December. You can view the sign up sheet by clicking [HERE](#). Since August of last year we have been working alongside our friends from St. John's on this outreach project, and two volunteers are needed from 11:00 - 1:00 every Thursday.





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# The Vineyard Bookstore

*Come see what is new at the Vineyard!*

You can now Venmo at The Vineyard! Just search for **@ChurchoftheAscension** and look for our logo. Make sure you tell us it is for The Vineyard and offer a brief description of your purchase. All proceeds at The Vineyard go to outreach initiatives.



## WORSHIP

### Sunday Morning Schedule

Rite I Service - 8:00 AM - Nave

Breakfast - 8:30 AM - Ascension Hall

Adult Forum - 9:15 AM - Upper Room

EYC & Sunday School - 9:15 AM - 3rd Floor

Rite II Service - 10:30 AM - Nave & Livestream

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**The Sacrament of Order: A Preaching Series on  
the Letter to the Hebrews  
Sundays October 6 – November 17**

# HEBREWS



The letter to the Hebrews points us toward a future hope grounded in Jesus. Jesus is the one who sustains all things and proceeds from the One who created all things. When our life is ordered around Christ, the changes and chances of this world are less threatening, and we begin to discover opportunity and possibility.

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## Barefoot Sunday - Oct 20th



Bring your gentled loved shoes to donate and kick-off our stewardship campaign by Walking in Love and sharing freely with a world in need.

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### Venmo update!

If you are using Venmo please check and make sure your are sending payments to the Venmo account with the **FULL COLOR** logo with the name @ChurchOftheAscension-Montgomery. If you are sending it to the account with the **GOLD** logo with the name @churchoftheascension please change to the other account. The account with the gold logo is an old account and accessing funds from it is becoming more difficult. If you have any questions please contact Tracy!

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# Attention Venmo Users



As electronic payments become more widely used we ask that anyone who uses Venmo to **please add a short summary of what the payment is for in the description field**. We now accept Venmo for Wednesday night dinner, Sunday morning breakfast, purchases in The Vineyard Bookstore, as well as for giving. This description will help us allocate the resources appropriately. Thanks!

**CONNECT**



**The Episcopal Church  
of the Ascension**

# All Hallow's Fest

**Sunday October 27**

**4:00 till 6:00 p.m. 315 Clanton Avenue**

*Fun for the Whole Family!*







# All Hallow's Fest

October 27 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Church of the Ascension

## Volunteer to Help!

PARISHIONERS:

Host a trunk for Trunk-or-Treat!

ASCENSION MINISTRIES:

Donate a baked item

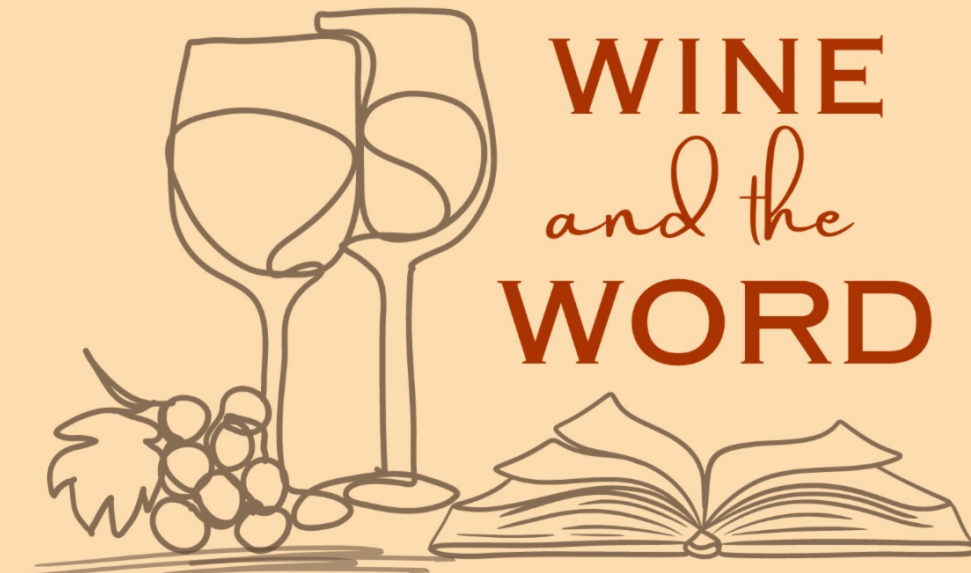
for the Cake Walk!

Contact

[Laura@coascension.org](mailto:Laura@coascension.org) or [Nick@coascension.org](mailto:Nick@coascension.org)

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# WINE *and the* WORD

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS AT 6:00 PM  
IN THE SMALL DINING ROOM

GATHER FOR CASUAL THEOLOGICAL DISCOURSE WITH THE CLERGY  
THIS WEEK'S THEME OF DISCUSSION IS  
RECONCILE

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WINE AND ALTERNATIVE BEVERAGES WILL BE PROVIDED.

