

# THE STEEPLE

The Church of the Nativity

December 16, 2015



## Our Mission

*God's family at the historic Church of the Nativity is joyfully and energetically committed to sharing Christ's love and healing by proclaiming the Good News of the Gospel through worship and service to the world.*

## ADVENT PREPARES US FOR CHRISTMAS TIDINGS OF JOY AND PEACE

*The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined.*

*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. ...And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory...*

*"Look, the young woman shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us."*

*Then Mary said, "Here I am, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word."*

*The angel said, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord."*

*For a child has been born for us, a son given to us, authority rests upon his shoulders, and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace....*

*...and to all who received him, he gave power to become children of God...*

*So let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus....*

The joy and wonder of Christmas are just ahead. How can we allow the true light of the Incarnate One shine into our lives and world this year? As we make our final plans for the great Feast of the Nativity, the church day our parish family claims as our name, may the good news of God's love we discover at Christmas infuse your preparations with the meaning of what you do and how you celebrate.

The mystery of the Incarnation (God's choosing to be born in Jesus and subsequently in all of our lives) is that God shares our human life so that we may share God's divine life. This transformation takes preparation, it takes repentance and change, and it takes hope; hope for us and hope that God's life can be known in all people.

Thanks for the many ways you make Christ's life shine through our vibrant life and ministry we share at the Church of the Nativity, as we ensure the world knows God is with us. As we end the year and begin a new year in 2016, we need your continued generosity and gifts of time, talent and financial resources to promote the message of Christmas, the good news of the Nativity, our name.

The Church of the Nativity is where Christ's love is born, not only at Christmas, but throughout the year in our worship and ministries. We receive much from this holy place. If your pledge for 2015 is not caught up, please make every effort to do so. If you have not yet pledged for 2016, please pray about that and get your pledge in by Christmas....what a great way to respond to God's great gift of love and grace to us in Jesus.

We have a wonderful parish family in which we know and share God's love in Christ Jesus! Thank you for being a part of the Incarnate life of God in Christ here at the Church of the Nativity. Thank you for bearing Christ's presence through your faith and service and generosity. I send Advent blessings as you make your final preparations....a joyous, happy and merry Christmas to you and to all those you love and serve.

*Andy +*

CHURCH  
OF THE  
NATIVITY,  
EPISCOPAL

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## Advent & Christmastide Schedule on Page 3

(\* Nursery available)

### SUNDAY

7:45am Rite I  
Holy Eucharist  
(Bibb Chapel)

\*8:45am Rite II  
Holy Eucharist  
Children's Chapel

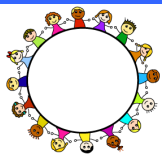
\*11:00am Rite II  
Holy Eucharist

### WEDNESDAY

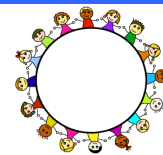
Noon  
Holy Eucharist & Healing  
(Bibb Chapel)

### THURSDAY

6:00pm Rite II  
Holy Eucharist  
(Bibb Chapel)



## Children's Corner Children's Sunday Formation Advent Events!



### Episcopal Relief and Development Hope Chests

This Sunday, the 20th, children please bring your change-filled coin collectors to Sunday school for our Advent ERD coin collection.

### Christmas Pageant Rehearsal

This Sunday, December 20th, 4:00pm in Ridley Hall for 4th, 5th and 6th grade participants only. There is no rehearsal for children 3 years old to 3rd grade.

### Christmas Pageant, 4:00pm Christmas Eve Service

All children ages 3 and up are invited to be in the pageant. Please come to Ridley Hall at 3:15pm for costumes and instructions. Children sit with their family until their time to perform. After the pageant, parents meet their children in Ridley Hall to take off costumes and return to church for the remainder of the service.

### Looking ahead...

Sunday, December 27th, 10.00am, Church service of Christmas Readings and Carols. There is no Sunday School or Children's Chapel this week.

Sunday, January 3rd, no Sunday school this week.

Sunday, January 10th, regular schedule resumes.

