



# *Glad Tidings*

April 17, 2025

## HOLY WEEK

SCHEDULE 2025

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- EUCHARIST, 12PM
- SPIRITUALITY IN THE ARTS: SHADOW AND SILENCE, 7PM

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- EUCHARIST, 12PM

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- MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE, 7PM

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- GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE, 12PM
- GOOD FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS, 7PM

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- EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES, 9AM & 11AM
- EASTER EGG HUNT, 12:30PM

Visit the website for a full list of [upcoming events](#), [upcoming services](#), and [current signups](#).

From the Rector



## Holy Week Reflection from Grey+

Curious where our Holy Week traditions come from? Travel back to 4th-century Jerusalem through the eyes of a pilgrim named Egeria, who wrote home about powerful worship practices that still shape how we mark this sacred time. From nighttime vigils to Good Friday devotions before dawn, her words echo through our own liturgies today. Discover how the Episcopal Church's ancient, intentional worship roots us in faith, fuels our mission in the world, and connects us across centuries. Read more about these traditions in [Grey's blog post](#)—and then join us as we walk this Holy Week together.

## From the Vestry



### Welcome Josh Anderson!

We welcome Josh Anderson as our new Lay Associate for Communication and Administration. Josh writes,

*I'm Josh! Your new Associate for Communications and Administration. I've spent most of my professional career in various marketing ventures anywhere from Kansas City to Memphis. But it's always been about the people - family and friends. And to me that's what a church is truly born from. After moving around most of my life, I finally found a home in Raleigh. Thank you for welcoming me into yours.*

Josh will be in the office Mondays - Thursdays from 10 am until 2 pm. Stop by and say hello!

## Parish Life



### Senior Luncheon on Easter Sunday

Since the Senior Luncheon, scheduled for the third Sunday of each month, fell on Easter this year, we decided to just "stay with it." So, YES. We will have Senior Luncheon on **Easter Sunday, April 20**. To avoid overcrowded restaurants and crazy traffic, we will have a covered dish/pot luck luncheon right here in Corlett Hall. This is a great chance to welcome our new older members and have time to meet and visit together. So a special invitation goes out to them: Please join us. To make reservations, please call or text Jo Dykes at 276-224-7886

or [email her](#). See you on the 20th, right after church, in Estill House!



### **Flower Guild Goes Native**

Easter at Nativity will look a bit different this year, as we join 8 area churches who will use native plants to bring beauty to our worship spaces. We'll purchase natives from 3 participating area nurseries to bring home Nativity's commitment to the use of natives. After Easter these will be planted in appropriate spots around the campus. West Raleigh Presbyterian Church is at the forefront of this exciting plan. Watch the nave for more!



### **Justice and Reconciliation Sunday: Guest preacher Dr. Mark Vasconcellos**

Dr. Mark Vasconcellos, pastor and president of the Raleigh-Apex NAACP, will preach at both services on Sunday, April 27. Our annual Nativity/Raleigh-Apex NAACP Scholarship Fund supports Black students entering college this fall. This Outreach/Social Justice effort reflects our commitment to racial justice and healing. Each year the campaign for donations begins in December and ends in May. So far, we've received \$3,200 and hope to meet or exceed our average of \$8,000. The campaign ends in May. Donate at [Nativityonline.org](https://nativityonline.org) (Scholarship #22900) or send a check marked "NAACP Fund." Thank you for helping us make a difference in the lives of local students.



### **New "Stand Up, Speak Out" Nativity Group Interest Meeting on April 27**

Following the 10:30 service, you are invited to join a group of Nativity members for a simple potluck and a chance to talk with each other about the challenges we are facing politically and communally in North Carolina and the United States. How do we name the darkness and where do we find hope? Have you found ways to take action? What does justice and reconciliation mean within our Christian lens? Within our communal lens? Let's talk. Join us in the conference room in Estill House.





