

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ELECTION PRAYER VIGIL

As we approach Election Day, many of us are filled with excitement, anticipation, exhaustion, worry, hurt and hope. You are invited to join us at Church of the Nativity for a service of contemplation and reflection tonight, November 3, at 6 pm in the worship building. No matter your politics, you are invited to come and offer up your hopes and fears to God, as we remind ourselves who we are and who we serve.

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN AND POTLUCK

The 2025 Stewardship Campaign kicked off this past Sunday. This year's campaign centers around celebrating our many blessings. Pledge cards are available in the Narthex and Estill House, or you can make your pledge online on the website. There will be a parish-wide potluck exploring the themes of the Stewardship Campaign on November 10 following the 10:30 service. Please sign up to help with food or setup; contact Kathy Nessonbaum if you have any questions.

DAY OF GIVING 2024

During this year's Day of Giving, December 8, there will be a special table to raise funds for the Diocese of Western North Carolina Hurricane Helene Relief Fund. We invite you to consider contributing new handmade items such as artwork, woodwork, Christmas items, crochet or knitted items, homemade pies or cakes (or gift certificates for them) and more. Each donor will need to complete the Day of Giving Donor Information form (available by scanning the QR code) for each item donated. If you have questions, please contact Beth Crow.

ANNUAL MEETING

Our Annual Meeting will be held on November 17 at 9:30 am, directly following the 8:30 service. Please plan to attend this important meeting, during which we will vote on new Vestry members and hear important updates.

NATIVITY'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT RETURNS!

Join us as we tell the Advent story through story and song during the 10:30 am service on December 15. Youth and children are needed to bring the story to life, with both speaking and non-speaking roles available. There's also a special song for the children

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CALENDAR

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3

- 8:30 am: Rite II Eucharist, spoken (Nave)
- 9:30 am: Choir Warmup (Nave)
- 9:30 am: Adult Formation: St. Francis (Curry Hall 202)
- 10:30 am: All Saints' Rite II Eucharist, with music (Nave),
followed by Memorial Garden Rededication
- 6 pm: Election Prayer Vigil (Nave)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4

- 7 pm: Education for Ministry (Estill House)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6

- 10 am: Chatty Yarns (Corlett Hall)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7

- 7 pm: Choir Rehearsal (Nave)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10

- 8:30 am: Rite II Eucharist, spoken (Nave)
- 9:30 am: Choir Warmup (Nave)
- 9:30 am: Adult Formation: St. Francis (Curry Hall 202)
- 10:30 am: Rite II Eucharist, with music (Nave)
- 12 pm: Stewardship Potluck (Corlett Hall)
- 12 pm: Caregivers Support Group (Conference Room)
- 4 pm: NCCMI IMPACT Concert (Nave)



to sing. Rehearsals will be held after church on November 24 and December 8, and before the service on December 15. Sign up by scanning the QR code by November 19 to participate and indicate your interest!

SACRED GROUND

Every other Tuesday, February 4 to June 17, 2025, 11:30 am to 1 pm on Zoom. Are you looking to deepen your understanding of race and faith? Sacred Ground offers a thoughtful, prayerful space for meaningful dialogue on race and racism. It encourages participants to explore history, reflect on family stories, and consider key narratives shaping America's journey. Guided by the vision of a beloved community, where every person is valued, protected, and nurtured, Sacred Ground fosters a space where we share in each other's pain and work toward each other's wellbeing, honoring our shared humanity as children of God. Registration is open until January 31 or until the class is full. Scan the QR Code.

BOOK STUDY: LIGHT OF THE WORLD

You are invited to join a virtual book study of Amy-Jill Levine's *The Light of the World*, led by The Rev. Grey Maggiano. This engaging exploration of the stories surrounding Jesus' birth will deepen your understanding of the Advent season. The study will meet on Wednesdays, December 4–18, 7 to 8:30 pm via Zoom. Sign up to let us know you plan to participate and to receive the Zoom link.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE UK

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.

HOW TO TALK TO THE OTHER SIDE

Join us after the 10:30 service on November 24 for a discussion that aims to foster dialogue among parishioners with differing political views. In partnership with Braver Angels, liberal-leaning Pete Crow and conservative-leaning Diana Hudgens will guide this 45-minute session, focusing on respectful conversation despite political differences. This initiative aims to promote reconciliation within the parish and beyond, helping participants find constructive ways to engage with friends and family who voted for opposing candidates.

NCCMI IMPACT SERIES: NOVEMBER 10

The North Carolina Chamber Music Institute IMPACT Series, launched seven years ago, promotes diversity by showcasing contemporary and underrepresented composers. As an educational

group, they model change for students through the series, and offer free, accessible concerts. NCCMI has commissioned Durham native James Dargan to compose a new string quartet, releasing one movement per year over four years. Join us for the Mendelssohn and More! concert on November 10 at 4 pm in the Nave, which will feature the exciting Mendelssohn Octet, as well as the first movement of James' quartet.

