

THE STEEPLE

The Church of the Nativity

March 2, 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.

Responding to the Prodigal Father's Love

This Sunday, we hear one of the most beloved readings from Holy Scripture. From Luke's Gospel, Jesus relays the parable of the loving father and his two sons, both of whom have lost any sense of their father's active, stretching, healing, forgiving, life-giving love and mercy.

This parable we typically refer to as the "Prodigal Son," is more the story of the Prodigal Father. For it is the father who is exceedingly extravagant, lavish, generous, profuse and yes, perhaps it seems, even wasteful, with the love offered to two undeserving children. The parable leaves us hanging as to what either son will do with the father's magnanimous gift. It begs the question: *How will I respond to God's incredibly wide and generous love and mercy?*

You and I receive a dose of God's lavish grace here at the Church of the Nativity. All are invited to come within these prayer-soaked walls and know the extravagant love of God in this place, kneeling where prayer has been valid. In our time of need, Nativity's prayers include us and those we love. Glorious music is offered to all as we worship in the beauty of holiness. At the altar we meet our prodigal God head-on in the life-giving food of the Eucharist, reminding us of Christ's great sacrifice for us and indeed, for the entire world.

In those times of our greatest need, the clergy and lay pastoral leaders of Nativity reach out, visiting us in the hospital and in our homes, praying with us, counseling us, and supporting us. When those we love move into God's nearer presence, the doors of this church are flung wide, embracing our families as we commit those dear to us to God's eternal care.

Nativity's life-giving opportunities for all ages include Church School classes, Bible Studies, EFM, Reunion Groups, Choirs, fellowship gatherings, and many other opportunities that build a strong community of love and support. Through our many outreach ministries, we discover a larger purpose as we work together to proclaim to the world that what we receive here.

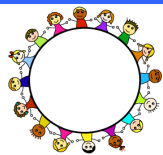
And all of this is available and free to all for the taking. The prophet Isaiah invites everyone who thirsts to come to the waters...Jesus said, *Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink.* He promises to us that the water he gives will become a spring of the waters of life. All who are thirsty and hungry, weary and burdened are invited to come to him. Jesus refreshes us with life.

So how will you respond to God's incredibly wide and generous love and mercy we know and share at Nativity? We have drunk freely from the waters of life here, but we know practically and faithfully that the things we offer cost money. One of the ways many who call Nativity home respond to God's love is by making a pledge to God's mission through the Church of the Nativity in 2016. Through these pledges, access to God's life and love are freely and graciously available to all.

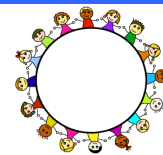
When you need pastoral care we simply go out to meet and embrace you in your need. Pledge records aren't checked at the door for anything else offered at Nativity. **We need 40 to 50 more households to respond to God's prodigal love and grace by pledging.** If you haven't done so already, please send in your pledge card today (or pledge [on-line](#) or call the church office).

Join in the joyful celebration we know by responding to the Father's extravagant love! Bishop Sloan tells us: *"Your giving makes ministry happen."* Our hope is that more and more Nativity parishioners will take the Bishop's words to heart and enable the church's wide, embracing mission and ministry by making a pledge for 2016.

Ambly +



Children's Corner Children's Sunday Formation



Wednesdays in Lent Continue, March 2, 9, 16

Psalms for Kids: Everyday People Talking to God.

Supper, 5.30pm in Ridley Hall

(\$7 for adults, \$5 for children under age 12)

Program, 6:00pm in Angel Lane, downstairs Ridley, for ages 5 years through 6th grade.

Reservations for dinner and nursery, email

gcadomski@nativity-hsv.org or call 245.533.2455

Parish Weekend, April 22-24.

This Train is Bound for Glory!

Sign up online <http://tinyurl.com/parishweekend2016>

Vacation Bible School, July 12-14

CAMP NATIVITY

Ready to volunteer? Email mcoe@nativity-hsv.org

Upcoming Dates

March 20, Palm Sunday, Horse-led procession at the 8.45am service. No Sunday School.

