

THE STEEPLE

The Church of the Nativity

January 20, 2016



CHURCH
OF THE
NATIVITY,
EPISCOPAL

Est. 1843

Worship Schedule (* 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)

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.

Nativity is a part of the World-wide Anglican Communion Family of Churches

The Anglican Communion isn't itself a church; it's a family of churches, spread across 165 countries, with around 80 million members by some accounts. Many of these churches trace their parentage to missionaries from Britain who, from the 17th Century onwards, left home to spread the Christian faith in regions which had not yet received it. Churches that are a part of the Anglican Communion share a common vision for ministry and relationships for mission and ministry that have grown out of a common expression of worship developed from the 1662 English Book of Common Prayer, but revised and adapted for local use and context.

There are 38 Provinces today, each represented by its senior bishop or archbishop, known as a Primate. From time to time the Archbishop of Canterbury invites the Primates to worship together and to discuss matters of importance. A Primates' Meetings was just held Jan. 1-16 at Canterbury Cathedral.

Perhaps you have heard some of the sensational press about this meeting before and afterwards. I hope you will read our own Bishop Kee Sloan's statement [Available Here](#) and the statement of our Primate, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry [Available Here](#) (and seen his video!). Some may have heard a false rumor that Bishop Curry was not invited to attend. This is not true as he was fully present.

Reports have stated that the Episcopal Church has been suspended from participating in the Anglican Communion for three years. This is not true although a majority of the Primates gathered at Canterbury last week asked that the Episcopal Church not participate in any of the Anglican Communion's "groups" that are involved with ecumenical relations and reconciliation, or participate in Anglican Communion bodies that establish doctrine and policy for the next 3 years.

A bit more of our history would be beneficial to consider. The Archbishop isn't a Pope. He doesn't control the Anglican Communion, or any of its member churches, for each is self-governing. He is recognized by other bishops and archbishops as the first among equals and is thus one of the four 'Instruments of Communion'. The other three "instruments" are (1) the Anglican Consultative Council, (AAC) represented by Bishops, Priests and Lay Persons, (2) the Lambeth Conference of all Bishops of the Anglican Communion invited to meet together every ten years or so by the Archbishop of Canterbury, and (3) the Primates occasional meetings.

The four instruments do not control the member churches. Affiliation is voluntary. As with other families, they are held together by 'bonds of affection'. These bonds can be strained: Christians may disagree with each other, sometimes passionately.

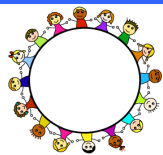
No Anglican church sees itself as uniquely possessing the truth. Rather, it is part of the 'One, Holy, Catholic (i.e. universal) and Apostolic Church', alongside many other churches. Historically, it shares some of the doctrines recovered at the Reformation, yet without severing its ancient catholic roots.

The bottom line is that although this has serious implications for our future unity, the Primates unanimously agreed to walk together during this time of disagreement among the various Provinces regarding full-inclusion of LGBT persons in the life and ministry of the church as well as issues around the ordination of women. The Anglican Consultative Council will meet in April and that body will decide how to react to the Primates statement. [Available Here](#) The Episcopal Church is represented on the AAC. Other Provinces of the Anglican Communion are either already blessing same-gender relationships or will be considering marriage equality as we have in the Episcopal Church.

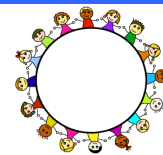
Granted, these decisions are disappointing for many, and there is heartache and pain, but it's important to remember that we are still part of the Anglican Communion. I agree with Bishop Sloan that I am grateful to be part of this Diocese, and especially the Church of the Nativity and for the unity that we continue to treasure, even as we continue to hold diverse opinions on controversial matters. The Spirit of God continues to be at work in The Anglican Communion, The Episcopal Church, The Diocese of Alabama and Nativity, and that our highest calling continues to be to offer ourselves to the love and service of God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Presiding Bishop Michael Curry reminds us *we are a part of the Jesus Movement and that movement goes on, and our work goes on....And so we must claim the high calling of love and faith, even for those with whom we disagree, and then continue...* May we continue to pray and work for the love, unity, and welcome for all God makes known in Christ Jesus.

