



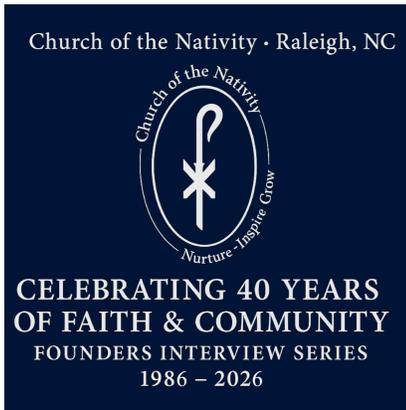
Glad Tidings

August 7, 2025



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

Parish Life



Forty Years of Faith: A Nativity Video Series

In **January 2026**, Church of the Nativity celebrates its 40th anniversary. Leading up to this milestone, we'll share weekly videos from members reflecting on our history—stories of faith, hardship, transformation, and community. Check out [the video library](#) and look out for new stories each week in *Glad Tidings*, on our Facebook page, and our website.

Future videos will highlight worship in a school, purchasing our land, and the vital role children played in forming Nativity. Have a story to share? Contact [Sarah O'Connor](#), [Gail Christensen](#), [Beth Crow](#), [Robert Joines](#), or [Stephanie Sumner](#).



Join Us for the Stand Up, Speak Out Cookout

All are invited to join members of the newly formed Stand Up, Speak Out group (@SUSO) at a get-to-know-you cookout and social time at the Showalter's home, Sunday **August 17**, at 5 pm.

Bring a side or dessert to share. BYOB. Burgers and dogs will be provided! Let's support each other as we try our best to make the world a better place. RSVP [here](#).



The 2025 Homecoming Pig Pickin'

Join us for a joyful celebration on **Sunday, September 7** at Church of the Nativity to kick-off the program year! We'll gather after the 10:30 am service for a classic Pig Pickin' with good food, great company, and plenty of Nativity spirit. All are welcome—bring a side dish or dessert to share and your appetite for food and fellowship! More details to come soon.



Update to the Parish Directory

Our Parish Directory has been updated and copies are now available in the Narthex and in the lobby of Estill House. If you and your family are not in the current edition, we need to add you. Does the office have your vital information - home address, phone numbers, and email addresses?

Please send them to office@nativityonline.org for the next edition. We'll also need a photo. You may send one to the office, or see Gail Christensen after the 10:30 service on Sunday.

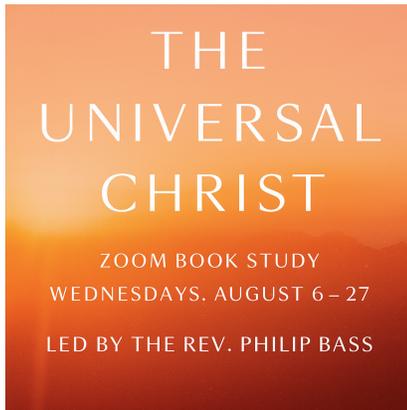
Youth and Children



Blessing of the Backpacks

Join us on **Sunday, August 24** during the 10:30 am Eucharist for our Back-To-School Blessing of the Backpacks! All students—from Pre-K to PhD—are invited to bring their backpacks for a special blessing as we begin a new school year. During the service, we will offer students a prayerful start to the new school year and a special backpack tag to remind them of God's love and our community's support throughout the year.

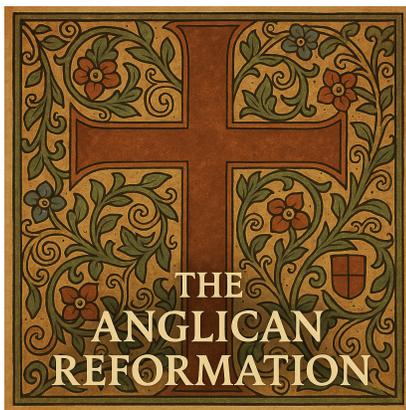
Adult Formation



***The Universal Christ* Book Study** **Wednesdays, August 6–27 | 7–8:30 pm | Zoom**

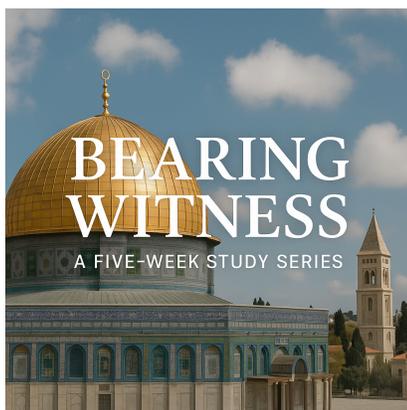
Join The Rev. Phillip Bass for a four-week Zoom study of *The Universal Christ* by Richard Rohr. Explore how Christ is present in all things and deepen your spiritual understanding through reflection, conversation, and discovery. Open to all. Read Chapters 5-8 for the next meeting on **August 13**.

[Join the Zoom Meeting](#)



The Anglican Reformation

The Anglican Reformation is often reduced to Henry VIII's divorce, but its roots run deeper and its impact wider. Join us **Sundays, August 17–September 28**, from 9:30–10:20 am in Curry Hall 204 for a six-week adult formation class exploring six key reform movements in England that helped lead to the Anglican Communion and the Episcopal Church we know and love today. From early Bible translators to the Elizabethan Settlement, and concluding with the Oxford Movement, we'll trace some of the theological and cultural forces that shaped Anglican identity. Please [register here](#) so we will have enough materials for everyone. All are welcome—no prior knowledge needed!



Bearing Witness

Join us on Wednesday nights beginning **September 17**, from 7:00–8:30 pm on Zoom, for *Bearing Witness*, facilitated by the Rev. Grey Maggiano. This video-based program from the American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem explores the lived experiences of Christians, Muslims, and Jews in the Holy Land. Each session weaves Gospel themes with powerful stories from ministries offering healing, education, and hope in a region marked by conflict. To receive the course materials, please register by Sunday, September 14.

Outreach



Sunday, September 14
North Raleigh
Presbyterian Church

Rise Against Hunger Meal Packaging Event

Nativity's 13th annual Rise Against Hunger intergenerational meal-packing event will be held after the 10:30 am service on **Sunday, September 14**. For the past 2 years we have collaborated with our neighbors at North Raleigh Presbyterian Church, 11905 Strickland Road, to package over 10,000 meals at this yearly event, and this year the event will be held at North Raleigh Presbyterian Church's fellowship hall (their rear building). Each year we hope to have at least 60 total participants signed up, and Rise Against Hunger requires all participants be registered for the event. [Please register online.](#)

Community Events



Invitation to Couples Getaway "The Four Seasons of Life and Love"

Looking to recharge your relationship? Join us for a Couples Getaway **September 20–21**, at the Doubletree Inn in RTP. Led by Michael and Myra Holmes, certified Better Marriages leaders and authors of *Fighting for Your Military Marriage*, this weekend offers time to reconnect and have fun together. Cost is \$175 per couple and includes Saturday meals; first-time couples pay just \$100. Scholarships available. Hotel rooms are \$139/night.

Learn more and register at www.bettermarriagesnc.org or contact Carl and Nancy Terry at 919-559-2827.

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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