March 25, Maundy Thursday, 6:00pm Children's Agape Meal.

March 27, Easter Sunday

*8:30am, children gather in Ridley Hall with flower decorated mite boxes (mite boxes available in Sunday school rooms) and process in to fill cross in church.

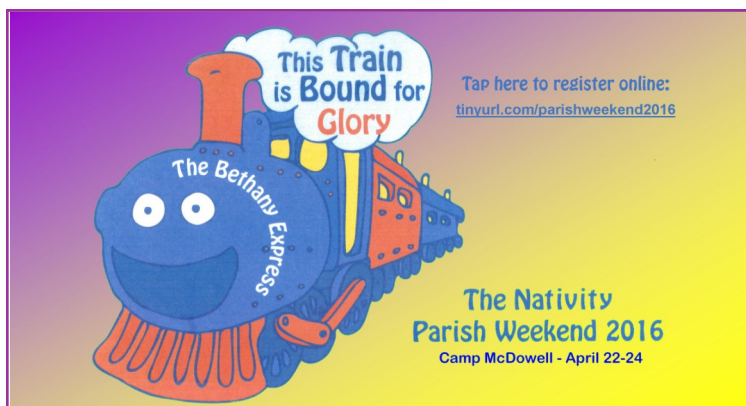
*Following the 8:45am service, Easter Egg hunt in courtyard. Bring your basket! No Sunday school.

Camp McDowell Summer Camp Registration

Registration is open for summer camp at Camp McDowell and Bethany Village for rising 1st through 12th graders.

Information online at: <http://campmcdowell.dioala.org/Summer%20Camps/calendar.html>

Contact: Mary Coe mcoe@nativity-hsv.org



Top 10 reasons to Sign Up for Parish Weekend 2016

10. Ditch the city for Wonderful, Wonderful Camp McDowell
9. Baptize Nativity Lodge with Nativity Folks
8. Have a valid excuse to skip spring sporting events!
7. Hike, canoe, play, and laugh!
6. Play with your children, be they 5 or 50
5. Santosh Marray
4. Dance to Microwave Dave and the Nukes with wild abandon!
3. Relax, count stars, chill.
2. Kickball with the "Collars"!
1. Hang out with your Nativity family!

Nativity

Twentysomethings/Young Adults

will gather at 5:30pm on Tuesday, March 8 at The Original Public House on S. Parkway.

Email Mother Bonnie if you plan to attend:

bmccrickard@nativity-hsv.org

Wednesday, March 30 - 5:30pm

Family Spaghetti Night

at Nativity



**This month's program:
Amy-Jill Levine Bible Study Primer**

Ushers wanted

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!

QUICK BITS

Second Sunday Community Service

Sunday, March 13, 6:00pm
(Library) Inter-generational event to pack weekend meal bags for the children at Blossomwood elementary school.

One in three children attending Blossomwood is in need of weekend food at home. Nativity has partnered with Blossomwood to provide these 280 children a take-home meal pack each week. Any age and help appreciated.

Be the Change Alabama Needs Volunteers

Nativity's "Be the Change Alabama" Project needs additional volunteers for afterschool tutors and assistance with the new Women's Center; both at the Huntsville Inner City Learning Center. Volunteer tutors are needed in reading and math for grades K-8 Monday through Thursday from 4:45-6:00 pm and Women's Center. Volunteers are needed for a variety of activities, including holding babies, on Tuesdays and Fridays from 9:00am until Noon. You may sign up to serve whatever your schedule permits. Our efforts are making a real difference in this community. For more information, please contact Marilyn Lands at 256.464.0669 marilynlands@gmail.com.



It's on to the Elate 8...

<http://www.lentmadness.org/about/>

An offering from



**Forward
Movement**
inspire disciples. empower evangelists.

Monthly Men's Breakfast

Tuesday, March 8, *Suggested donation \$5*

6:30 am Simple Eucharist, Bibb Chapel

7:00 am Breakfast with guest speaker



Invitation to Taize Services

First Presbyterian Church is holding a 30 minute Taize Worship Service on the following Sundays of Lent: March 6, and March 13 at 5:00pm. This contemplative service takes place in the Gideon Blackburn House across the street from the church. We would like to invite any interested members of your congregations to join us.

