



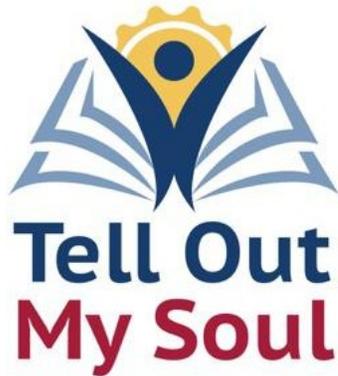
# *Glad Tidings*

November 13, 2025



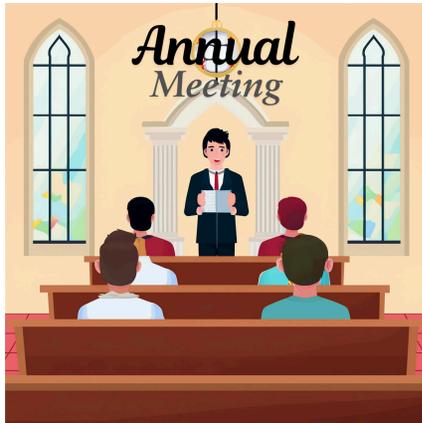
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Parish Life



## Tell Out Your Soul: Stewardship 2026

Inspired by Mary's gratitude for God's gifts, we invite you to reflect on your own blessings and how you might share them. Pledge cards for 2026 are out, and [online pledging](#) is now open. Your commitment helps us worship, serve our neighbors, and strengthen our community. This season, we'll share stories of the many ways we do God's work together. As of November 10, we have received pledges of \$147,833 from 42 families and individuals. Our average pledge has been \$3,520. This represents 29.6% of our goal. If you have pledged already, thank you! If not, please prayerfully consider [making your pledge soon](#).



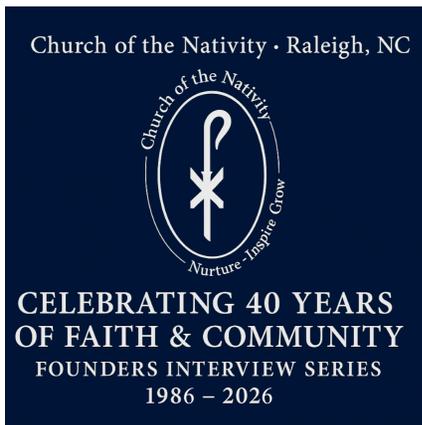
## Annual Meeting

Our Annual Meeting will be held on **Sunday, November 16** at 9:30 am, directly following the 8:30 service. Please plan to attend this important gathering, during which we will elect new Vestry members and hear key updates about parish life. If you can't attend in person, the meeting will be livestreamed on the [Nativity website](#), beginning around 9:30 a.m.



## Spirituality in the Arts: *Sing a Song of Christmas*

Spirituality in the Arts: *Sing a Song of Christmas* will take place on **Tuesday, December 9** at 7 pm in the Nave. This special concert invites you to experience the beauty and depth of Christmas through music and story. Musicians from Nativity will perform nine beloved carols, both ancient and modern, each paired with a brief reflection on its history or meaningful associations. From *Silent Night*, first written for guitar when an organ failed and later sung during the World War I Christmas Truce, to other songs shaped by faith, culture, and hope, this evening will illuminate part of the spiritual heart of Christmas.



## Inter-Faith Food Shuttle

From the formation of our church to its construction and various ministries, Church of the Nativity has always exemplified strong lay leadership. These strong-willed, pioneering individuals often were called within their individual lives and quickly gained the support of the congregation. In 1989 Jill Bullard experienced such a call and so began the Inter-Faith Food Shuttle. Today, Jon Showalter continues that legacy as a board director, and church members still pack meals for seniors each month. Watch the new [40th anniversary video](#) to learn more about the IFFS and how you can get involved.

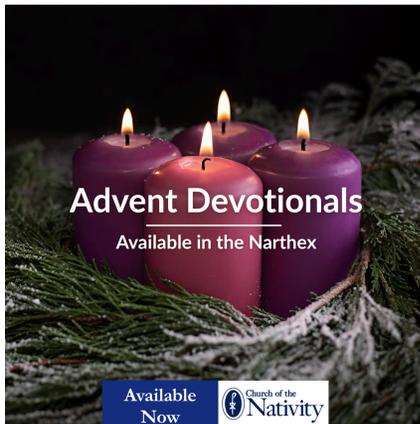


## Stewardship Moment

Have you ever wondered "what does it mean to be a Pastoral Care Team member?" Parishioner Ailsa Tessier, gives us a little more insight. And if you're interested in connecting with our team, please reach out.