Contact: Mary Coe [mcoe@nativity-hsv.org](mailto:mcoe@nativity-hsv.org)



St. Nicholas leads the pajama clad procession into Children's Chapel  
(A big thanks to Rob Goeke)



EYC Church of the Nativity

**"Nativity's EYC wishes you a Happy  
Advent and a Merry Christmas."**



**Chrismons & Caroling -  
Friday, December 18th  
Meet in the Nave at 3:00pm**

Contact: William Blackerby [wblackerby@nativity-hsv.org](mailto:wblackerby@nativity-hsv.org)





## The Holy Season of Advent and Christmastide

**Saturday, December 19**  
Advent Lessons and Carols  
Nativity Choir  
(Church)

**4th Sunday of Advent**  
**Sunday, December 20**

7:45am Rite I  
Holy Eucharist  
(Bibb Chapel)

\*8:45am Rite II  
Holy Eucharist  
Children's Chapel

\*11:00am Rite II  
Holy Eucharist

**Christmas Eve**  
**Thursday, December 24**  
4:00pm  
\*Children's Christmas Pageant

7:30pm  
Festal Eucharist  
10:30pm  
Choral Holy Eucharist

**Christmas Day**  
**Friday, December 25**  
10:00am, (Bibb Chapel)

**1st Sunday after Christmas**  
**Sunday, December 27**

7:45am Rite I  
Holy Eucharist  
(Bibb Chapel)

Christmas Reading and Carols  
10:00am, (Church)  
No Church School  
No Nursery



## THE STORY at Nativity

Tap for Nativity's 'THE STORY' page

### From a Nativity Parishioner about 'The Story'...

Hi Andy,

I just wanted to send a quick email to let you know how much my husband and I are enjoying reading The Story and attending the Monday night Bible study group. Even though I am a cradle Episcopalian, I have never participated in a formal Bible study before. We are really enjoying being part of this group, and find that I learn so much new every week. We are finding that our conversation about what was discussed continues all week, and we really look forward to the next Monday's group. Thank you so much for bringing this church-wide program to us at Nativity.



December 20 Rehoboam / Jeroboam -  
Chapter 14

All 'The Story' classes will resume on  
January 10th & 11th with Chapter 15

## Nativity's Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols is Here!

**This Saturday, December 19, 5:00pm**

The Nativity Choir will present its annual Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols, an aural feast of readings and music in the Church of the Nativity's beautiful and historic nave. This is a very important worship service in this parish with record attendance in past years.

In scripture and music worshipers will experience a retelling of the story of God's omnipotent presence in the world and His loving purposes for all people. From the accounts of Adam and Eve's disobedience in the garden to John's unfolding of the great mystery of the Incarnation the listener hears nine readings followed by choir carols and anthems or congregational hymns. It is indeed a beautiful service for the close of this Advent season as one awaits the celebration of the Birth on Christmas Eve.

The organ voluntaries preceding the service begin at 4:40pm, played by Nicholas Bergin, assisting organist from Nashville, who will also accompany several of the choir carols. Dr. Stephen G. Schaeffer, Interim Organist-Choirmaster, will conduct and play the closing hymn and voluntary. The scripture comprising the nine lessons will be read by selected Nativity parishioners and community leaders. Choir soloists for several of the carols include Anne Chelekis, Stacy Moon, Jerry Nutt and Chris Walters. The Rev. Dr. Andy Anderson will officiate and be assisted by Rev. Rusty McCown and the Rev. Bonnie McCrickard.

You are cordially invited to attend this meaningful service this Saturday.



## A CALL TO PRAYER AND PEACE WITH OUR MUSLIM AND JEWISH BROTHERS AND SISTERS

You are invited to gather at noon at the Huntsville Islamic Center on Friday, December 18 to pray for peace.

In today's public arena we see and hear division and prejudice toward Muslims and others. In response, several religious communities will come together and take a stand against violence, terrorism, hatred and discrimination. We live in a period where hate speech is spewed out and the consequences of which can be devastating. It is time reach out our hands, reminding each other that we are simply servants of God and that we must join together in standing up against this type of speech.

Rabbi Elizabeth Bahar, one of the coordinators of this interfaith gathering writes, "...please come to defuse this hatred. As Jews we observe the 614th Commandment: 'Never Again,' we will not allow the exclusion of the 'Other' in our community. We look forward to partnership in further events with Huntsville Islamic Center, Temple B'nai Sholom as cooperatives of IMS (Interfaith Mission Service) and other faith communities."