Thank you and blessings,

Rev. Rosemary McMahan
Interim Associate Pastor
First Presbyterian Church

HABITAT HOUSE 2016

We are underway! We will be building in the same area as the last couple years, 2409 Garden Park.

This year's schedule is a little different: We will work from 8:00am - 1:00pm without a lunch break.

Praise the Lord, we had a great start. Our wall sections are built and ready to transport to the building site.

Additional details on this year's Habitat House are available by contacting Bill Giardini (256.698.5307)



Click the image for the building schedule

LENTEN NOONDAY SERVICES

TUESDAYS 12:05 – 12:35 pm

“LENT – a season of Spiritual Growth”

Each Noonday message this year will be available on our website's Sermons page

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)
Contact: Virginia Caruso (256.533.6969)

***Wednesday Evening Lenten Series “PSALMS”**

Dinner 5:30pm Programs for all ages: 6:00pm

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)

BRING OUT YOUR SIGN!!

If you have a Yard Sign advertising the Noonday
Services, Please Put It Out! These are great publicity

items to remind
our parishioners
and to invite
other people
from the area.

New signs are
available by
contacting the
Church office.

HOLY WEEK & THE TRIDUUM

Palm Sunday ~ March 20

7:45am - Holy Eucharist, Bibb Chapel

*8:45am - Parade of Palms and Holy Eucharist

*11:00am - Parade of Palms and Holy Eucharist

Monday in Holy Week ~ March 21

Noon - Holy Eucharist, Bibb Chapel

Tuesday in Holy Week ~ March 22

Noon - Holy Eucharist, Bibb Chapel

Wednesday in Holy Week ~ March 23

Noon - Holy Eucharist, Bibb Chapel

6:00pm - Stations of the Cross, Church Nave

Maundy Thursday ~ March 24

**6:00pm Mandatum (Foot Washing), Holy
Eucharist, and Stripping of the Altar

6:00pm Children's Agape Meal with activity, Ridley Hall

7:30pm-11:00pm - Prayer Vigil, Bibb Chapel

(The Prayer Vigil begins at the conclusion of the Maundy
Thursday service)

Good Friday ~ March 25

6:00am-Noon - Prayer Vigil, Bibb Chapel

11:30am - Prelude

**Noon - Good Friday Liturgy

The Church office closes at noon for Paschal Triduum

Holy Saturday ~ March 26

7:30pm - Great Vigil of Easter; Holy Eucharist, Baptism

Easter Day ~ March 27

7:45am - Holy Eucharist, Bibb Chapel

*8:45am - Festal Holy Eucharist

Children's flowering of Mite Box Cross

*10:20am - Children's Easter Egg Hunt

Please gather in Ridley Hall for instructions

*11:00am - Festal Holy Eucharist

The Church office will be closed on Easter Monday,
March 28

* Nursery available

** Nursery by reservation, call (256.533.2455)



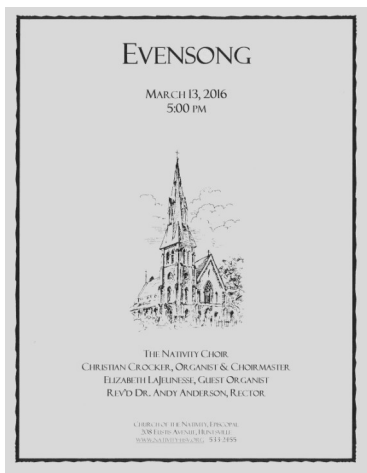


Our sincere thanks to the 385 Nativity families who pledged to support our mission and ministry this year.

If you haven't done so already,
please make your pledge today.

You may click or tap the logo to go to Nativity's online pledge page

Nativity's Stewardship Ministry



Nativity Music Presents

A service of Choral Evensong

March 13th at 5:00pm. The choir will be joined by guest organist, Elizabeth LaJeunesse from St. John's Episcopal Church in Tallahassee, FL for this service, and will be presenting music of Gibbons, Byrd, Brahms, and Bach.