"Knowledge of the burdens of others and keeping confidences is the most humbling responsibility. I take it seriously. Our team meetings can be sobering, yet the support and care we offer to others also lifts me up. It's my hope that those for whom we pray feel the love and care."  
- Ailsa Tessier

## Adult Formation



### Advent Devotionals Now Available

Advent devotionals are now available in the Narthex to help you prepare for the season. Adult selections include *A Grand Miracle*, inspired by C.S. Lewis's reflections on the wonder of the Incarnation; *A Season of Peace*, offering hope and comfort, especially for seniors; and *A Little Child Shall Lead Them*, drawing on the gentle spiritual insights of Henri J.M. Nouwen and childlike faith. For children, we offer *Look Around the Stable*, which invites them to experience the Nativity with curiosity and joy. Please take one home and let it enrich your Advent journey.



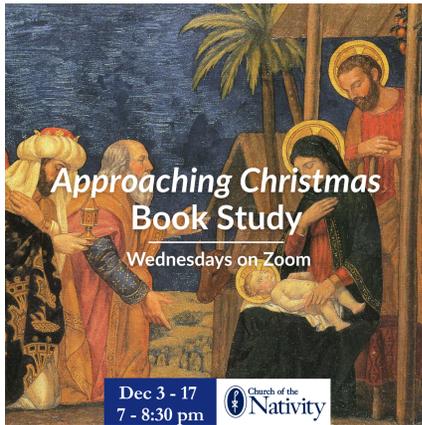
## The Nativity Bowl: Help Choose Church of the Nativity's Favorite Carol

What's your favorite Christmas carol? Help us discover Church of the Nativity's Favorite Christmas Song. Submit your nomination for the carol that fills your heart with the most Christmas joy, whether it's a classic hymn or a festive favorite. We'll take the top nominations and create a friendly bracket-style competition, with songs going head-to-head in weekly Advent voting until we crown our #1 carol. [Nominations are open now](#), so cast your vote and join the fun as we celebrate the music of the season together.



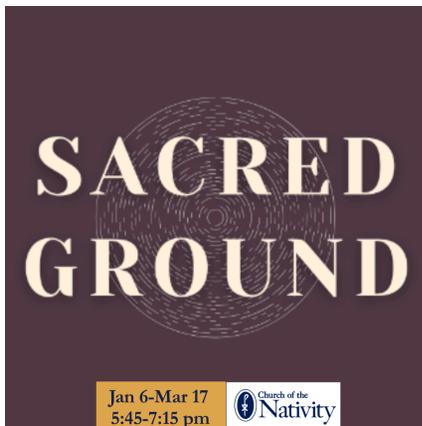
## The Songs We Sing: Four Carols of Christmas

This four-week formation series, meeting Sundays from **November 23–December 21** (with a break on December 7 for the Day of Giving), explores the history and theology of four beloved Christmas carols: *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*, *Good King Wenceslas*, *O Little Town of Bethlehem*, and *O Come, All Ye Faithful*. Together we'll reflect on their biblical roots and enduring messages of hope, joy, and faith. The class meets in Curry Hall 204 from 9:30–10:20 am. [Please register](#) to let us know you'll be attending.



## ***Approaching Christmas Book Study***

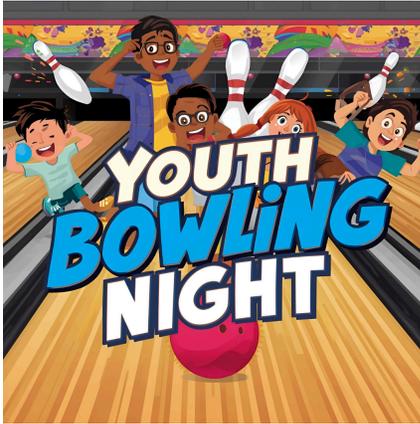
On Wednesday evenings from **December 3 to December 17**, via Zoom at 7 pm, Kate Mohan will lead a study of *Approaching Christmas* by Jane Williams, an Anglican theologian who weaves together Scripture, theology, art, and tradition to offer fresh insight into the season. The study will focus on the artwork featured in the book and explore Williams' key themes: **Preparation**, as we ready our lives for Christ's coming; **Gathering**, as the community of faith draws together in hope; and **Spirit**, as we become attentive to God's presence in the world. Participants are invited to reflect and share as we journey toward Christmas together. [Please register](#) to receive the Zoom links.