<http://www.huntsvilleislamiccenter.org/>

## Outreach in Action



**Children attending the after-school program at the Oscar Mason Library are happy to receive gifts of gloves, scarves, hats, and socks. These gifts were provided by the Children of Nativity, Dr. Kathleen Felker, and Linda Goodwin.**

**Nativity's Outreach Ministry actively supports programs that reach out into the local community and beyond.**

The Right Reverend Robert Christopher Wright  
By the grace of God  
the Bishop of Atlanta

will ordain

Aelred Bernard Dean  
Christopher James Alan Miller  
Lori Cameron O'Riley  
Gretchen Suzanne Ratterree  
Timothy Joseph Sommer Seamans

To the Sacred Order of Deacons  
In Christ's One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church  
On the Nineteenth day of December,  
two-thousand and fifteen, at two o'clock in the afternoon

Cathedral of St. Philip  
2744 Peachtree Road, NW  
Atlanta, GA 30305

Your prayers and presence are requested.

Clergy: Red stoles

Reception follows in the Atrium



## TRINITY INSTITUTE 2016

### Nativity is once again a webcast partner

Mark your calendars, January 21-23. You're once again invited to attend Trinity Institute (TI2016), an annual conference that takes place in New York City, but you can attend here at Nativity! All the elements of the NYC conference come to you via webcast. This year's conference takes on the racial issues of our time, including structural racism, mass incarceration, and policy change. Included as one of this year's speakers is Presiding Bishop Michael Curry.

Conference information is available from the front page of Nativity's website ([nativity-hsv.org](http://nativity-hsv.org)) or tapping the above logo.

Contact: Marilyn Lands [marilynlands@gmail.com](mailto:marilynlands@gmail.com)



## QUICK BITS

### Important Tax Notice from Nativity's Finance Committee

To ensure the deductibility of your church contributions, please do not file your 2015 income tax return until you have received a written acknowledgment of your contributions from the church. You may lose a deduction for some contributions if you file your tax return before receiving a written acknowledgment of your contributions from the church.



### HAP for December

Items needed: Small canned hams, canned fruit, canned vegetables, Holiday Little Debbie Cakes.

Thanks for all your support!

HAP Sunday is December 6

### Nativity Women's Retreat 2016

St. Mary's Sewanee, TN

This year's theme:  
Prayer Boot Camp

**SAVE THE DATE**

One night only – Friday, Feb. 19th  
and Saturday morning Feb 20th !

Speaker –Suzanne Matthews

Price - \$130.00 per person

Contact Lane Tutt



Thanks and thanks again to everyone who made it possible for a foster child to have Christmas gifts! Those who attended the 8:45 service enjoyed a wonderful procession with beautifully wrapped gifts and bicycles. Your generosity will bring joy to many foster children this Christmas!

We are always amazed by the generosity shown each Christmas by those who worship at Nativity.

Gail and Ronnie Rogers

### Church Office Christmas and New Year Schedule

Closed -  
Thursday, December 24

Closed -  
Friday, December 25

Close at Noon -  
Thursday, December 31

Closed -  
Thursday, January 1

We will resume  
normal office hours on  
Monday, January 4

### The Greene Street Market Store



A GSM gift certificate is a great gift idea. It can be used in the store or next spring at the outdoor market.

Interim Organist/Choirmaster  
Stephen G. Schaeffer recorded a CD  
on the Cathedral Church of the  
Advent's 100-rank Möller organ. The  
CD is for sale in the  
Market Store for \$15.  
Familiar organ favorites will make a  
great Christmas gift.

The Greene Street Market and Store are  
part of Nativity's Outreach Ministry.



## NATIVITY WELCOMES CHRISTIAN CROCKER

### Organist and Choirmaster and Director of Music Ministries

We are thrilled to announce that Mr. Christian Crocker of Spartanburg, South Carolina has accepted Father Anderson's call to be our next Organist and Choirmaster and Director of Music Ministries at Nativity. He begins in early January!

