



Glad Tidings

April 2, 2026

A decorative banner for Holy Week. The background is a soft-focus image of white flowers with green leaves. The text "Holy Week" is written in a large, purple, serif font and is underlined. Below the title is the Church of the Nativity logo. At the bottom, there are four columns of text, each representing a day of Holy Week with its corresponding services.

Holy Week

Church of the Nativity

<u>MAUNDY THURSDAY</u>	<u>GOOD FRIDAY</u>	<u>HOLY SATURDAY</u>	<u>EASTER SUNDAY</u>
7 pm - Holy Eucharist with Foot Washing 8:30 pm - Vigil	12 pm - Proper Liturgy 7 pm - Stations of the Cross	9 am - Holy Saturday Liturgy (Memorial Garden) 8 pm - Easter Vigil	8:30 & 10:30 - Festival Holy Eucharist 12 pm - Easter Egg Hunt

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

Parish Life



Easter Egg Hunt

Children from our littlest ones through 5th grade are invited to an Easter Egg Hunt immediately following the 10:30 am service on **Easter Sunday** morning. Please have your child bring a basket and meet in front of the Narthex after worship. Wait for Jeremy's signal before the hunt begins under the big oak tree. We look forward to seeing you there.



Women's Outing: Historic Raleigh Trolley Tour

Join the women of Nativity for a narrated Historic Raleigh Trolley tour on **Saturday, April 11**, followed by lunch. Meet at Mordecai Historic Park at 12:30 pm for the 1 pm tour through Oakwood's Victorian-era neighborhood. Tickets are \$10 and must be purchased in advance [online](#) (add **April 11** to your cart to select the 1 pm time), by phone, or at the Visitor Center; receipts are required to board. Carpooling from Nativity at 12 pm is recommended. Please notify [Gail Till](#) or [Tivey Clark](#) when you purchase your ticket and if you plan to carpool.



Cookie Decorating Contest & Time Capsule Burial

Celebrate with us on **Sunday, April 19** (Youth Sunday) after the 10:30 service for a Cookie Decorating Contest and the burial of Nativity's 40th Anniversary Time Capsule. Bring cookie decorating supplies to share - sprinkles, colored sugar, mini candies, and other fun toppings. You can help us prepare by [ordering supplies](#), [bring supplies](#), or [donate via Venmo](#). Come celebrate, decorate, and take part in this special moment in Nativity's history!



Flower Donations For Easter

Do you have flowers or bushes blooming in your yard? Flowers donated to beautify our church for Easter would be most welcome, such as azaleas, redbud branches, hyacinths, hellebores, and the like. Contact [Ailsa Tessier](#) to arrange donations - we can even come and cut for you!



Church Bylaws Committee

After celebrating our church's 40th anniversary, we're looking ahead by forming a committee to develop church bylaws. If you're interested in helping create a strong foundation for the future, we'd love your voice. Contact [Hannah Harris](#) to volunteer or learn more.

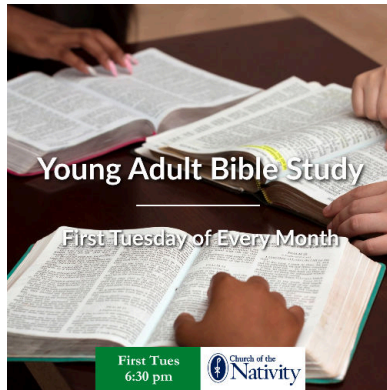


Fellowship Coordinator Needed

We are looking for a volunteer to help lead our Fellowship ministry beginning after Easter. This is a wonderful opportunity to support one of the most welcoming and community-building aspects of our life together.

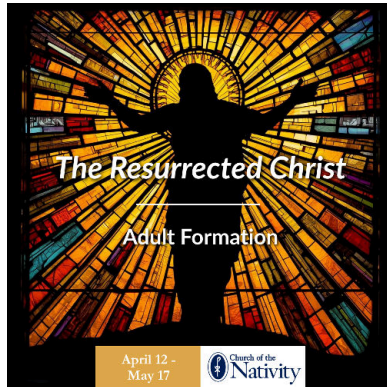
The role includes keeping coffee supplies stocked, sending simple email reminders to Sunday volunteers, and helping organize special treats for holidays and baptisms. It's a manageable commitment that makes a big difference in creating a warm and inviting space for all. If you're interested—or would like to learn more—please contact [Hannah Harris](#). We would love to have you help continue this important ministry!

Adult Formation



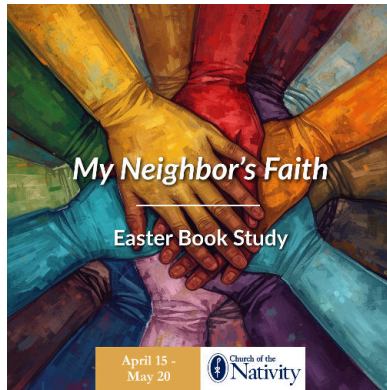
Young Adult Bible Study

Young Adult Bible Study meets on Zoom on the first Tuesday of each month from 6:30–8 pm, led by The Rev. George Black. Our next gathering is on **April 7**. This is a relaxed, welcoming space to explore scripture, ask questions, and grow in community. Whether you're new to Bible study or have lots of experience, you're invited. And who counts as a "young adult"? That's up to you. To obtain the Zoom link, please contact [The Rev. George Black](#).



