



# Glad Tidings

December 3, 2020

**2021 Annual Stewardship Campaign**

Total pledged: **\$243,461**

Number of pledges: **84**

Average pledge: **\$2,898**

*Thank you for your generous support of our parish.*

Make your pledge [here](#) today.

## This week at Nativity

Friday, December 4	9 pm <b>Compline Zoom</b> <i>Connect <a href="#">here</a></i>
Sunday, December 6	9:30 am <b>Virtual Kids Club</b>
	10:30 am <b>Advent 2 Service</b> <i>View service <a href="#">here</a></i> <i>Service bulletin found <a href="#">here</a></i>
	11:30 am <b>Children's Chapel Lesson</b> <i>View lesson <a href="#">here</a></i>
	12 pm <b>Zoom Adult Forum with Bishop Anne</b> <i>Connect <a href="#">here</a></i>
	4 pm <b>Middle School Advent Zoom</b>
	4:45 pm <b>High School Advent Zoom</b>
	5 pm <b>St. Nicholas Day Evening Prayer</b> <i>Connect <a href="#">here</a></i> <i>Service bulletin found <a href="#">here</a></i>
Wednesday, December 9	10 am <b>Chatty Yarns</b>
	6:30 pm <b>Online Evening Prayer</b> <i>View service <a href="#">here</a></i> <i>Service bulletin found <a href="#">here</a></i>
	8 pm <b>Becoming Beloved Book Club</b> <i>Connect <a href="#">here</a></i>
Thursday, December 10	10:30 am <b>Advanced Spanish</b> <i>Connect <a href="#">here</a></i>
	7:00 <b>Outreach Team Zoom</b> <i>Connect <a href="#">here</a></i>



Sunday, November 29	10:30 am <b>Advent 1 Service</b> <i>Music from Harmonia Piano Quartet</i>
Sunday, December 6	10:30 am <b>Advent 2 Service</b> <i>With Bishop Anne Hodges-Copple</i> <i>Music from North Carolina Chamber Music Institute</i>
	12 pm <b>Zoom Adult Forum with Bishop Anne</b>
	5 pm <b>St. Nicholas Day Evening Prayer</b> <i>Youth leading the service</i>
Sunday, December 13	10:30 am <b>Advent 3 Service</b> <i>Sermon by Phillip Bass</i> <i>Music from the NCCM! Jeté String Quartet</i>
	12 pm <b>Parish update with the Vestry via Zoom</b>
Sunday, December 20	10:30 am <b>Advent 4 Service - The Annunciation</b> <i>Music from Liz Bielman, Jimmy Gilmore, and Wallye Rasulala</i>
	5 pm <b>A Service of Grief and Lament</b>



Thursday, December 24	8 pm <b>Christmas Eve Service</b> <i>A simple yet joyful celebration of the Nativity with a short pageant, sermon, Christmas Carols, and plenty of candlelight. Dim the lights of your living room, light some candles at home, and join us for this cozy celebration.</i>
Friday, December 25	10:30 am <b>Christmas Day Service</b>
Sunday, December 27	10:30 am <b>Christmas Lessons and Carols</b>

## Reflections



### Baptism of Reflection?

*The Rev. Stephanie Allen*

I'll confess to you now: I don't really like looking back. One of my favorite authors, [Emily P. Freeman](#), has a practice of looking back and reflecting on what she learned each season, and during Covid-times, she has started a weekly reflection on Instagram using her camera roll to look back at her week and find what was different, what she learned, where she found joy.

This is a wonderful practice, and yet I struggle with it. Something about the idea of looking backwards to things that cannot be changed, mistakes made that can't be taken back, words that can't be unspoken. That is hard for me. I much prefer the quick confession each Sunday: "by what we have done and by what we have left undone," and leave it at that. Let's move on to what is ahead.

[Read More](#)

## Nativity News and Events



Thank you to everyone who supported the youth's Christmas Tree Lot! We raised just over \$1,000!