Christian is an amazingly talented organist and choral director. He is a deeply spiritual man who is

choirs, and participated as an active member of the parish.

In 2011 he was selected as Organ Scholar for the RSCM CHARLOTTE Course led by Geraint Bowen.

Christian was also an active member of the Tallahassee Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, serving on the program committee and as Dean of the chapter from 2011-2013.

As an active professional singer, Christian has performed with the Oregon Bach Festival Chorus, Spire Chamber Ensemble, Yale Choral Artists, and Bach Collegium San Diego.

Christian will be in the office on January 4th and begin conducting the choirs Wednesday, January 6 and in services Sunday, January 10. He will begin rehearsing with the children's choirs the week of January 11. We look forward to gifts for music he will bring to Nativity.

passionate about our Anglican tradition of worship along with being incredibly energetic and creative.

Christian was awarded the Masters of Music from the prestigious Yale Institute of Sacred Music where he studied choral conducting, organ performance, voice, and organ improvisation. He was fortunate to study conducting with Marguerite Brooks, Jeffrey Douma, David Hill, Masaaki Suzuki and Simon Carrington.

During his time at Yale, Christian was the conductor of the Marquand Chapel Choir. Under his direction the student ensemble, comprised mainly of volunteers, sang a large variety of repertoire ranging from early English Tudor anthems to 20th century English repertoire to African American spirituals.

Upon completing his Master's, Christian received the Richard Paul DeLong Prize, which is an award given to the student or students whose work best exemplifies the dedication and the use of those special gifts required of practicing church musicians.

Prior to Yale, he received his Bachelor of Music degree in Organ Performance (cum laude) from The Florida State University in Tallahassee, FL in 2013, where he studied organ with Michael Corzine, and voice with Larry Gerber. While in Tallahassee, Christian served as Choral/Organ Scholar at St. John's Episcopal Church where he regularly played for services, conducted the

***"I am absolutely thrilled to become a part of the ministry at Church of the Nativity. It is my hope and ongoing goal that we can continue the excellent musical and liturgical traditions of this parish to minister to those within and outside our church walls. Thank you all so much for this amazing opportunity and already welcoming me with open arms and open hearts. May God continue to bless this wonderful parish."***

Christian was the unanimous decision of the Organist and Choirmaster Search Team in best meeting the needs of Nativity at this time in our life and ministry.

We are grateful for the commitment, time and wisdom offered by this exemplary and hard working team that included:

Mac Phillips as chair	Jerry Nutt
Stacy Moon	Patrick Robbins
John Lewis	Ginney McDonald
Martha Brouse.	

We are all indebted to them for the countless hours and organization they put in to review 30 candidates!

# Stewardship of Creation

## Holiday News and Tips

Thanks to all of you who joined us at the reception sponsored by the Stewardship of Creation Ministry after the 11:00am service on December 13th. It was gratifying to have such a large group come by to visit and to pick up the care of creation tips booklet and the "Dirty Dozen" list, and the important information on water policy in Alabama, from the Alabama Rivers Alliance (ARA). Additional copies of the booklet of tips and laminated "Dirty Dozen/Clean Fifteen" lists are available on the "tract rack" in Ridley Hall.

Special thanks to our guests John Ehinger, ARA board member, and Pam Payne, a member of the Diocesan Task Force for the Stewardship of Creation, for being with us.

The Nativity SoC Ministry Group will be working on some exciting "greening the congregation" projects with the objective of lowering utility costs by reducing energy consumption. One project will be an energy audit. As you look at ways to offer your time and talents and energy to God, please consider joining the SoC Ministry Group. We would love your help, suggestions, ideas, and energy as we work together to be good stewards of God's wonderful creation.

Please contact

Lee Hicklen at [anthonyhicklen@knology.net](mailto:anthonyhicklen@knology.net) or

Freya Neely at [WLN719@hiwaay.net](mailto:WLN719@hiwaay.net).

### Holiday Tips: Trim the Trimmings!

"The ribbons! The wrappings! The tags! The tinsel! The trimmings! And the trappings!"