Friends of Music Concert

On March 11th at 7:30pm, classical guitarist, Isaac Bustos will be presenting a recital in the sanctuary. This concert is free and open to the public.

For more information contact Christian Crocker at 256.533.2455 x 224 or ccrocker@nativity-hsv.org.



St. Stephen's Episcopal Church
(3775 Crosshaven Road, Birmingham, Alabama 35223)
8:15 registration
9 – 3:30 workshop
Cost: 25.00 person-includes lunch and childcare.

Saturday March 12

How are faithful Christian disciples formed today?

What sustains them through a lifetime?

How can congregations make a real difference?



A Message from Bishop Sloan

You may have read in al.com a couple of weeks ago of an accusation of sexual misconduct made against a member of the Diocesan Staff in the 1980's who is now deceased. The Diocese of Alabama takes all such allegations seriously and engaged a company to conduct a full and independent investigation. Under the direction of the Diocese's law firm, a retired FBI agent has conducted and now concluded a comprehensive investigation, including documents where available and interviews with numerous people, including the source of the allegations and potential witnesses suggested.

I want to inform you that the investigation found that none of the allegations were substantiated or supported by any credible evidence. In the course of the investigation, one of the allegations was recanted, and other evidence and information has lead the investigator to report to us his conclusion that the alleged misconduct did not happen. While the investigation is complete, I invite you to pray for everyone concerned, especially for the families of the accused, and for victims of abuse.

STEWARDSHIP OF CREATION

Here is food for thought if you are still looking for a Lenten discipline or, after reading the article, you begin to think of “possessions” in a new way.

Assya Barrette is an engineer and sustainability blogger who writes about how to live more environmentally sustainable lives. After her father died, she and her sisters had to clean out his apartment, and the experience changed her life. She then embarked on a project:

‘I Went 200 Days Without Buying Anything New and Learned How Toxic Our Need for Possessions Is.’

“... It took weeks to clear out the lifetime of possessions in my single father’s small apartment. Weeks to sell, donate, recycle, or throw out the boxes and boxes of kitchenware, clothing, furniture, office materials, and so much more. I threw away for a normal lifetime’s worth of accumulation.

Time, money, and effort had been heavily invested in getting all of this stuff — only to be disposed of with great difficulty. People are destroying the planet for future generations, all so that we could enjoy a short lifetime full of material possessions that in many cases were hardly used, rarely necessary, and easily forgotten.

I decided that I didn’t want this to be my ‘normal.’ And so I embarked on an experiment lasting 200 days where I would buy nothing new. Excluding groceries, medicine, and basic toiletries, I would borrow and [buy secondhand](#), or simply go without.

Like many of us making a steady income, I’d never been very disciplined when it came to my purchases. If I could afford it — and even when I couldn’t — I often just thought, ‘Why not?’

So could I survive 200 days away from the mall? In fact, I could. And here is some of what I learned along the way:

Consumerism teaches us that it is good to accumulate for its own sake. That the world can endlessly supply us with all of the stuff we want. ...Here is the reality:

- **We are not alone in the world** - What we buy and how much we buy impacts the world in so many ways. From sweatshops in Bangladesh producing clothing and goods, to forests destroyed to extract metals for our phones, to the destructive effect of plastic on our natural environment, the effects are devastating.
- **We are not immortal** - When you die, you don't take what [the stuff] you bought to the grave. It stays behind for future generations to deal with.
- **The earth is coming up to its limits of what she can provide** - We need to think of more collaborative and sustainable ways of getting what we need and want.

We need to fight consumerism. It inflicts deep spiritual wounds on our society. When everyone is buying so much all the time, there is no need to share and borrow. No need to fix things, or make quality items. No need to value old items.

My dad was an average consumer. Even still, there was just so much waste produced during his short lifetime that it struck me we are built to consume in industrialized societies was a form of extremism.

