

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DECEMBER 22: SERVICE OF HOPE AND HEALING

As part of our Advent and Christmas offerings, we will be having a Service of Hope and Healing on Sunday, December 22 at 7 pm. The service will include quiet music as well as a time set apart for offering our grief and sorrows to God. If you need transportation assistance—or are able to help—please contact the office.

THE COLOR OF COMPROMISE

Join us for a 12-session study of *The Color of Compromise* by Jemar Tisby, an eye-opening exploration of the American church's complicity in racism and a call to respond with courage and conviction. Beginning January 8, we'll meet weekly on Zoom each Wednesday from 7 to 8:30 pm. We'll unpack Tisby's historical insights and discuss actionable steps for justice and reconciliation in our communities. Each session offers space for reflection, meaningful connection, and thoughtful engagement with others dedicated to understanding and addressing racial injustice. This study is open to all; we welcome you to join us in this important journey toward equity and healing. We invite you to sign up to receive the Zoom link for the study.

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.

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.

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

- 8:30 am: Rite II Eucharist, spoken (Nave)
- 9:15 am: Day of Giving (until 12:30) (Corlett Hall)
- 9:30 am: Choir Warmup (Nave)
- 10:30 am: Rite II Eucharist, with music (Nave)
- 12 pm: Caregivers Support Group (Conference Room)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9

- 7 pm: Education for Ministry (Estill House)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10

- 7 pm: Buildings & Grounds Meeting (Conference Room)
- 7 pm: Communications Team Meeting (Curry Hall 202)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11

- 10 am: Chatty Yarns (Corlett Hall)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12

- 12 pm: Pastoral Care Team Meeting (Conference Room)
- 7 pm: Choir Rehearsal (Nave)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

- 8:30 am: Rite II Eucharist, spoken (Nave)
- 9:30 am: Choir Warmup (Nave)
- 10:30 am: Rite II Eucharist, with music (Nave)
- 7 pm: High School Potluck and White Elephant (Corlett Hall)



BISHOP'S VISIT ON DECEMBER 22

The Rt Rev. Samuel Rodman, Bishop of our diocese, will be visiting Nativity on Sunday, December 22. He will be Celebrating the Eucharist at the 10:30 service as well as formally receiving members into communion with the Episcopal Church. Join us for a special cake and coffee hour in Corlett Hall following the 10:30 service. We invite you to bring your crèche from home to display on tables in the parish hall — all types of Nativity sets are welcome! Awards will be given for Clergy Favorite, Kid's Favorite, and the Bishop's Favorite. You can set up your manger scene anytime after 8 am on December 22 up until the start of the 10:30 service. We look forward to celebrating together!

FILM SCREENING: PHILADELPHIA ELEVEN

Join us in Corlett Hall on January 5 for an inspiring evening of food, film, and discussion. We'll start with a potluck dinner at 5 pm, followed by a screening of *The Philadelphia Eleven* from 6 to 7:30 pm. This compelling documentary tells the story of 11 women who, in 1974, defied church rules to be ordained as Episcopal priests, reshaping the church and inspiring future generations. A panel discussion will follow, exploring the film's themes and the legacy of these trailblazing women. This free event is open to all.

ADULT PILGRIMAGE TO THE UK

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