Andy +



Children's Corner Children's Sunday Formation



Eucharist instruction class begins this Sunday

For first graders, older children who missed and their parents. Class begins Sunday, January 24th. Madeline Mullins and Father Rusty will teach about the Eucharist and church traditions. The class helps children understand their church and participate more fully in our church services.

The class meets in the Children's Chapel, downstairs Ridley Hall, during Sunday school from 10:00 to 10:50.

Class dates are

January 24

January 31

February 14

February 21

February 28th - special seating for the 8:45 service

No reservations are required.

Upcoming dates

Spaghetti supper followed by a beading activity for all ages

Wednesday, January 27, 5:30pm

Visit the2911story.webs.com to learn more. Bead kits are \$5.00 each. An alternate activity will be available for non-beading kids

Club 56 senior visits

Sunday, February 7 after Sunday School

Mardi Gras dinner and program.

Tuesday, February 9th, 5:30pm

Ash Wednesday, including children's service

Wednesday, February 10th, 6:00pm
for ages 5 and up.

Contact: Mary Coe mcoe@nativity-hsv.org



EYC Church of the Nativity

EYC Ski Trip & SOUPer Bowl Sale!

The full group of 43 kids and 9 chaperones (24 Nativity kids!) after two days of skiing. We are having a great time with the crews from St. Thomas, St. John's, St. Mary's and Trinity.



"Save the Date:

**February 7th is the annual youth
SOUPer Bowl Soup Sale!**

**Santa Fe Soup and White Bean Chicken Chili
are on the menu.**

Details to follow in the February 3rd Steeple!"

Contact: William Blackerby wblackerby@nativity-hsv.org

LISTEN FOR CHANGE

Sacred Conversations for Racial Justice

January 21-24, 2016

TI2016

TRINITY INSTITUTE 2016

Please join us!

Thursday evening, Friday, and Saturday

Nicholas Kristof



New York Times columnist and two-time Pulitzer Prize winner

Anna Deavere Smith



Actor, playwright, professor, and 1996 MacArthur Fellow

Emilie Townes



Dean of Vanderbilt Divinity School

REGISTRATION

AND CONTACT INFORMATION:

Online registration via Nativity's website nativity.dioala.org

Volunteers Needed - Signup online via SignupGenius

or contact Marilyn Lands
marilynlands@gmail.com
(256.464.0669)

This year, Trinity Institute (TI) will explore the most pressing issues of our time, including **structural racism**, **mass incarceration**, and **policy change**. Come with open ears; leave with a greater capacity to go back into your community and create change.

WHERE: The Church of the Nativity, Episcopal - 208 Eustis Street, Huntsville, Alabama 35801

WHEN: Thursday, January 21 from 5:00 - 9:00pm.; Friday, January 22 from 8:00am - 8:00pm and Saturday, January 23 from 8:00am - 5:00pm

COST: None - donations accepted

Visit TI2016.org for the full schedule and details

Family Spaghetti Night



and



Wednesday, January 27th ~ dinner @ 5:30

"the 29:11 Story" activity @ 6:00 pm.

Dinner: \$5 per person - \$20 family maximum
'the 29:11 Story' Kit: \$5 each

As always, dinner reservations are appreciated but not required. Nursery is available (age 4 and under) but reservations are required.

Reservations:

call the Church Office
(256.533.2455) or
abaxter@nativity-hsv.org



'The 29:11 Story' is a chronicle of God's plan for us. Each bead represents a person or event from Genesis to the Book of Revelation. Each 'Story' is unique, whether you love it as a beautiful piece of jewelry or a picture of God's plan.

The partners and founders for the 29:11 Story are Salley Walker and Loree Geiger. Proceeds of this project benefit **NEW BEGINNINGS ACADEMY** in Huntsville. Nativity's Reflections Bible study group volunteers and supports this school in various ways



2nd *ever* Men's Retreat

Fellowship, a work project, the out-of-doors,
Men doing Men stuff!

Saturday & Sunday

March 5-6, 2016

10:00 am - 10:00 am

at Camp McDowell



Cost Includes lodging and all meals

Single, \$115 per person

Double, \$75 per person

C'mon! What ya waitin' fer - Sign up!

Sponsored by the Nativity Men's Ministry.
Contact Rusty McCown for more information.