...I don't need that stuff. The truth is, some things you cannot find pre-owned. Lots of items, even common ones, are either impossible or impractical to find second-hand.

When I was not buying new — even against my strongest impulses — I was surprised how nothing changed. Not my health, happiness, or inner harmony. I realized most things are just ‘nice-to-haves’; real needs are more limited.

I felt that I had been made to bear witness to what consumerism means to people and the environment. I'd never truly understood its emotional, spiritual, and environmental costs until that experience.”

For more information and to learn about Assya’s free course, ***200 days (or time of your choosing, 30 days, 10 days, etc.) without buying anything new, Save money, save the planet and learn about an alternative way of living*** go to [GreenHighFive.com](#).



HAP for March

Items needed: Spaghetti sauce, noodles, fruit (canned), mixed vegetables, tuna, small canned hams.

Thanks for all your support!
HAP Sunday is March 6

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



Amy-Jill Levine – April 15, 16, & 17

Amy-Jill Levine from Vanderbilt University will be the guest of Church of Nativity, Temple B'nai Sholom, First Presbyterian Church, and Trinity United Methodist Church. Dr. Levine is the author of such books as *Jesus*, *The Misunderstood Jew*, and *Short Stories by Jesus -- Enigmatic Parables of a Controversial Rabbi*. She is a lecturer for The Teaching Company, and has lectured for that concern on The Old Testament, and Great Figures of the New Testament.

Talks are open to the public without charge or reservation

To reserve a Friday dinner or Saturday lunch, please call (256.536.3354 x129). This is a shared phone number for all of the participating organizations.

Friday, April 15

5:30pm Dinner at The Cooper House of Central Presbyterian Church (\$20 per person charge, reservations required), followed by a Shabbat service at Temple B'nai Sholom during which Dr. Levine will address the general theme of how Jews and Christians use and read scripture differently. The service will be followed by Oneg, where dessert will be served.

Saturday, April 16

The Saturday lectures will be at Nativity.

9:30am "Jesus in his Jewish Context: Piety, Practice, Prayer and Politics"

11:00am "The Bible and Sexuality"

1:30pm "How Jews and Christians Speak about the Middle East Differently"

Lunch is available (\$12 per person charge, reservations required) but no charge for the talks.

Sunday, April 17

8:00am First Presbyterian Church, Dr. Levine will deliver the sermon, "Finding the Pearl of Great Price."

10:00am Dr Levine will lead adult Church School at Nativity, "How to Hear a Parable: The Laborers in the Vineyard."

11:00am First Presbyterian Church, "Dangers on the Road to Jericho: The Good Samaritan in his Time and Ours."

Additional sponsorships to help underwrite the costs associated with bringing Dr. Levine to Huntsville are available. For those contributing a minimum of \$250.00, there will be a Saturday evening reception with Dr. Levine in a private home, allowing 2 to attend the reception, the Friday evening dinner, and have lunch on Saturday. Individual sponsorships allowing 1 to attend the reception, 1 Friday evening dinner, and 1 lunch on Saturday are available for a contribution of \$150.00.

Sponsorships may be made payable to
Temple B'nai Sholom and mailed to:

Temple B'nai Sholom re: Amy-Jill Levine
103 Lincoln Street NE
Huntsville AL 35801

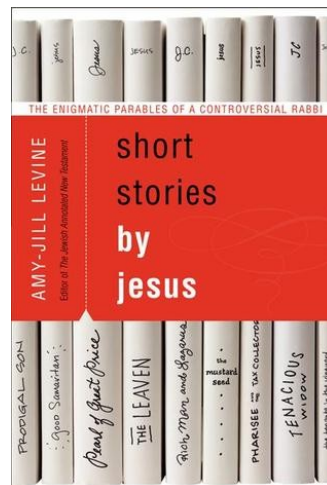
In preparation for her talks , there are opportunities to become acquainted with what Dr. Levine has to say:

A two-week Amy-Jill primer bible study course beginning Wednesday, April 6th (5:30pm)

You may also check her out on YouTube.

