

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOW TO TALK TO THE OTHER SIDE

Join us after the 10:30 service on November 24 for a discussion that aims to foster dialogue among parishioners with differing political views. In partnership with Braver Angels, liberal-leaning Pete Crow and conservative-leaning Diana Hudgens will guide this 45-minute session, focusing on respectful conversation despite political differences. This initiative aims to promote reconciliation within the parish and beyond, helping participants find constructive ways to engage with friends and family who voted for opposing candidates.

ADVENT DEVOTIONALS AVAILABLE

Advent devotionals are now available in the Narthex, providing three meaningful ways to prepare for the season. *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*, inspired by Henri J.M. Nouwen, invites readers into a journey of deep reflection and prayer, guiding them to explore the themes of hope, love, and anticipation during this sacred time. *A Season of Peace* is crafted specifically for seniors, celebrating the wisdom of their past while nurturing the faith in the present. It emphasizes the importance of passing on that faith to younger generations, fostering a sense of community and continuity in the church. *The Word Made Flesh* delves into the profound mystery of Christ's incarnation, encouraging believers to contemplate the significance of God becoming human.

DAY OF GIVING 2024

During this year's Day of Giving, December 8, there will be a special table to raise funds for the Diocese of Western North Carolina Hurricane Helene Relief Fund. We invite you to consider contributing new handmade items such as artwork, woodwork, Christmas items, crochet or knitted items, homemade pies or cakes (or gift certificates for them) and more. Each donor will need to complete the Day of Giving Donor Information form (available by scanning the QR code) for each item donated. If you have questions, please contact Beth Crow.

NATIVITY'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT RETURNS!

Join us as we tell the Advent story through story and song during the 10:30 am service on December 15. Youth and children are needed to bring the story to life, with both speaking and non-speaking roles available. There's also a special song for the children

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CALENDAR

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17

- 8:30 am: Rite II Eucharist, spoken (Nave)
- 9:30 am: Choir Warmup (Nave)
- 9:30 am: Adult Formation: St. Francis (Curry Hall 202)
- 10:30 am: Rite II Eucharist, with music (Nave)
- 12 pm: Senior Luncheon
- 7 pm: High School Formation (Curry Hall 202)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18

- 7 pm: Education for Ministry (Estill House)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

- 7 pm: Vestry Meeting (Conference Room)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20

- 10 am: Chatty Yarns (Corlett Hall)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21

- 7 pm: Choir Rehearsal (Nave)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24

- 8:30 am: Rite II Eucharist, spoken (Nave)
- 9:30 am: Choir Warmup (Nave)
- 10:30 am: Rite II Eucharist, with music (Nave)
- 12 pm: Christmas Pageant Rehearsal (Nave)
- 12 pm: Caregivers Support Group (Conference Room)
- 7 pm: High School Formation (Curry Hall 202)



to sing. Rehearsals will be held after church on November 24 and December 8, and before the service on December 15. Sign up by scanning the QR code by November 19 to participate and indicate your interest!

ST. NICHOLAS DAY: DECEMBER 8

On 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!

CHATTY YARNS RED SCARVES

Since 2021, Nativity's Chatty Yarn group has been participating in the "Foster Care to Success," Red Scarf project which supports young adult students after they have aged out of the foster care system. This year's crop of 29 beautiful, unique, red scarves, blessed by Grey, will be sent out this month. Read more about this initiative in the blog post.

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.

SACRED GROUND

Every other Tuesday, February 4 to June 17, 2025, 11:30 am to 1 pm on Zoom. Are you looking to deepen your understanding of race and faith? Sacred Ground offers a thoughtful, prayerful space for meaningful dialogue on race and racism. It encourages participants to explore history, reflect on family stories, and consider key narratives shaping America's journey. Guided by the vision of a beloved community, where every person is valued, protected, and nurtured, Sacred Ground fosters a space where we share in each other's pain and work toward each other's wellbeing, honoring our shared humanity as children of God. Registration is open until January 31 or until the class is full. Scan the QR Code.

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.