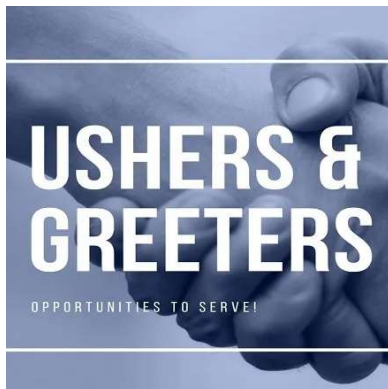
### Coffee, Cake, & Military Stories

Join us for **Coffee, Cake & Military Stories** on Sunday, May 4, in Corlett Hall immediately following the 10:30 service. With over 15 veterans in our congregation, this 45-minute gathering is a special opportunity to hear their stories, share in fellowship, and learn about military life, including traditions like the Marine Corps' cake-cutting ceremony with a sword! Come enjoy coffee, cake, and conversation as we honor those who've served and celebrate the rich experiences they bring to our community. All are welcome!

### Pastoral Care at Nativity



Have you wondered about pastoral care and what that means? The Pastoral Care Team want you to understand what it is and how the Nativity care team works to support you. [Read this blog post](#) to find out more.



### Ushers and Greeters Needed

Ushers and Greeters promote a sense of welcoming and belonging and serve as an important point of contact for newcomers and visitors. We're excited to bring back this tradition at the 10:30 service!

**Greeters** ([Signup Here](#)) arrive 15 minutes early to welcome people and hand out bulletins. Individuals, pairs, or families with helpful children are welcome. **Ushers** ([Signup Here](#)) count attendance, pass the collection plate, and guide the communion line. New volunteers will be paired with an experienced Usher.

Please contact [Sheila Knapp](#) with any questions.

## Youth & Children



## Easter Egg Hunt

Our High School youth are busy stuffing eggs, and our Middle Schoolers are getting sneaky—they'll be hiding them for an egg-citing Easter Sunday hunt! After the 11 am Holy Eucharist, kids up to 5th grade are invited to grab a basket and join the fun under the Willow Oak tree. Meet at the top of the stairs outside the Narthex and look for Jeremy—he'll have all the details! Get ready to hunt, gather, and celebrate this joyful Easter tradition!



## Graduation Sunday - June 1

Join us as we celebrate our graduates during the 10:30 am service on **Sunday, June 1!** Graduates are invited to wear their regalia and walk in the procession. There will be recognition of the graduates during the liturgy. A parish-wide celebration will follow the service. We can't wait to honor this milestone with you!

Please [fill out this form for High School Seniors](#) or [this form for Eighth Grade Graduates](#) by **April 30** to let us know your graduate will participate and to share their future plans.

# Adult Formation



## Women of the New Testament

Meet the remarkable women of the New Testament: followers of Jesus, healers, supporters of his ministry, and spreaders of the good news. Some, like Mary Magdalene and Martha, are well-known; others, like Joanna and Prisca, played vital but lesser-known roles. Some are unnamed despite their pivotal roles in the story.

Join this six-week class led by Jo Dykes on Sundays, **May 4–June 15** (break on May 25), from 9:30–10:20 am in Curry Hall Room 204.



## Love God, Love God's World

Join us Wednesday nights, **April 30 – July 2**, from 7 to 8:30 pm via Zoom for a thought-provoking series on faith and creation care. Guided by the Episcopal Church's new *Love God, Love God's World* curriculum, we'll explore how our love for God calls us to care for the earth and one another. Through scripture, discussion, and practical action, we'll deepen our understanding of, and commitment to, responsible and loving stewardship. [Register here](#) to receive the zoom links and class materials.

## Outreach



### Habitat for Humanity Race & Housing Dialogue

Join us on Monday, May 5th from 7pm - 8:30pm at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church (952 Morphus Bridge Rd, Wendell). Join us as we dive into the often-forgotten history of how our federal, state and local governments segregated American cities and the lasting impact it has today. The event will include a viewing of Richard Rothstein's short documentary "Segregated by Design" as well as discussion groups and action items to advocate for better housing policy. [Sign up today!](#)



### Upcoming ONE Wake Actions

ONE Wake is continuing its good work in 2025 by advocating for affordable housing in Wake County in these upcoming events. Save these dates and join us to make a difference in our community! ***This is how we make change!***

- **May 17**, 9am-12pm, Affordable Housing Strategy Session (Location TBD), RSVP [Here](#). Nativity Target: 5 people.
- **July 12**, 12-2pm, Affordable Housing Accountability Action (Location TBD), RSVP [Here](#). Nativity Target: 15 people.

## Nativity Prayer List

Please click here for the prayer list: [Nativity Prayer List](#)

To add someone to the list, please [email the office](#).

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