The Grinch was right about one thing – we do create a lot of trash during the holidays. This year, why not reduce the amount of trash your family generates, and then recycle or reuse holiday items, such as gift boxes, ribbons, and holiday cards. Make a commitment this year; give a present to the environment – something in Green!

#### Gift Buying Tips:

- Make gifts. Home-cooked meals or baked goodies are often appreciated.
- Consider non-material gifts. Tickets to a sporting event, movie, play, or concert are a real treat. A night of free babysitting for family and friends.



- Make a charitable donation in someone's name. Try to find an organization that complements the gift receiver's interest, for example for a dog lover, give to the local animal shelter.
- Give practical gifts such as low-flow showerheads and faucets, LED light bulbs or reusable shopping bags.

Also, here are a few suggestions and contact information for making charitable donations. Many other organizations are doing valuable work and merit your support, so do research and find the ones that would most please those in whose honor you send the gifts.

**Episcopal Relief & Development** – Your tax-deductible gift supports ER-D's mission to fight poverty, hunger and disease worldwide. [episcopalrelief.org/gifts](http://episcopalrelief.org/gifts) or (855.312.4325).

**Food Bank of North Alabama** – Help provide food to hungry children and families in our community. Send donations to PO Box 18607, HSV 35804-8607.

**Crisis Services of North Alabama** – Help provide essential services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Send donations to PO Box 368, HSV 35804.

**Camp McDowell Scholarship Fund, or Bethany Village** – to support Camp McDowell's effort to be as accessible and inclusive as possible to campers and schools of every kind, regardless of income. Donations pay for camper meals, or a portion of their overnight fees, or their full stay at camp. [campmcdowell.dioala.org](http://campmcdowell.dioala.org) or mail donations to 105 DeLong Road, Nauvoo AL 35578.

With Best Wishes for a Blessed Advent and Merry Christmas

#### CREATION

#### *Let's Take Care of It*

*The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. Genesis 2:5*



## Nativity 101: A Class for ANYONE New to Nativity

Begins January 10, 2016 at 10:00am in the Parish Hall

Nativity 101 is a 5-week offering on Sunday mornings at 10:00am in the Parish Hall for anyone new to Nativity, including Episcopalians who have transferred in or in the process of transferring their letter. It is the foundation for our Seekers / Catechumenate Class process that continues February 14 for anyone seeking to be Confirmed or Received into our Episcopal Church Communion or for existing Episcopalians who desire to renew their Baptismal Covenants.

The Nativity 101 Class Schedule is as follows:

January 10	Who are we Nativity Episcopalians?
January 17	<i>The Book of Common Prayer</i> (BCP) Practical Implications
January 24	Sunday Worship, The Eucharist
January 31	Church Manners and Etiquette
February 7	How can YOU get involved?

For more information, please speak with Lane Tutt or Amy Baxter [abaxter@nativity-hsv.org](mailto:abaxter@nativity-hsv.org) (256.533.2455)

## Curious about Cursillo?

Informational Dinner - January 10, 2016

Cursillo is a wonderful spiritual community built on the principles of piety, study, and action. The Cursillo experience begins with a three-day weekend retreat at Camp McDowell and continues when you get back to the “real world” by regularly meeting in small groups.



Hundreds of Nativity parishioners and nearly 8,000 in our Diocese have attended a Cursillo weekend and most are still active in the movement today. If you are interested in finding out more about Cursillo in the Diocese of Alabama and in our parish, the Nativity Cursillo Community will host an informational dinner to answer all of your questions.

This event will be held at the home of Don and Kay Wheeler on Sunday, January 10, 2016 @ 5:30pm. Dinner will be provided and we will have a no-pressure discussion regarding Cursillo

If you would like to attend this event, please RSVP to David Collette at [drc3898@knology.net](mailto:drc3898@knology.net) or (256.527.2560)

## The Heart of St. Francis of Assisi with Renaissance Florence and classical Rome



The registration deadline is January 15, 2016

Join Nativity's pilgrimage to Italy: May 26-June 6, 2016

Father Andy Anderson and Academy International Travel lead this 12 day trip praying in the steps of St. Francis and St. Clare in Assisi other holy places significant to Francis.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Click or tap the image for Nativity's website page or contact Amy Baxter (256.533.2455) [abaxter@nativity-hsv.org](mailto:abaxter@nativity-hsv.org) for an information packet



