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The Church of the Nativity

February 15, 2017



CHURCH
OF THE
NATIVITY,
EPISCOPAL

Est. 1843

Ash Wednesday

March 1



Services:

7:00am

Noon

**6:00pm

Service Details
and upcoming
Lenten events

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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.

A Note From Bishop Sloan

I've been asked to address what's going on in our nation, and I suppose I should, even as I imagine that some of you will think I should stay out of this altogether and others will think I haven't gone far enough. I do have strong personal opinions about partisan politics, but I don't think it's right or generally helpful to use my position as your bishop to inflict them on you. My place is to proclaim the love and grace we are given to share in Jesus Christ, and to invite all people to accept the love of God our Father through the Gospel of Jesus Christ our Lord.

In the Sermon on the Mount in the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus said the poor in spirit are blessed, as are those who mourn, the meek, those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, the merciful, the pure in heart and the peacemakers. I've always been greatly encouraged by this passage; I've known people who are poor in spirit, who long for righteousness who mourn, who are meek, who are merciful or pure in heart. I've even been some of those things sometimes.

But the peacemakers, who Jesus said are to be called the children of God – where are the peacemakers? I've tried to be a peacemaker from time to time, as a priest and as your bishop, and I can tell you – you can get pretty chewed up standing between people and groups of people who are angry and hurt and convinced that they are right and people who have other ideas are wrong. When the sides are chosen and it's "Us against Them," the peacemaker stands in the middle, and often alone. The work of the peacemaker is hard, particularly when the folks on either side are friends, family, and neighbors. Maybe that's why we don't have many.

But you and I are called as Christians to be peacemakers, even when – especially when – emotions run high and hostilities seem unavoidable. The followers of Jesus are called to bring people together, and not to divide God's children into "Us" and "Them." Our place is to shine the Light of Jesus Christ, not to add to the darkness; to share the Good News of God's love for all people, not just the ones we agree with; to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ, through our prayers, worship, and promoting justice, peace, and love.

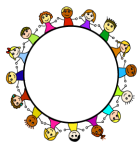
So can Christians address President Trump's recent action on immigration or other matters of politics with love and respect for people who think differently? Or is just not talking about it while others rage and shout all around us the best the Church can do? Should we protest, should we defend the President, should the Church be talking about this at all? **I think we should say what we want to say in love – if it has nothing to do with love, we should have nothing to do with it.**

When we gather around people who are being baptized or confirmed, we promise that we will seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving our neighbors as ourselves, and that we will respect the dignity of every human being. All those persons, neighbors and human beings include politicians and Muslims, liberals and conservatives, people we agree with and people we just can't stand. We should absolutely be talking about this – I hope and pray we can find voices of reconciliation, and that we will have the courage and patience to talk about it together in a way that shines the Light of Christ into the darkness.

The peace that Jesus talks about is not an easy peace, but a peace which surpasses all understanding. The peace of God is not a peace that requires absolute agreement, but it is a peace that requires relationship. As followers of Jesus, when we are at the point of deepest disagreement is when we need to most trust in the relationships we share in Christ.

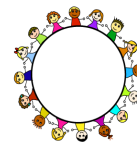
"Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy." Right here, right now.... make us instruments of your peace, Lord – make us peacemakers. Make us peacemakers through your love, not ignoring the very real disagreements but celebrating that it is always in you that we find our deepest joy and our ultimate peace. Make us peacemakers in the hope and faith that it is you who lead us to seek and find ways to preserve the dignity of all with justice and righteousness.

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Children's Formation

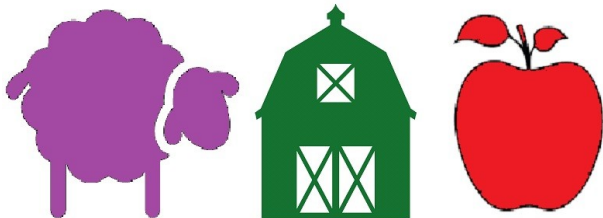
Questions: Mary Coe mcoe@nativity-hsv.org



VBS - Save the date!

June 26-28 in the afternoon (time TBA)

We'll be growing in God's love down on the farm. Mark your calendars for our afternoon VBS and join us for all-things-farm fun!



Eucharist Instruction Class

Class continues for families with first graders. Class meets in the Children's Chapel during Sunday school from 10.00 to 10.50; no reservation is required.

We ask that each child bring a parent with them to class as we talk a lot about family and family traditions. Class meets through February 26, with special seating at the 8:45 service on March 5.



Upcoming events

Family spaghetti chat 'n chew

February 22, 5:30.

supper and unprogram. \$5/person or \$20 family max.

Reservations, cgadomski@nativity-hsv.org

Ash Wednesday children's program

March 1, 6:00. Meet in Ridley Hall.

Shrove Tuesday Cajun Dinner and Mardi Gras Celebration

February 28, 6:00.

supporting the Nativity choir. Dinner, music, and children's parade. Cajun meal, \$12;

children's Cajun or pizza meal, \$5; \$30 family max.

Reservations, 256.533.2455 or

cgadomski@nativity-hsv.org



EYC Church of the Nativity

A BIG THANK YOU!

to all those who contributed to the youth Confirmation's SOUPer Bowl of Caring & Valentine's Day Cookie Sale –
we are grateful for your support!