6th annual

Nativity Women's Retreat

Overnight at St. Mary's, Sewanee
Friday, Feb. 19 - Saturday Feb. 20

"Prayer Boot Camp"



Cost: \$130.00 per person • Registration Deadline: January 30, 2016
Contact: Lane Tutt, 256-533-2455 or 256-653-7200

Noted Vanderbilt New Testament Scholar Coming to Huntsville - April 15-17, 2016 -

Amy-Jill Levine, a self-described "Yankee Jewish feminist who teaches in a predominately Christian divinity school [Vanderbilt] in the buckle of the Bible Belt" will be in Huntsville the weekend of April 15-17, 2016, on invitation from our Church, First Presbyterian Church, and Temple B'nai Sholom. 'AJL' as she is referred to by those who have become familiar with her work and scholarship, is a world-known widely published New Testament Scholar. She is particularly interested in understanding Jesus from the Jewish perspective and how Christians and Jews read scripture.

In preparation for her several talks over that weekend, there are opportunities to become acquainted with what Dr. Levine has to say:

Watch the Steeple and Website for a 3 week introductory course beginning after Easter.

You may read Levine's *Short Stories by Jesus: The Enigmatic Parables of a Controversial Rabbi*. This book was studied by our Good Book Bible Study in 2015.

You may also check her out on YouTube.

An Evening with Sister Mary McGehee

CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY

26 JAN 2016 - 5:30pm

Psychological Growth in the Spiritual Journey

Sister Mary is a nun in residence at Sacred Heart Convent in Cullman. The evening begins with a twenty minute Centering Prayer sit, then dinner. After dinner, Sister Mary will present her topic.

A dinner is available (\$7). Click anywhere on this block to sign up for dinner or call the Church Office (256.533.2455) Contact Brenda Chynoweth brendacc@knology.net or (256.464.9457).



LENTEN NOONDAY SERVICES

TUESDAYS 12:05 – 12:35 pm

“LENT – a season of Spiritual Growth”

February 16 The Rev. Dr. Cary Speaker

Interim Pastor, First Presbyterian Church – Huntsville, AL

February 23 The Rev. Virginia Monroe

Interim Rector, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church – Birmingham, AL

March 1 Chaplain to be determined

Redstone Arsenal – Huntsville, AL

March 8 The Rev. Jonathan Chesney

Associate Priest, Holy Trinity Episcopal Church – Auburn, AL

March 15 The Rev. Danielle Thompson

Associate Priest, St. Mary's-on-the-Highlands Episcopal Church – Birmingham, AL

Lunch in Ridley Hall following the Service –
For Box Lunch Reservations (\$7), call the Church Office.
256-533-2455

For more information contact Virginia Caruso
256.533.6969

*Wednesday Evening Lenten Series

“PSALMS”

Dinner 5:30pm

Programs for all ages: 6:00pm

February 17 Rev. Dr. William Brosend

“An Introduction”

Professor of New Testament and Preaching School of Theology, Sewanee

February 24 Rev. Br. Aelred Bernard Dean, BSG & Sr. Madeleine Mary, OSM

“The Psalms in Monastic Tradition and Daily Prayer”

March 2 Christian Crocker

Organist & Choirmaster, Church of the Nativity

March 9 Dr. Mark Gignilliat

“Penitential Psalms”

Assistant Professor of Divinity, Old Testament, Beeson Divinity School, Samford University

March 16 Rabbi Elizabeth Bahar

Temple B'nai Sholom, Huntsville

Nursery is available.

Reservations are required for both nursery & dinner.

Contact: Church Office (256.533.2455)

Friends of Music Concerts, back to back!

Sunday, January 31st, 5:00pm, Kevin Class will be presenting part one of a two-part concert of Mozart works.

Friday, February 5th, 7:30pm, Ensemble Aubade will be performing chamber music works here at Nativity!

Admission is free for both concerts, donations are welcome.