## PRAYER REQUESTS

### We pray for those who are ill or recovering:

Linda Coffin, Kathy Jacob-House, Bob Hale, Marie West, Judith Cather, Warren Vann, Dell Crawford, Hap Welch, Elaine Sampson, Katherine White, Kingslea de Roode Merkel, Anna Chilton, Lorene Dilworth, Anna Post, Nancy Colin Swenson, Carla King, Leigh Wahl, Elsie Olsen

### We pray for those deployed/serving with the Military:

US Army, Guice Moore

US Navy - Middle East, Kenneth Vandervoort

US Navy, Jesse Teal

### We give thanks for birthdays of our children:

12/16	Liddy Malone	12/17	Maggie Sanders	12/18	Chandler Mason	12/18	Alton Hudson
12/18	Hunter Whitworth	12/20	George McCurry	12/20	Thomas Bradley	12/20	Jewell West
12/21	Evan Ward	12/21	Molly Ward	12/22	Margaret Bryant	12/25	Charlie Vowell
12/25	John Laney	12/27	Allie Starnes	12/28	Tess Lambert	12/29	Will Pinson
12/30	Nicholas Ocampo	1/1	Diana Sommer	1/2	Clover Farrell		

Parish Financial Report - Period Ending 11/30/2015				
	CURRENT MONTH	BUDGET for PERIOD	ACTUAL YTD	BUDGET YTD
Pledges Received	87,370.99	107,144.79	1,070,118.85	1,178,592.71
Plate	10,090.90	8,333.33	84,909.32	91,666.67
Other Revenues	2,979.23	10,141.68	174,626.14	111,558.32
TOTAL	100,441.12	125,619.80	1,329,654.31	1,381,817.70
Diocesan, School of Theology, & Outreach	20,192.36	25,089.58	235,599.94	275,985.42
Personnel	66,483.75	71,083.33	786,439.28	781,916.67
Other Expenses	21,672.28	29,447.52	303,191.52	323,922.48
TOTAL	108,348.39	125,620.43	1,325,230.74	1,381,824.57
NET \$	(7,907.27)	\$ (0.63)	\$ 4,423.57	\$ (6.87)

**Copies of financial records** and vestry minutes are available in the church office for members to review. Please contact Beverly Franklin or Amy Baxter to set up a time to review these documents.

**Vestry meetings** are open to the congregation. Vestry meetings are the **third Tuesday** of each month, beginning at 5:30pm

## 2015 CHRISTMAS FLOWER DEDICATION

Christmas dedications are \$20 each

Please complete this form with your check made payable to: *Nativity Flower Guild*

Mailing address: Andrea Vandervoort, 434 Locust Ave. Huntsville AL 35801

**Your Name** as it is to be listed in Christmas service leaflet  
(if you do not wish your name listed, please indicate)

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Name for this dedication:

\_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION**, If you have questions, you may call Andrea at 256.539.2673 **THANK YOU**

**Please check the box next to the dedication you desire.**

All dedications read

- ☐ To the glory of God and...
- ☐ In loving memory of...
- ☐ In thanksgiving for...
- ☐ in celebration of...

**2015 Christmas and 2016 Altar Flower Dedication Forms**  
are also available in the hallway by the Banister Room.

December 18 is the deadline for Christmas Flower Dedications

## **2016 ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATION FORM**

Please complete this form with your check (\$40 or \$20 for shared dedications) made payable to: *Nativity Flower Guild*

Mailing address: Andrea Vandervoort, 434 Locust Ave. Huntsville AL 35801

Date Desired \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Would you share a dedication? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you wish to have your name listed in the bulletin? \_\_\_\_\_

**Name for this altar flower dedication:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION**, If you have questions, you may call Andrea at 256.539.2673 **THANK YOU**

**Please check the box next to the dedication you desire.**

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# WORSHIP SCHEDULE January 2016, published 12/16/15