**WEDNESDAY**

**NIGHTLIVE**

STAY CONNECTED AND JOIN US ON  
WEDNESDAY NIGHTS!

**4:30**  
**REUNION GROUP**  
LIBRARY

**5:15**  
**DINNER**  
ASCENSION HALL

**6:00**  
**BREAD OF LIFE**  
WALDO GARDEN

**6:00**  
**WINE AND THE WORD**  
SMALL DINING ROOM

**6:00**  
**YOUTH ACIVITIES**  
3RD FLOOR YOUTH ROOM

**6:00**  
**CHILDREN'S CHOIR**  
4TH FLOOR CHOIR LOFT

**6:00**  
**EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY**  
LIBRARY

**6:45**  
**COMPLINE**  
4TH FLOOR CHOIR LOFT

Dinner Menu:

Poppy Seed Chicken  
Green Beans  
Salad & Rolls

\$8 per person or \$20 per family

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**Follow us on Instagram!**





Our new Instagram account is up and running! Follow us [HERE!](#)

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*They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit. - Jeremiah 17:8*



## Stewardship Update 2024

If you haven't turned in your pledge card it is not too late. You can drop in in the basket during service or bring it by the church office, For more information on pledging click [HERE](#).

| Financial Gifts Offered This Week | Financial Gifts Offered This Month | Financial Gift Target Monthly |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| \$1,723                           | \$55,690                           | \$85,500                      |

Total Pledged Amount for 2024 - \$1,025,396



Dear members of Ascension,

As you may remember, last fall the Vestry and Rector, in consultation with the bishop, hired a consultant to review our governance amongst other tasks. In response to the governance recommendations made by this consultant, a Governance Task Group (GTG) was appointed by the Vestry. This group consisted of Ellen Brooks (chair), Young Boozer, Elizabeth Conner, Jenny Garrett, Christopher Turner, Candice Frazer (Rector), April McKay (Vestry), Smitty Smith (Vestry), Dorman Walker (Vestry), and Tim Marquardt (Chair of Roles and Responsibilities Committee). The GTG met fourteen times over the course of seven months (February – August 2024). In August they submitted their final report along with a draft of proposed bylaws for The Episcopal Church of the Ascension.

Your Vestry has since reviewed these bylaws as to their efficacy for our governance and ensured that they meet national and diocesan canonical standards. We now submit them to you, the parish at large, for comment, questions, and suggestions as we prepare for final approval by the Vestry. Please feel encouraged to speak with a member of the GTG, the Vestry, Drew, or me for clarifications or suggestions (noting that all comments and their authorship will be shared with the Vestry and clergy). You may also submit any questions or comments via email at [staff@coascension.org](mailto:staff@coascension.org). **There will be two parish wide meetings for open discussion, education, and feedback on the proposed bylaws: Sunday, October 27 immediately following the 10:30am service and on Wednesday, October 30 at 6pm. Both meetings will take place in Ascension Hall.**

Bylaws are an important part of how the church functions and fosters good relationships among members. The Vestry and clergy are eager to receive your feedback and participation in this significant step forward in the life of The Episcopal Church of the Ascension. We invite you to be a part of this process and hope you will join us in discerning this work of the Holy Spirit by reading the proposed bylaws and attending one of the parish wide meetings if at all possible.

Light and Life,

Candice+

CLICK [HERE](#) TO READ THE PROPOSED BYLAWS

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## Investiture of Presiding Bishop-elect Sean Rowe

The planning committee for the investiture of Presiding Bishop-elect Sean Rowe has released a batch of resources to aid Episcopalians in hosting local watch parties during the churchwide virtual event at **11 a.m. ET on Nov. 2.**

The service will be livestreamed on the [event webpage](#) as well as [The Episcopal Church's Facebook page](#).