Contact: Christian Crocker (256.533.2455 x224) ccrocker@nativity-hsv.org



SEWANEE SEINARIAN MATT FARR BEGINS FIELD EDUCATION AT NATIVITY

Welcome Sewanee seminarian Matt Farr who begins his Field Education internship with Nativity. Matt is sponsored for the priesthood by the Diocese of East Tennessee and is in his middler (second) year. His wife Elizabeth (also a seminarian), Rohen their son, and Winnie their dog are loving being back in Sewanee. Elizabeth and Matt met as undergrads there. One of Matt's claim to fame is placing a decisive third on Jeopardy! in

April, 2014. Matt writes: "I am honored to serve as Nativity's seminarian and look forward to the next two semesters as we worship, learn, and laugh together!" Matt will be in church most Sundays between now and early May and here some during the week as well. He preaches on February 7, Theological Education Sunday. Please give Matt and his family who will often be attending church on Sundays as well a big Nativity welcome!

Welcome Reception for Christian Crocker

Sunday, January 31st following
the 11:00am service
in Ridley Hall

Please join us in an informal
'meet and greet' as we welcome
our new Organist and
Choirmaster to Nativity.

Calling all twenty-somethings!

Please join us for fellowship
and dinner at Below the Radar
next Monday, February 1 at
5:30. Hope to see you there!

RSVP by Jan. 31 to Mother
Bonnie McCrickard
bmcrickard@nativity-hsv.org
(256.533.2455 x207)

Welcoming Prayer Introductory Workshop

will be presented by Sue Miller on
January 30, 2016 at Church of the
Nativity from 9:00am to 3:00pm.

Sue Miller has been active in
Centering Prayer for over 20 yrs
and has lead Introductory and
Intensive retreats at Sacred Heart
Convent in Cullman. She is
currently on the Leadership Team
for Contemplative Outreach
Birmingham and is the co-contact
lead with Linda Lou Hardison for
the Huntsville/Madison/Decatur
area.

To register(\$30.00) call Sue
(256.)881.7019) or
smmiller1009@gmail.com

QUICK BITS



HAP for February

Items needed: Fruit, cereal,
vegetables, canned meat, dried beans
(1 lb.), rice (1 lb.), and coffee.

Thanks for all your support!

HAP Sunday is February 7th

Sunday volunteers needed

Have you been looking for a
way to serve the church, but
don't have a lot of extra time,
then Ushering is for you!

We are in need of ushers for
both the 8:45 & 11:00 Sunday
service. Each usher is assigned
to a team; each team serves for
two months during the year.

Please contact the church office
if you are interested, and we
will get you plugged in!



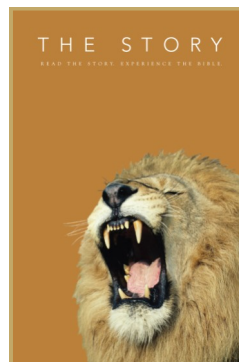
THE STORY at Nativity

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January 24 & 25 -

Chapter 17
Fall of Judah



January 31 & February 1

Chapter 18
Daniel

The Catechumenate: Episcopal Faith Seekers' Class

Begins February 14, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall

A class is for Adults seeking to be Confirmed and Baptized Episcopalians from most other traditions (or no tradition) or Received into the Episcopal Church from the Roman Catholic, Orthodox and Lutheran (ELCA) traditions. This class is also for Confirmed Episcopalians seeking to deepen and renew their faith and Baptismal Vows

This class is introduced with a five-week series, Nativity 101, that gives a broad sweep introduction to the Episcopal Church for anyone new to Nativity or old-timers who want a refresher. Nativity 101 leads into The Catechumenate, the Seekers' Class on February 14. The church's catechumenal process, an ancient pattern for initiating Christians into the full life of the community of the faithful, is at the heart of our Seekers' Class for people new to the Episcopal Church and for other Episcopalians who want to renew and deepen their faith. This process enables participants to reflect upon the traditions and practices of Christianity as the Episcopal Church has received them. Each Seeker or Catechumenate (the historical name for people seeking church membership) will be assigned a sponsor to walk the journey with them. Sponsors are already members of Nativity who will encourage you and be available for questions and discussions about the faith we share as Episcopalians. This class is for anyone who desires to be a confirmed communicant of Nativity and for those adults who are not baptized. This class is specifically for:

