

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DECEMBER 22: SERVICE OF HOPE AND HEALING

As part of our Advent and Christmas offerings, we will be having a Service of Hope and Headling on Sunday, December 22 at 7 pm. The service will include quiet music as well as a time set apart for offering our grief and sorrows to God. If you need transportation assistance—or are able to help—please contact the office.

TREASURER UPDATE

Thanks again to all who joined or tuned in to watch the Annual Meeting last Sunday. As you heard, we have a lot of amazing things going on at Nativity and in our outreach throughout the community. To keep all those wheels in motion, we rely heavily on pledge income so that we can plan and budget appropriately. Please help us finish the year strong by ensuring your 2024 pledge is current. Thank you – your commitment matters!

DAY OF GIVING 2024

The Week of Giving starts Sunday! On Sunday you will receive an email with the link to make donations online. Please read this blog post by Lillis and Beth which outlines the ministries featured in this year's group of nonprofit organizations supported by the Day of Giving. We hope to see you on December 8 for the Day of Giving! If you are able, please sign up to help with refreshments.

THE COLOR OF COMPROMISE

Join us for a 12-session study of *The Color of Compromise* by Jemar Tisby, an eye-opening exploration of the American church's complicity in racism and a call to respond with courage and conviction. Beginning January 8, we'll meet weekly on Zoom each Wednesday from 7 to 8:30 pm. We'll unpack Tisby's historical insights and discuss actionable steps for justice and reconciliation in our communities. Each session offers space for reflection, meaningful connection, and thoughtful engagement with others dedicated to understanding and addressing racial injustice. This study is open to all; we welcome you to join us in this important journey toward equity and healing. We invite you to sign up to receive the Zoom link for the study.

MEALS ORGANIZERS NEEDED

We need assistance in organizing meals for parishioners. Help is

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CALENDAR

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2

- 7 pm: Education for Ministry (Estill House)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4

- 10 am: Chatty Yarns (Corlett Hall)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5

- 7 pm: Choir Rehearsal (Nave)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

- 8:30 am: Rite II Eucharist, spoken (Nave)
- 9:15 am: Day of Giving (until 12:30) (Corlett Hall)
- 9:30 am: Choir Warmup (Nave)
- 10:30 am: Rite II Eucharist, with music (Nave)
- 12 pm: Caregivers Support Group (Conference Room)



needed for August, September, October and December 2025. When a meal is needed, the church calls you, then you call or email the parishioner to get details and set it up online; we give directions as to how to do this. We have meal makers ready to go—we just need someone to organize meals for these months. It doesn't take more than one hour a month. If you're interested, please contact Susie Holmes and let her know which month you'd like to take lead. Thank you!

ST. NICHOLAS DAY: DECEMBER 8

Next Sunday, December 8, the children of Nativity will celebrate St. Nicholas Day with a special service project during their formation time. The festivities will include a children's homily and a delightful surprise for those clever enough to leave their shoes in the back hall before joining the Eucharist. We encourage all children to embrace the spirit of this festive occasion. Join us for a joyful day filled with learning, service, and fun treats!

KIDS PACKING STOCKINGS FOR LOCAL SENIORS

This season, Nativity's children will spread holiday cheer by packing Christmas stockings for the Raleigh Uke Jam's upcoming concerts at local adult daycare facilities. To complete our goal of 75 stockings, we're seeking donations! Needed items are listed on the SignUp Genius, and all donations can be dropped off outside Jeremy's office in Estill House until December 1. Help us bring joy and a little extra warmth to local seniors this Christmas! Thank you for your generosity.

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.

NATIVITY SHOW AND RECEPTION

Join us for a special cake and coffee hour in Corlett Hall following the 10:30 service on December 22, honoring Bishop Sam Rodman's visit to Nativity. We invite you to bring your crèche from

home to display on tables in the parish hall — all types of Nativity sets are welcome! Awards will be given for Clergy Favorite, Kid's Favorite, and the Bishop's Favorite. You can set up your manger scene anytime after 8 am on December 22 up until the start of the 10:30 service. We look forward to celebrating together!

FLOWER VASES MISSING

Many of our flower vases are missing. If you have any of the Nativity flower vases of any kind — small, large, ceramic, glass, pottery — please return them to the Sacristy. Contact Ailsa Tessier with any questions or to arrange their return. Thanks!

ADULT PILGRIMAGE TO THE UK

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