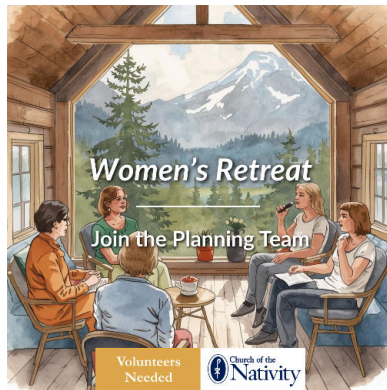
The Resurrected Christ

A new Sunday morning study, *The Resurrected Christ*, will meet **April 12–May 17**, from 9:30–10:20 am in Curry Hall, Room 204, led by the Rev. Dr. Jim Melnyk. Through readings from the Gospels, Acts, and Paul's letters, participants will explore several biblical accounts of encounters with the risen Christ: on the road, by the sea, at the empty tomb, and beyond. Each class begins with a brief practice of Lectio Divina, followed by discussion reflecting on how these stories shape our understanding of resurrection, recognition, and response. [Sign-up here](#) so that we may be prepared.



My Neighbor's Faith

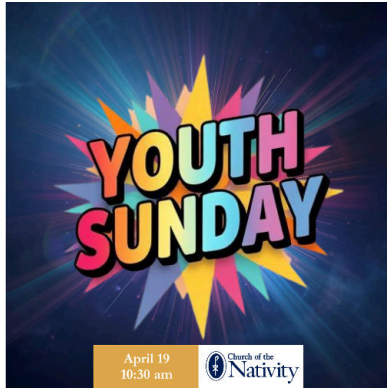
A six-week book study on *My Neighbor's Faith* by Jennifer Howe Peace, Or N. Rose, and Gregory Mobley will meet **April 15–May 20** from 7–8:30 pm in the Estill House Conference Room, with the option to join via Zoom using our new hybrid meeting technology. This discussion-based class explores how people of different faith traditions encounter one another with curiosity and respect. Through personal stories from religious leaders, scholars, and activists, participants will reflect on engaging neighbors of other faiths and working toward a more compassionate and just world. [Sign up](#) to let us know you're coming or to request the Zoom links.



Women's Retreat Planning Team

The women of Nativity have been enjoying gathering for recent outings and now hope to plan a women's retreat. What will it be? A time for rest, reflection, and community, but as to what form that takes, anything's possible! All are invited to join the planning team to share ideas and help shape the retreat. For more information or to get involved, contact [Gail Till](#) or [Jeremy Clos](#).

Youth and Children



Youth Sunday is April 19

Youth Sunday will be celebrated on **Sunday, April 19** at the 10:30 am service. On this day, the youth and children of our parish will take on all the lay leadership roles in worship. They will serve as readers, lead the prayers, assist at the altar, and even offer the homilies. It is always joyful to see our young people actively leading and sharing their faith. If your child or youth would like to participate, please let [Jeremy](#) know.

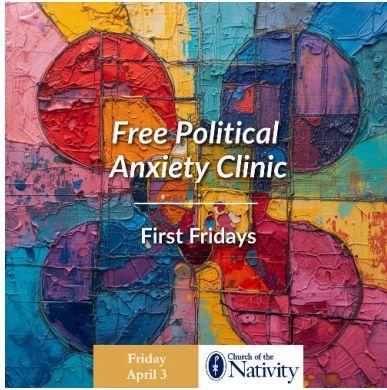


VBS Save the Date!

Save the date for Vacation Bible School, **July 19–23!** We're excited to once again partner with North Raleigh Presbyterian Church for a great week of faith and fun. VBS will be held on their campus this year. Mark your calendars now and watch for the theme and registration details coming soon.

We look forward to another wonderful week together!

Community Events



Free Political Anxiety Clinic

Nativity parishioners are invited to attend a First Friday Political Anxiety Walk-In Clinic, a space to learn the principles of psychological first aid and receive support around current events. If you're feeling overwhelmed or unsure how to stay informed without shutting down, you can drop in to talk with a therapist and learn practical tools. The clinic is free and is open to the community on **April 3** from 3–9 pm at Bridges Counseling, PLLC, The Carter Building, 22 Glenwood Ave, Suite 12B, Raleigh, NC.

Outreach



Pride Packs

You can make a difference by donating to the Leesville Elementary Backpack Program by **Sunday, April 5**. Donations of shelf-ready milk, snacks, and protein items are greatly needed. Monetary donations are also appreciated. Donations can be made to the basket in Estill House. Thank you for sharing your generosity and ensuring students have enough food through this season.

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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