### FLASH SALE!

We have 7 5-6' trees and a few plants left from the sale. If you missed out, now is your chance! All trees are \$20 and plants are \$5. (Red, white, and pink poinsettias, frosty ferns, paperwhites, and amaryllis) Contact Kathryn [here](#) if you are interested.



### Nativity's WEEK of Giving

Our WEEK of online sharing and giving continues through this weekend (November 29 - December 5). Each of the thirteen charitable organizations represented this year, and our parish youth group, have posted a short description and brief video reflective of their work, with Nativity parishioners having leadership roles in most of them.

Donations can be made in honor of family or friends. We can even provide a beautiful card, to be sent through email to you, to announce your gift. Go [here](#) to learn about these worthy organizations and how you can support their important work this Christmas season.

**Drive-Through Donations & Prayers**  
**Sunday, December 13, 2-3:30**

This year, we are supporting the Salvation Army Coat Drive for children in our community. Please bring new and gently used coats, scarfs, mittens, and hats to Nativity. From the comfort of your car, drive through the parking lot to deposit items in drop boxes, say an Advent prayer with Kathryn, and enjoy a cup of hot chocolate!

**Virtual Parish Update**  
**Sunday, December 13, 12 pm**  
(replaces Zoom Coffee Hour)

Join us on Zoom for an update from the Clergy, Vestry, and Nativity Teams. This will be similar to the annual meeting we have held on campus.

## Advent Devotionals

We have a number of Advent devotionals available in the lobby of Estill House. Please click on each title below for a description. If you would prefer to have one mailed to you, please email the Parish Coordinator [here](#).

- [Slow Down Quiet It's Advent](#)
- [And The Word Was God](#)
- [Advent Calendar Card](#)
- [Jessie Tree Devotions](#)
- [Jesus' Family Tree](#)

## Youth Events

### Kids Club Advent Zooms

**Sundays at 9:30 am**

Children in kindergarten through fifth grade are invited to learn about the meaning of Advent through silly games, fun questions, and Bible stories.

### Youth Advent EYC

**Sundays - Middle school at 4 pm, High school at 4:45 pm**

While we await excitedly to celebrate the birth of Jesus, youth are going to dive into the meaning of Advent.

### Youth Christmas Party

**Sunday, December 13, 4-5 pm**

Join us for a few silly games, time together in fellowship, and a white elephant gift exchange. Gifts should be under \$10.

*Thank you for your continued generous support of Nativity.*

## Making a Donation

We have a number of options to make a donation or pledge payment electronically including [PayPal](#) or [Venmo](#). Find more information about these and other options [here](#).

Checks may be mailed to  
**8849 Ray Road, Raleigh, NC 27613**



### We remember the sick and suffering in our community

Betty, Bill, Billie, Carol, Chloe, Don, Frank, Jack, Janey, Justine, Karen, Ken, Marion, Mary, Maxine, Michael, Olive, Pam, Patsy, Randy, Richard, Rod, Ron, Sam, Tim

### We pray for our friends, family, and neighbors

Ali, Alice, Anna Rose, Audrey, Barbara the Barham Family, Becky, Beth, Bill, Casey, Cathy, Dan, Dean, Debi, Diane, Dick, Don, Eddie, Ellie, Fay, Gary, Gemma, Harry, Helen, Henry, Jake, James, Janet, Jason, Jason, Jeanette, Joe, John, Julia, Justin, Karen, Kathleen, Kathryn, Kay, Keith, Kelli, Kelvin, Kenny, Kevin, Landon, Laurel, Licia, Linda, Lori, Marino, Mark, Mary, Max, Megan, Mel, Michael, Michelle, Nancy, Nick, Pam, Patricia, Patricia, Renee, Roy, Sally, Sam, Sara, Sarah Lou, Shannon, Shirley, Sky, Sondra, Spencer, Stephanie, Stephani, Stephen, Steve, Tom, Vivian, William

### We pray for those expecting a child

AJ and Alli

### We pray for those who have died

Sheila Jenn, Michael Hugo, Bergen Mesko, Michael McMullin, Lucy Waidler

*If you would like to add someone to the Nativity prayer list, email the Parish Coordinator [here](#).*



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