- People who have not been baptized
- People baptized as infants who want to make a mature public affirmation of their faith
- People seeking out this church community for marriage or for baptism of a child
- People baptized in other traditions but who have not shared in the Episcopal Church's understanding of Confirmation by a Bishop in the historic, apostolic tradition
- Newcomers to the Episcopal Church from other traditions
- Former Roman Catholic or Orthodox Christians who will be received into this Communion
- Evangelical Lutheran Church in America members who have not been confirmed
- Returnees (for a variety of reasons)
- Active members seeking to deepen and renew their commitment
- Nominal members seeking basic formation
- Lapsed members willing to reconsider Christian Commitment
- Christians seeking deeper faith understanding in a time of crisis

The class meets on Sunday mornings beginning January 10, 2016 with the five-week Nativity 101 class and goes through Sunday, May 8. On May 15th, the Bishop of Alabama will be present with us to celebrate these commitments made in Confirmation, Reception, and Renewal of Baptismal Vows. Adults seeking Baptism will be baptized at the Great Vigil of Easter on Easter Eve at 7:30pm on March 26, 2016.

The class convenes in the Parish Hall at 10:00am with a presentation by one of the clergy or by a lay leader in the congregation. On February 21, the class hears a presentation by a member of the clergy and then breaks into small groups for table discussion. For these classes the class concludes around 11:30am.

Child care is available on these Sundays past the Children's Church School time until 11:30, but you must register for child care. Participants are asked to attend the 8:45am worship service beginning February 21.

Please register with Amy Baxter at 256-533-2455 or abaxter@nativity-hsv.org.

STEWARDSHIP OF CREATION

Helping our Feathered Friends

As wintry weather sets in this week, think about how you can help our feathered friends get through this frigid time of year. We can all do our part to help the birds stay warm and survive the drastic dips in temperatures. Here are ways to help them out:

Provide quality food:

Select seeds, suet, nuts and other items high in fat and calories to give birds fuel to generate body heat.

Keep feeders full:

After a cold night, birds need ready access to meals to replenish energy reserves.

Practice sustainable gardening:

From birding expert and generous “sharer of information” Herb Lewis, come these suggestions for expanding the enjoyment of backyard birding*. “My approach to sustainable gardening has focused on constructing terraces, rock drains, applying leaf mulch to reduce soil erosion, improving soil texture, and conserving water. I have reduced my grass lawn area by fifty percent and incorporated more area for leaf mulch and plants. Leaf mulch has the added benefit of providing an abundant source of natural food for birds throughout all seasons. Since insects provide high protein food source for young and adult birds, I do not use chemical pesticides in my garden.”

Offer shelter and security:

“Creating security for birds in my garden has focused on developing cover using plants to establish density, pathways, and corridors allowing birds to move safely throughout the yard. Plantings include low-growing shrubs, flowers, small trees and vines that create mass from the ground up into the taller trees. This approach provides protection from predators and aggressive birds within the yard, at feeders and water features. The benefits from applying these techniques have included more birds visiting the garden and coming to nurture their young. Over the past five years, an average of 40 families per year has nurtured their fledglings in my garden.”

Plant evergreen shrubs and trees, build a brush pile or add a roost box to your yard.



Provide natural food sources:

Birds feed on seeds and insects available on dried flowers and stems..

From Herb Lewis. "Natural food sources for birds include trees, shrubs, vines, flowers, and leaf mulch. I am transforming my backyard landscape to include more of these food sources, both

in quantity and variety, while taking advantage of existing plants in my garden and my neighbors' yards bordering my backyard. Understanding the flowering and fruiting cycle of natural foods has greatly enhanced my bird viewing by focusing on each food source when its food producing period is occurring. Natural foods are a major element to consider when gardening for the birds."

Note: More than 100 North American bird species supplement their natural diets with birdseed, suet, fruit, and nectar obtained from feeders. Feeding birds can benefit them and provides great bird watching opportunities in your backyard.

Provide liquid water:

Water is as important in the cold months as it is in summer. Add heaters to birdbaths that remain outdoors or opt for baths that have heating units in their design.

The key to attracting birds that stay in our area for the winter is to meet their needs for food, water and shelter. The more ways a single property fulfills those requirements, the greater the diversity of winter guests that will take advantage of it.

See Herb's website, www.creativebirding.com for more information and great ideas.