# ALABAMA CURSILLO

Episcopal Diocese of Alabama

## 2024 Cursillo Dates

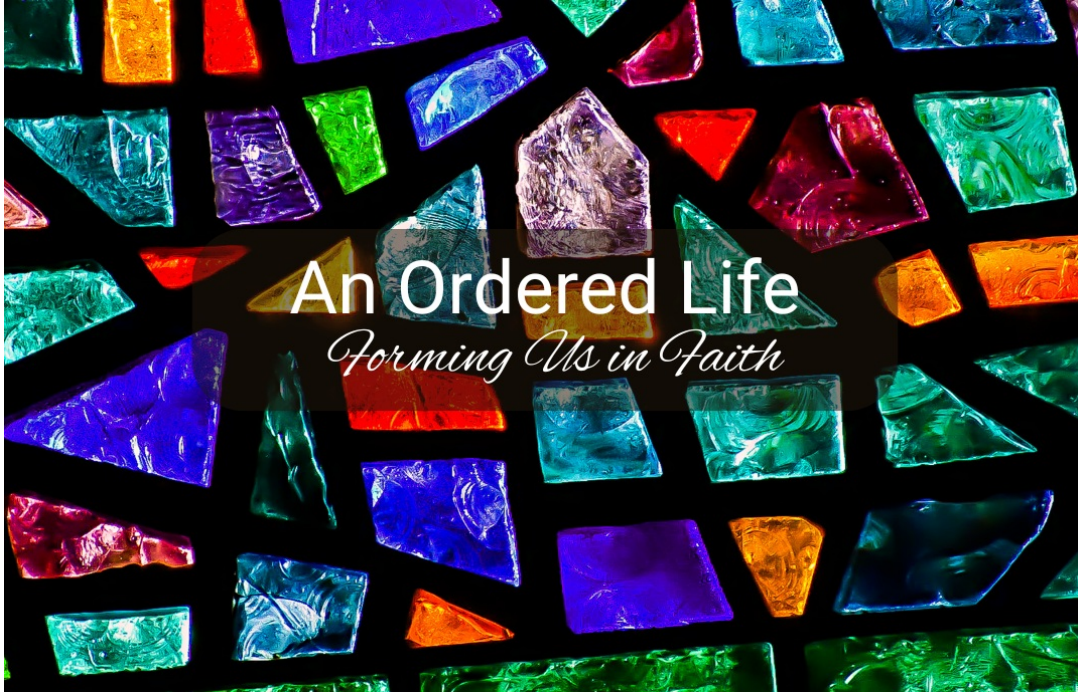
September 12-15 (Drew+ on staff)  
October 17-20 (Will & Amy McQueen on staff)  
Staff Training - November 9th

## 2025 Cursillo Dates

April 3-6  
June 5-8 (Steve & Candice+ on staff)  
October 9-12

Contact Steve Frazer or Sharon Massey for more information.

**GROW**



## An Ordered Life

*Forming Us in Faith*

### **New Facebook Group!**

*An Ordered Life*

*A place to come and discern how God is crafting your inner disciple. Be encouraged to post thoughts and inspirations related to growing a spiritual rule of life that guides who you are at home, work, play, and church. This is a safe place where we treat one another with reverence and respect.*

Click [HERE](#) to go to the Facebook group page and request access!

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## **The Weekly WORD**

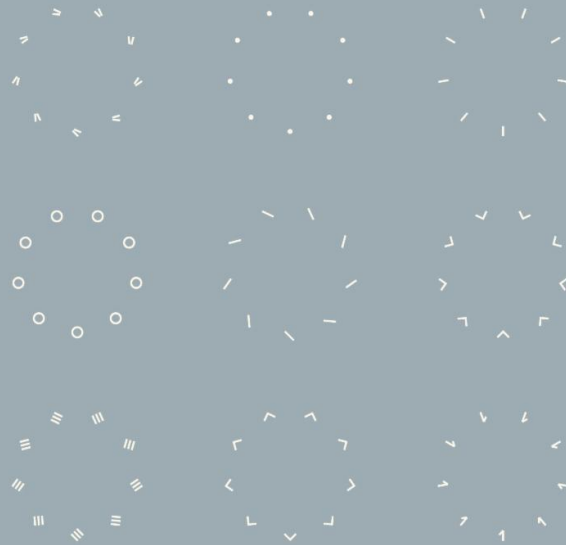
### **RECONCILE**

To RECONCILE with another may be some of the hardest work we are called to do. It requires a certain humility and willingness to release our own needs in a situation and embrace the needs of the other person. True RECONCILIATION requires both or all parties to find a way back into relationship with one another that offers health and well-being. This is the work of Christ on the cross. His suffering and our acceptance of that sacrifice as the path to our salvation is RECONCILIATION at its most perfect and loving form.

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**Men's Prayer Breakfast  
7:00 AM on Thursdays**





# Rule of Life

BY PRACTICING THE WAY

A rule of life is a deliberate set of commitments and practices crafted to enrich one's spiritual journey. In this series, we'll hear from various ecumenical clergy members who will share how they have created their own rules of life and how these practices have deepened their relationship with Jesus.

This week's guest speaker is The Rev. Mark Waldo, Jr., retired Episcopal priest!

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## PRAYER FOR THE ASCENSION

Almighty and everlasting Father, we stand in your presence, awed and silenced by your goodness and wisdom. We rejoice in the outpouring of your Spirit on the Ascension and

our ministries. Help each of us to remember that we are walking in your sight, and that you are present with us at every moment. Through your Holy Spirit, guide us in our prayers and enable us to focus our thoughts on you, so that we may be filled with the knowledge of your will. Grant us the wisdom to ask what you would have us do; the strength and courage to carry out your work; and the grace to show our gratitude through good stewardship of your gracious gifts. We ask all things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

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