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=wbE87SHRQ3A>

Book Corner



On April 17th, Amy-Jill Levine will speak at Nativity during our Church School on her book:

*Short Stories by Jesus:
The Enigmatic Parables of a
Controversial Rabbi.*

Click the image for online ordering options.

We are thrilled to have her!
Get her book and make plans to attend!

2016 EASTER FLOWER DEDICATION

Easter 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 the service leaflet
(if you do not wish your name listed, please indicate)



Phone #: _____

Name for this dedication: _____

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...

PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION, If you have questions, you may call Andrea at 256.539.2673 **THANK YOU**
The Dedication Deadline is March 18

Art in the Banister Room March & April

A joint art exhibit featuring original watercolors from Caroline Wang and photographs from Harry Dean are on display through the end of April.

www.cwangallery.com



Available Dedication Dates

April 24	September 25
May 8	October 9, 23
June 12	November 27
July 3, 10	December 4, 11, 18
August 21, 28	

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 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...

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PRAYER REQUESTS

We pray for those whom prayers have been requested:

Marion Schroeder, Martha Sue Hutchens, Ryan Wickle, Becky Sodikoff, Gloria Hyatt, Nancy Chase, Ana Prucha Loden, Warren Vann, Dell Crawford, Lawrence Crowson, Veali Holtcamp, Paige Fague, Hap Welch, Sarah Welch, Bill Rogers, Kathy Jacob-House, Bob Ward, Bob Hale, Katherine White, Kingslea de Roode Merkel, Lorene Dilworth, Nancy Colin Swenson, Carla King, Leigh Wahl, Elsie Olsen

We pray for a marriage:

Jennifer Doss and Michael Lapidus; married on Sunday, February 28

We pray for the departed:

Roy Claytor

We pray for those attending Happening #68 on March 4 - 6:

Happeners: Molly Ward, Evan Ward, Gillianne Sharp

Staff: Alec Bonner, Allie Starnes

We pray for the ninth grade Confirmands and staff during their Birmingham pilgrimage on March 6

We pray for those attending Cursillo #201 on March 10 - 13:

Pilgrim: Virginia Kobler

Staff: Fisher Hutchens, Johanna Hutchens, Tom Lydon, and Michael Shipley

We pray for those deployed/serving with the Military:

US Army, Guice Moore

US Navy, Kenneth Vandervoort

US Navy, Jesse Teal

We give thanks for birthdays of our children:

3/2	Justin Foscue	3/2	Jordan Cozby	3/4	Clay Walker	3/4	Isabelle Towry
3/5	Lucy Cooper	3/5	Caroline Abney	3/7	Mary Maddox Creech	3/8	Catherine Hendricks
3/9	Genevieve Bradley	3/10	Gracie Gore	3/11	John Steigner	3/11	Leighton Luther
3/11	Rosie Gullion	3/12	Riley Kamelchuk	3/14	Thea Sommer	3/14	Riley Alexander
3/15	Gavin Ray						

Parish Financial Report - Period Ending 1/31/2016				
	CURRENT MONTH	BUDGET for PERIOD	ACTUAL YTD	BUDGET YTD
Pledges Received	122,739.33	107,500.00	122,739.33	107,500.00
Plate	7,481.85	7,083.37	7,481.85	7,083.37
Other Revenues	1,239.21	9,789.89	1,239.21	9,789.89
TOTAL	131,460.39	124,373.26	131,460.39	124,373.26
Diocesan, School of Theology, & Outreach	19,268.48	25,906.36	19,268.48	25,906.36
Personnel	81,223.59	71,250.00	81,223.59	71,250.00
Other Expenses	24,464.61	27,170.87	24,464.61	27,170.87
TOTAL	124,956.68	124,327.23	124,956.68	124,327.23
NET \$	6,503.71	\$ 46.03	\$ 6,503.71	\$ 46.03

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 in Joffrion Hall, 2nd Floor, East (J2E).