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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's 2016 Vestry

Wardens' Council



Senior Warden
Bill Starnes
Finance, Stewardship,
Memorials



Junior Warden
Allen Daniels
Building and Grounds,
Finance, A&I, Human
Resources



Finance Chair
Robert Dunn
Finance (Directs
Budgeting Process)



Treasurer
Brandon Smith
Finance, Human
Resources



Clerk of the Vestry
Stewardship Response
Margaret Devenish
Also Finance,
Stewardship Team,
Time and Talent;
ThanksForGiving



Adult Christian
Formation
Brenda Chynoweth
Also Finance, Adult
Education Committee,
Spiritual Development,
Centering Prayer, DOK,



Trust and Endowments,
Long Range Planning
Beverly Farrington
Nativity Trust, Historic
Preservation Foundation,
Long Range Planning

Vestry Liaisons



Youth Christian
Formation
Chad Hinton
Youth Council, Youth
Confirmation Process,
RenewalWorks



Children's Christian
Formation
Kelly Hudson
Kids' Council, Liaison
with Children's Choirs,
RenewalWorks



Ministries of Worship and
Music
Dorrie Nutt
Worship Committee,
Friends of Nativity Music
Board



Building and Grounds
Bob Thompson
Building and Grounds,
Memorials



Communications and
Technology
Donald Christian
Communications
Committee; works with
office staff on technology
needs



Parish Entities and
Stewardship of Creation
Lee Hicklen
Greene Street Market at
Nativity and GSM Store,
Stewardship of Creation



Outreach
Margaret Day Baker
Outreach Committee,
Adult Learning Center
Board



Pastoral Care
Linda Watts
Pastoral Care Team
(works with Stewardship
on Inreach Fair)



Parish Life Functions
Dottie Crawford
Lenten Suppers,
Receptions,
Nativity Bazaar Liaison



Parish Life Community
Groups
Kim Huskey
Parish Weekend, Top of
the Hill Gang, Young
Adults Ministry



Hospitality and
Welcoming
Fisher Hutchens
Blue Apron Hospitality
Ministry, Visitors' Cards
and Processing

PRAYER REQUESTS

We pray for those who are ill or recovering:

Rebecca Wortham, John Frost, Carolyn Courtenay, Bill Rogers, Bob Ward, Kathy Jacob-House, Judith Cather, Warren Vann, Dell Crawford, Bob Hale, Katherine White, Kingslea de Roode Merkel, Anna Chilton, Lorene Dilworth, Anna Post, Nancy Colin Swenson, Carla King, Leigh Wahl, Elsie Olsen

We pray for the departed:

Talma Temple DeLong, wife of the late Rev. Glen DeLong

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:

1/20	Aiden Copeland	1/22	James Gullion	1/29	Evelyn Roche	1/29	Palmer Ford
1/30	Drake Allen	1/31	Mary Cowan	1/31	Emery Windham	2/1	Caroline Avolese
2/2	Paul-Michael Williamson			2/2	Edward Rosler		

Upcoming Events at a Glance

Feb 9th Shrove Tuesday, Mardi Gras Dinner 5:30pm

Feb 10th **Ash Wednesday**
Healing Eucharist and Ash Wednesday Liturgy
7:00am, Noon, and 6:00pm

Save the Dates!

Apr 15-17 Amy Jill Levine in Huntsville (see page 4 for events)

Apr 22-24 Parish Family Weekend at Camp McDowell

Available dedication dates Through June 2016

March	6, 20
April	3, 10, 24
May	1, 8, 15
June	12, 19, 26

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? _____

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...

Name for this altar flower dedication:

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

WORSHIP SCHEDULE February 2016, published 1/20/16

WEDNESDAY, February 3, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
12 noon	Anderson	Mary Hendricks	

THURSDAY, February 4, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
6:00 pm	Anderson	Farr	TBD

SUNDAY, February 7, Last Sunday after the Epiphany

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM (McCown & McCrickard – out)	Lector	Intercessor
7:45 am	Anderson	Farr	Sue Johnson	Sue Johnson	Sue Johnson
8:45 am	Holland-Shuey	Farr	Lewie Bates, Lee Hicklen, Lane Mickle	Bankston Creech	Joan East
11:00 am	Anderson	Farr	Virginia Kobler, Hanns Billmeyer, Deborah Baker	Pamela Briggs, Ted Briggs	Jim Douthit

