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Episcopal Church of Ascension

by Brock Davis

On Sunday November 28, 2015 I attended the Episcopal Church of the Ascension at 405 Talbot Hall Road Norfolk, VA 23505. The REV. Stewart Mason Tabb is a pleasant older lady who was great in every way.

The outside and inside appearance showed an old time church that had been there for a while. There were large crosses everywhere and the inside was decorated with the seasons. Multiple people greeted you as you walked in and they handed you a pamphlet of what their plan was for the day. The group of people that attended the service varied from younger families to older and more elderly people. The service had no more than 200 people, so it was not very large and seemed as if everyone knew everyone. I felt sitting and talking to everyone even though the service was very plain and did not involve much interaction with the people around you.

The overall service was straight from the book. The entire hour was filled with talk of the bible mainly by the reverend. They also sang a lot of songs with biblical meaning. The place has a very large piano and choir in the back above the people so that it is more acoustic for the people. It ended with clam voices and people saying goodbye to one another until next week. •

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