## SUNDAY, January 3, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Christmas Day

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM (Anderson – out)	Lector	Intercessor
7:45 am	McCrickard		Sue Johnson	Sue Johnson	Sue Johnson
8:45 am	McCown	McCrickard	Mike Ward, Lee Hicklen, Joan East, Don Lambert	Jim Douthit	Melissa Kirkindall
11:00 am	McCown	McCrickard	Peter Cobun, Rich Goodwin, Virginia Kobler	Joe East, Ron Hogan	William Blackerby

## WEDNESDAY, January 6, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
12 noon	McCown		Joan East

## THURSDAY, January 7, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
6:00 pm	Anderson		Don Lambert

## SUNDAY, January 10, 1st Sunday after the Epiphany: The Baptism of Our Lord

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM	Lector	Intercessor
7:45 am	Anderson		John Hendricks	John Hendricks	John Hendricks
8:45 am	McCown	Anderson	Lane Mickle, Allen Daniels, Shari Williams	Elaine Hamner	Joan East
11:00 am	McCrickard	Anderson	Rob Cozby, Hanns Billmeyer, Pat Sampson	Dianne Nettles, Jordan Cozby	Adalene Bledsoe

## WEDNESDAY, January 13, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
12 noon	Anderson		Marilyn Lands

## THURSDAY, January 14, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
6:00 pm	McCown		Sally Ann Culver

## SUNDAY, January 17, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM	Lector	Intercessor
7:45 am	McCown		Don Lambert	Don Lambert	Don Lambert
8:45 am	Anderson	McCown	Bob Serio, Charlie Warren, Robert Dunn	Lane Mickle	Jim Douthit
11:00 am	Anderson	McCown	Marilyn Lands, Ed Vaughn, Deborah Baker	Debbie Collette, David Collette	Virginia Kobler

## WEDNESDAY, January 20, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
12 noon	TBD		Lea Ann Barnett

## THURSDAY, January 21, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
6:00 pm	TBD		Don Lambert

## SUNDAY, January 24, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM (Anderson – out)	Lector	Intercessor
7:45 am	TBD		Lea Ann Barnett	Lea Ann Barnett	Lea Ann Barnett
8:45 am	McCrickard	TBD	Pat Sampson, Pat Quirk, Margaret Bibb	Buddy Moon	Clay Sherrill
11:00 am	McCown	TBD	Gary Rasponi, Sally Ann Culver, Walter Thames	Rhonwyn Watson, Mickey Ellis	Marilyn Lands

## WEDNESDAY, January 27, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
12 noon	McCown		Joan East

## THURSDAY, January 28, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
6:00 pm	Anderson		TBD

## SUNDAY, January 31, 4th Sunday after the Epiphany

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM	Lector	Intercessor
7:45 am	Anderson		Ken Barnett	Ken Barnett	Ken Barnett
8:45 am	McCown	Anderson	Shari Williams, Mike Ward, Ralph Shuey	Allen Daniels	Lane Mickle
11:00 am	McCrickard	Anderson	Rich Spera, William Blackerby, Lea Ellison	Ed Vaughn, Chris Jackson	Buddy Moon

## USHERS

8:45	Russ McDonald, Lewie Bates, Lynn Bates, Steve Creech, Sparks Ford, Bill Giardini, Robert Rodgers
11:00	Gail Rogers, Mike Brown, Sandy Brown, Margaret Devenish, Tom Devenish, Tip Hoover, Chris Hulser

## ALTAR GUILD

2	Emily Moody, Gail Brown, Debbie Joyner, Beth Pugh, Judy Heacock
9	Lea Ann Barnett, Caffey Litkenhous, Sue Johnson, Jewell Reynolds, Flo Stockton
16	Sara Little, Connie Stephenson, Rose Anne Shearer, Nancy Colin, Sophia Rowe
23	Anne Carter, Wanda Cobb, Mary Johnson, Linda Watts, Judy Vann
30	Debbie Joyner, Beth Pugh, Emily Moody, Gail Brown, Judy Heacock

## CLERGY ON CALL SCHEDULE

Dec. 28 – Jan. 3	Jan. 4 – 10	Jan. 11 – 17	Jan. 18 – 24	Jan. 25 – 31
Anderson/McCrickard/McCown	McCown	Anderson	McCrickard	McCown

## STEEPLE SCHEDULE

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**December 16, 2015**