

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THERE'S SOMETHING NEW IN THE PEWS

A Child's Guide to the Holy Eucharist is now available for use during the service. This guide to the Rite II Eucharistic service presents the full text from the Book of Common Prayer alongside commentary and cartoons that clarify the meaning of the words. Each pew has one copy for now. Starting this week, the bulletin will include page numbers for both the BCP and the Child's Guide, making it easy for children to follow along. If you have questions, reach out to Jeremy Clos.

MEET GREY: OCTOBER 20

We had a great "Ask the Rector" session this past Sunday, and October 20 will be "The Rector asks back"! Grey and his family hear from Nativity about our story, and ask a few questions about us, and (of course) we will share some of our favorite dishes with them. Please mark your calendars for these two dates; more information will be coming soon.

LET'S SHOW UP FOR ONE WAKE

Help us gather 1,000 members from ONE Wake institutions — and at least 25 from Nativity — to meet with candidates for Raleigh City Council and Wake County Commissioners, to ask for their support on One Wake's Affordable Housing Proposal. The meeting is at Watts Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, 3703 Tryon Road at 7 pm on October 10. RSVP online, and contact Becky Showalter if you're interested in carpooling.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

The annual Blessing of the Animals in honor of St. Francis' feast day will take place on Sunday, October 6 at 5 pm under the big oak tree (Estill House in the case of rain). All creatures great and small are welcome to receive a blessing!

INVITATION TO JOIN THE VESTRY

With the Annual Meeting being less than two months away (November 17), now is the perfect time to do some personal discernment as to whether you are called to serve on the Church of the Nativity Vestry. Please read the full invitation blog post by Perry Suk, which includes a link to the application form.

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

- 8:30 am: Rite II Eucharist, spoken (Nave)
- 9:30 am: Choir Warmup (Nave)
- 9:30 am: Traveling with Paul (Curry Hall 202)
- 10:30 am: Rite II Eucharist with music (Nave)
- 7 pm: High School Formation (Curry Hall 202)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

- 7 pm: Education for Ministry (Estill House)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2

- 10 am: Chatty Yarns (Corlett Hall)
- 7 pm: Adult Formation: Rediscovering Scripture (Zoom)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3

- 7 pm: Choir Rehearsal (Nave)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6

- 8:30 am: Rite II Eucharist, spoken (Nave)
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ALLIANCE MEDICAL MINISTRY KITS

On October 20, our Middle and High School Youth will be assembling medical kits for Alliance Medical Ministries during their respective formation times. Alliance Medical Ministries offers vital healthcare services to underserved populations in Raleigh, bringing hope and healing to those in need. To support this project, we invite the parish to contribute by donating items from our Amazon Wishlist, which lists the necessary supplies for the kits in the sizes and kinds requested by Alliance.

BOOK STUDY: LOVE WINS

Join us for a Zoom book study on *Love Wins* by Rob Bell, on Wednesdays from 7 to 8:30 pm, October 30 to November 20. Together, we'll explore questions of heaven, hell, and salvation through the lens of God's love. Bell's work challenges traditional views and offers a fresh perspective on grace and inclusivity. Our discussions will focus on themes like universal salvation and the nature of hell in a welcoming space that encourages deep reflection and lively conversation about living out our faith in light of God's boundless love. Let us know you're interested by registering at nativityonline.org/quick-links or scanning the QR code.

TRAVELING WITH SAINT PAUL

Join us from 9:30 am 10:20 am in Curry Hall 204 as we continue a six-week journey through Judea, Asia, Greece, and Macedonia with Paul. Discover how he converted Jews and Gentiles to Christianity and established early churches. Explore his fascinating, passionate life dedicated to telling the story of Jesus, based on the Book of Acts and insights from religious historians. Feel free to join us on any Sunday morning to learn more about this fascinating apostle.

KIDS' BRAINS AND SCREENS: WORKSHOP

Are you worried about screen time? Join us for a ScreenStrong Workshop on October 21, 6–8 pm at North Raleigh Presbyterian Church. Learn how to reclaim your kids from screen dependency with real-world, evidence-based solutions. Free childcare with dinner will be hosted here at Nativity. Don't miss this opportunity to learn more about your child's development. Register online by October 14 at nativityonline.org/quick-links or read more details in Jeremy's blog post on the website.

INTERVIEW WITH GREY

Becky Christian sat for an interview with our new Rector, Grey. Why did he choose Nativity? What does he do for fun? What frustrates him? Find out by reading the interview on the blog.

FOYER

Foyer, Nativity's long-running version of supper club or dinner club, is a great way to meet fellow parishioners and enjoy meals together. You can sign up now through the end of September, for

a three-month round during October–December. Randomly mixed groups of about six make it most enjoyable to get to know others. Email Ailsa Tessier, or use the sign up sheet in the narthex. We hope you'll join us!

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI: ALIVE AND WELL TODAY

Join us for a four-session course exploring the relevance of St. Francis of Assisi to our lives today. Discover his fascinating history and engage in discussions based on early biographers like Thomas Celano and St. Bonaventure, as well as modern followers such as G. K. Chesterton and Fr. Richard Rohr. Sessions will be held in Curry Hall 2024 on October 20 and 27, and November 3 and 10 from 9:30 to 10:20 am. Don't miss the chance to see an original copy of the widely sold story of St. Francis, published by Marvel! Let us know you're interested by registering at nativityonline.org/quick-links or by scanning the QR code.

ADULT PILGRIMAGE TO THE UK IN 2025

Join us on a transformative pilgrimage through Scotland and England in 2025! Explore historic Christian sites like Edinburgh, Lindisfarne, Bamburgh, and Durham Cathedral, where you'll walk in the footsteps of saints and delve into the rich tapestry of faith. Experience guided tours, spiritual reflections, and the beauty of these sacred lands. For more details on this enriching journey, check out this blog post and register today.

NEW MIDDLE SCHOOL FORMATION TIME

Middle School Youth now meet on Sunday mornings from 9:50 to 10:20 a.m. in Curry Hall Room 202 for fun, fellowship, and formation. Join us this week, September 22 as we begin a journey alongside Moses. Watch the youth newsletter and Glad Tidings for details on future fun outings that will take place on a weeknight. For more info, contact Mary-Benton Gordon or Jeremy Clos. High School Youth will continue to meet on Sunday evenings.

YOUTH CONFIRMATION CLASS

Youth 8th grade and up are invited to join the Diocesan Youth Missioners for an online Confirmation preparation program, running Monday evenings, October 7–28, 2024, from 7 to 8:30 pm on Zoom. This program features a curriculum based on Jennifer Gamber's *Your Faith, Your Life*, including videos, readings, online meetings, activities, and one-on-one sessions with a mentor and priest. Register online. For questions, contact Leah Dail. After signing up and completing the program, please inform Jeremy. The Rite of Confirmation will take place during the Bishop's visit to Nativity on December 22.