WORSHIP SCHEDULE March 2016

WEDNESDAY, March 2, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
12 noon	McCown	Mary Hendricks	

THURSDAY, March 3, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
6:00 pm	Anderson	Don Lambert	

SUNDAY, March 6, 4th Sunday in Lent

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM (McCown & McCrickard – out)	Lector	Intercessor
7:45 am	Anderson		Sue Johnson	Sue Johnson	Sue Johnson
8:45 am	Anderson	Anderson	Matt Farr, Cameron O'Riley, Margaret Bibb, Pat Quirk, Shari Williams	Amy Creech	Jim Douthit
11:00 am	Foreman	Anderson	Matt Farr, Cameron O'Riley, Sally Ann Culver, Rich Spera	Mary Johnson, John Conover	Martha Bosworth

WEDNESDAY, March 9, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
12 noon	Anderson	Marilyn Lands	

THURSDAY, March 10, HE

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

SUNDAY, March 13; 5th Sunday in Lent

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM	Lector	Intercessor
7:45 am	McCown		John Hendricks	John Hendricks	John Hendricks
8:45 am	Anderson	McCown	Mike Ward, Pat Sampson, Bob Serio	Melissa Kirkindall	Lane Mickle
11:00 am	McCrickard	McCown	Walter Thames, Jordan Cozby, Lea Ellison	Marcia Cobun, Joe East	Rhonwyn Watson

WEDNESDAY, March 16, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
12 noon	Holland-Shuey	Lea Ann Barnett	

THURSDAY, March 17, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
6:00 pm	McCrickard	Shari Williams	

SUNDAY, March 20; The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM	Lector	Intercessor
7:45 am	McCrickard		Don Lambert	Don Lambert	Don Lambert
8:45 am	Anderson	McCrickard	Lane Mickle, Lee Hicklen, William Blackerby	Lynn Lewis	Joan East
11:00 am	Anderson	McCrickard	Deborah Baker, Rich Goodwin, Hanns Billmeyer	Ronnie Rogers, Fred Beck	Ed Vaughn

MONDAY in Holy Week, March 21, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
12 noon	Anderson	Marilyn Lands	

TUESDAY in Holy Week, March 22, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
12 noon	McCown	Gary Rasponi	

WEDNESDAY in Holy Week, March 23, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
12 noon	McCrickard	Joan East	
6:00 pm	Anderson	Stations of the Cross	

MAUNDY THURSDAY, March 24, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM	Lector
6:00 pm	McCrickard	Holland-Shuey	Bob Serio, Lee Hicklen	Walter Thames

GOOD FRIDAY, March 25, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	Passion Readers	Lector
12 noon	McCown	Anderson	Bonnie McCrickard, Gary Rasponi	Lynn Lewis, Buddy Moon

HOLY SATURDAY, March 26; The Great Vigil of Easter

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM	Lector	Intercessor
7:30 pm	Anderson	McCown	Marilyn Lands, Lee Hicklen, Gary Rasponi	Stacy Moon, Buddy Moon, Chris Jackson, Camille Sommer	Ronnie Rogers

SUNDAY, March 27; The Sunday of the Resurrection: EASTER DAY

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM	Lector	Intercessor
7:45 am	Anderson		Lea Ann Barnett	Lea Ann Barnett	Lea Ann Barnett
8:45 am	McCown	Anderson	Basye Holland-Shuey, Allen Daniels, Joan East, Don Lambert, Charlie Warren, Ralph Shuey, Robert Dunn	Lee Hicklen, Jim Douthit	Melissa Kirkindall
11:00 am	McCrickard	Anderson	Van Foreman, Virginia Kobler, Gary Rasponi, Peter Cobun, Rich Goodwin, Walter Thames, Sally Ann Culver	Sandy Brown, Mike Brown	Buddy Moon

WEDNESDAY, March 30, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
12 noon	McCrickard	Mary Hendricks	

THURSDAY, March 31, HE

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

WORSHIP SCHEDULE March 2016 (Continued)