## ***Sacred Ground***

This winter, Nativity will offer *Sacred Ground*, a dialogue series from The Episcopal Church on race, faith, and history, in partnership with Christ Church, Raleigh. Through films, readings, and prayerful small-group conversation, participants will explore the story of race in America and its ongoing impact. Nativity's cohort will meet Tuesday evenings from **January 6 to March 17** and conclude with a retreat on March 21. Nativity members may also join one of three additional Christ Church circles—two in person (at Christ Church) and one virtual. Each group follows the same curriculum, is limited to 15 participants, and [requires registration](#).

# Youth and Children



## High School Youth Bowling Night

Youth are invited to Bowling Night on **Sunday, November 16** from 7 to 9 pm. The cost is \$20. We will meet at the bowling alley (location to be confirmed) instead of the church. This gathering is a chance to share time together and build community. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us!

[Please register](#) to let Jeremy know you'll be attending.



## Nativity's Christmas Pageant

Join in as we tell the Christmas story through story and song during the 10:30 am service on **December 21**. Youth and children are needed to bring the story to life, with both speaking and non-speaking roles available. There will also be a special song for the children to sing. Rehearsals will be held after church on **December 7 and December 14**, and before the service on **December 21**. [Sign up here](#) by **November 26** to participate and indicate your interest!



## Youth Pilgrimage 2026: Save the Dates

From **June 16–21** our high school youth will travel to Richmond and Williamsburg, Virginia, to explore the deep roots of our Episcopal tradition. We will listen to the stories these places hold and reflect on how our faith has shaped, and been shaped, by history. We will worship alongside the communities who welcome us, lend our hands in service, and find joy and renewal in shared play and rest. Together we will travel with open hearts and thoughtful attention, seeking connection with the people and communities who host us along the way. Registration opens just after the holidays.

## Outreach



## Support Families Facing Food Insecurity

On **November 1**, food assistance benefits for 1.4 million North Carolinians ended if the government shutdown has still continued. As followers of Christ, we are called to “feed my sheep.” Please consider contributing \$148—the average monthly SNAP benefit in NC—to Church of the Nativity’s Outreach Fund in support of the Inter-Faith Food Shuttle. Mark “SNAP” in the memo line or [donate online](#). Gifts can also be made directly to the [Food Shuttle](#). Together, we can help feed our neighbors in need.



## Day of Giving 2025 and Peggy's Angel Tree Ministry

Nativity's Annual Day of Giving features Peggy's Angel Tree, a ministry begun by Peggy Wade to support families in need—including refugees—through gift cards for essentials like food, clothing, and gas. Visit the Narthex on **November 16** to sign up to sponsor an individual or family. Please bring \$50 or \$100 VISA or bank gift cards on the Day of Giving, December 7. Thank you for continuing to support this ministry of care and hope.



## Day of Giving: Emergency Response Fund

This year's Day of Giving introduces a new initiative to support Emergency/Disaster Relief. Alongside the Outreach Ministry tables, we'll feature a special section with homemade baked goods and Christmas crafts for sale—with all proceeds going directly to the Outreach account for emergency relief efforts. This fund will help Church of the Nativity respond quickly to urgent needs in our community. If you'd like to contribute baked goods or handmade Christmas items, please [click here](#) to sign up.

# Community Events



## ***The Thanksgiving Play Comes to Church***

We're excited to host *The Thanksgiving Play* by The Justice Theater Project right here at Church of the Nativity on special days from **November 14-23**. This sharp, funny, and thought-provoking production explores how we tell the story of Thanksgiving and who gets included in that story. Come enjoy an evening of theater that invites reflection, laughter, and conversation about justice and culture. Learn more and [get tickets here!](#)

## 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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