ASH WEDNESDAY, February 10, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM	Lector
7:00 am	McCrickard		John Hendricks	
12 noon	McCown	McCrickard	Basye Holland-Shuey, Hanns Billmeyer, Gary Rasponi	Lynn Lewis
6:00 pm	Anderson	McCrickard	Van Foreman, Peter Cobun, Lea Ellison	Amy Creech, Lee Hicklen

THURSDAY, February 11, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
6:00 pm	Anderson	Don Lambert	

SUNDAY, February 14; 1st Sunday in Lent

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM	Lector	Intercessor
7:45 am	Anderson		Lea Ann Barnett	Lea Ann Barnett	Lea Ann Barnett
8:45 am	McCown	Anderson	Matt Farr, Joan East, Bob Serio	Stacy Moon	Melissa Kirkindall
11:00 am	McCrickard	Anderson	Matt Farr, Jordan Cozby, Rich Goodwin	Sally Ann Culver, Walter Thames	Ronnie Rogers

WEDNESDAY, February 17, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
12 noon	McCown	Marilyn Lands	

THURSDAY, February 18, HE

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

SUNDAY, February 21; 2nd Sunday in Lent

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM	Lector	Intercessor
7:45 am	McCrickard		Don Lambert	Don Lambert	Don Lambert
8:45 am	Anderson	McCrickard	Matt Farr, Allen Daniels, Charlie Warren	Jennifer Dill	Lee Hicklen
11:00 am	McCown	McCrickard	Matt Farr, Rob Cozby, Marilyn Lands	Mike Innes, Robbie Shafer	Deborah Baker

WEDNESDAY, February 24, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
12 noon	McCrickard	Lea Ann Barnett	

THURSDAY, February 25, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
6:00 pm	Anderson	Don Lambert	

SUNDAY, February 28; 3rd Sunday in Lent

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM (McCown out at 11)	Lector	Intercessor
7:45 am	Anderson		Ken Barnett	Ken Barnett	Ken Barnett
8:45 am	McCown	Anderson	Matt Farr, Robert Dunn, William Blackerby	Meredith Walker	Clay Sherrill
11:00 am	McCrickard	Anderson	Matt Farr, Basye Holland-Shuey, Ed Vaughn, Gary Rasponi	Elaine Hamner, Jim Douthit	Jordan Cozby

USHERS

8:45	Robert Mullins, Chad Ayres, Michael McClung, Ray Moring, Brandon Smith, Greg Whitehead, Read Windham
11:00	Steve Brouse, Barbara Buice, Sherman Dailey, Marina Prucha, Stephen Prucha, Teague Smith

ALTAR GUILD

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

CLERGY ON CALL SCHEDULE

February 1 – 7	February 8 – 14	February 15 - 21	February 22 – 28	February 29 – March 6
Anderson	McCrickard	McCown	Anderson	McCrickard

STEEPLE SCHEDULE

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Wednesday of each month.

To submit events or articles, bring
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The deadline for the next issue is
Monday Noon, February 1st

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A member of the clergy is *always* on
call. If you need assistance from a
priest outside office hours, the priest
on call will respond to your message.

The number to call *In Case of an
Emergency Only* is 256.533.7007

All other calls should be directed to
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have made a financial commitment to the church for 2016.

If you have not yet pledged yet, there is still time!

Your pledge makes all the difference in how our
mission is carried out

Nativity's Stewardship Ministry



Pledge Commitment for Year 2016

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

In realization that everything in our lives is a gift from God and in thanksgiving for all that He has so graciously
provided, I/we prayerfully make this pledge for the mission and ministry of the Church of the Nativity in 2016:

Total annual pledge \$ _____ I would like pledge envelopes () YES () NO

My/our pledge will be paid: () weekly () monthly () quarterly () semi-annually () annually

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I have included () the Nativity Trust and/or () the Nativity Historic Preservation Foundation in my will

The earth is the Lord's and all that is therein... Psalm 24:1 ✠ For God so loved the world that He gave His only son... John 3:16

January 20, 2016