USHERS

8:45 Charlie Warren, Steuart Evans, Bland Warren, Kevin Webber, Don Wheeler

11:00 Jeff Dortch, Jim Douthit, Bobbie Graham, Cheryl Watts, Gaines Watts

ALTAR GUILD

5 Jewell Reynolds, Sue Johnson, Nancy Colin, Lea Ann Barnett, Anne Carter

12 Mary Johnson, Flo Stockton, Wanda Cobb, Judy Vann, Caffey Litkenhous

19 Sara Little, Emily Moody, Linda Watts, Connie Stephenson, Sophia Rowe, Beth Pugh, Rose Anne Shearer

26 Lea Ann Barnett, Gail Brown, Jewell Reynolds, Judy Heacock, Debbie Joyner, Anne Carter

CLERGY ON CALL SCHEDULE

February 29 – March 6

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March 21 – 27

March 28 – April 3

McCrickard

McCown

Anderson

McCrickard

McCown

Acolyte Schedule - March 2016

Sun. Mar. 6 8:45 A/M Putt

C Windham Hunter

T Evelyn Warren, Huston Morring

T Jed Rainey, Sarah Whelden Hall

S Katherine Hunter

AS Van Dodgen

11:00 A/M Sherrill

C Powell Stockton, Sims Windham

T Emery Windham, Leighton Luther

T Nannette Aboudonia, Gertrude Aboudonia

S Leighton Luther

AS Emery Windham

Sun. Mar. 13 8:45 A/M Ward

C Gillianne Sharp, Jackson Anglin

T Lucy Ellis

T Tess Lambert

S Cameron Pinson

AS Park Ellis

11:00 A/M Nutt

C Bankston Creech, Robert McCown

T Mary Maddox Creech

T Patrick Ahearn

S Bankston Creech

AS Ella Jane Duncan

Sun. Mar. 13 Evensong 5 PM** arrive by 4:40 for instruction A/M Nutt

C Sidney Gunter T Alice Malone, Margaret Foster Thurifer Karl Schneider

Sun. Mar. 20 8:45 A/M Ward

C Allie Starnes

T Mary Kate Brooks

T Joshua Huskey

S Ireland Braudaway

AS Alice Malone

11:00 A/M Nutt

C Evan Ellison, John Sadler Evans

T Dylan Chenoweth

T Laura Kate Evans

S David DiFranco

AS Chloe Parsons

Wed Mar 23 Stations of the Cross 6 PM** arrive by 5:45 A/M Nutt

C Alexander Young T Tess Lambert, Joshua Huskey

Thurs. Mar 24 Maundy Thursday 6 PM ** arrive by 5:40 for instruction

A/M Nutt, Sherrill

C Allison Taylor

T Bailey Morrison

S Karsten Correale

Thurifer Jordan Cozby

T Paxtyn Whitney

AS Parker Sanders

Sat. Mar. 26 Easter Vigil 7:30 ** arrive by 7:05 for instruction

A/M Nutt, Sherrill

C Sims Windham

S Ireland Braudaway

Thurifer John Laney

T Tess Lambert

AS Emery Windham

Sunday March 27 EASTER ** arrive 25 min prior for instruction

8:45 A/M Sherrill/Putt

C Meredith Walker, Ellie Walker

T Sam Hartley, Paxtyn Whitley

T Bailey Morrison, Evelyn Warren

S Ellie Walker

AS Sidney Gunter

Banners: Clay Walker, Van Dodgen,

Jed Rainey

11:00 A/M Nutt

C Steuart Evans, Robert McCown

T Elizabeth Evans

T TBD

S David DiFranco

AS Jack Benton Stockton

Banners: Powell Stockton, Leighton Luther,

Dylan Chenoweth

Thurifer: TBD

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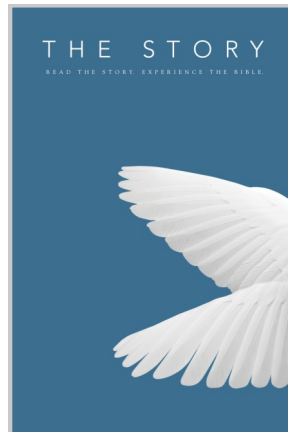
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