Feb 19 –Taco Mama Dinner

10:00am - Sunday School

5:00pm - there will be no Bible Study or EYC this Sunday, but you're invited to Taco Mama from 5pm-6pm for dinner.

Wed, Feb 22

5:30pm: Family Spaghetti Night

Sun, Feb 26

10:00am: Sunday School

4:00pm: EYC

4:30pm: Bible Study

Wed, Mar 1:

Ash Wednesday (details on page 5)

Contact: Sarah Watts swatts@nativity-hsv.org



EYC Youth enjoying time together on a Sunday meeting



Check out page 4 to learn more about our Summer Mission Trip!

Wednesday, February 22 - 5:30pm

**This month,
"Chat 'n Chew...
a Supper and Unprogram"**



As always, dinner reservations are appreciated but not required. The nursery is available for ages 4 and under (reservations required)

\$5 per person - \$20 family maximum

Reservations:

online: click or tap the logo for our website

email: Connie Gadomski

cgadomski@nativity-hsv.org

call the Church Office (256.533.2455)

Young Adults/Twentysomethings

Please join us for brunch after the 11:00am service on February 19th at 1892 East (720 Pratt Ave NE).

If you are interested in attending, please contact Mother Bonnie: bmccrickard@nativity-hsv.org (256.533.2455 x207) by February 16th.



[nativity young adults/twentysomethings](https://www.facebook.com/nativityyoungadults/twentysomethings)

186th Convention of the Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Alabama February 17-18 (Birmingham)



Watch selected events streamed live. Look for times and events from the home page of the Diocese's website:

<http://www.dioala.org>



Mardi Gras Dinner

When: Tuesday, February 28th 6:00pm

Where: Ridley Hall

Why: Choir Fundraiser for trip to FL

Cost: Adults: \$12, Children: \$5

Family of four or more: \$30

Reservations at:

256-533-2455

"Laissez les bon temps rouler!"

Church of the Nativity, Episcopal - 208 Eustis Ave. SE Huntsville, AL 35801

Menu:

Jambalaya

Salad

Bread Pudding and King Cake

Pizza for Children

Reservations:

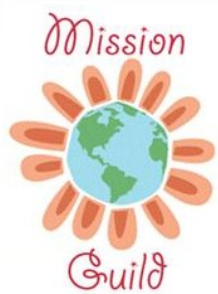
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Kill 12-point Buck with Bow	Rebuild Engine (Any kind)	Rescue Kitten from Tree	Survive Rattlesnake Bite	Build Log Cabin	Enter Lumberjack Contest	Hike Appalachian Trail, Solo
Carry Buckskin Knife	 <p>2017 MEN'S RETREAT</p> <p>MAN CARD</p> <p>X-OUT EACH TASK AS ACHIEVED</p> <p>CLICK OR TAP TO REGISTER ONLINE</p>					Drink a Martini, Shaken, not stirred
Grow Epic Beard						Stop Purse Snatcher
Learn to Weld						
Spend Weekend at Camp McDowell	Attend 3rd Ever Men's Retreat March 4-5	Pay \$\$\$ cost includes: all meals & lodging \$135 - single \$85 - double	Turn in Registration to Rusty McCown	Help Assemble Nativity Lodge Table	Fellowship with Other Men outdoors	



The Mission Guild will meet on Monday February 20th, at 10:00am, in the Library.

Our speaker will be Mr. Tony McGinnis from the Harris Home For Children.

Hostesses are Ann Epps and Lois Dreher. Remember to bring Bingo prizes for the Aquarius Club.

Hope to see all of you!



Daughters of the King Having a Rule of Life

The Daughters of the King will meet Tuesday, February 21, at 11:30am in the library. We will

have lunch (\$7), and Fr. Rusty will speak to us about having a rule of life.

Anyone interested in learning more about the DOK, or about having a rule of life, is welcome to attend. We would love to have you.

If you plan to have lunch, please make a reservation with Joan East joaneast@knology.net by Sunday, February 19.



EYC Mission Trip 2017

Dates: June 4 – 10

Ages: 13-18

Estimated Cost: \$500

Mark your calendars for Nativity's 2017 summer mission trip! We'll be heading back to Grundy County, TN to do some home repair through the Mountain T.O.P. program.

The camp week begins on the afternoon of Sunday, June 4th with worship, orientation, games and fun. Monday through Thursday groups will be in the community, and on Friday work groups will take time to celebrate in the local community and we'll return on Saturday, June 10th.

The estimated cost per person for the trip currently is \$500, which includes transportation, lodging, and meals. Cost can and should be brought down by fundraising. Helping with fundraising is a requirement for this trip! Financial assistance is available by request. We can bring a total of 11 youth.

Registration and \$100 deposit (non-refundable) due no later than March 12th.

Sign up by emailing Sarah Watts today!

swatts@nativity-hsv.org



MARCH 1

7:00 am Holy Eucharist, Imposition of Ashes
(Bibb Chapel)

Noon - Holy Eucharist, Imposition of Ashes
(Church)
Lunch available after the service
(Ridley Hall)

**6:00pm Holy Eucharist; Imposition of Ashes
(Church)

6:00pm Children's Service, K - 5th grade
(meet in Ridley Hall)

Lunch information:

\$5—pay at the door, no reservations necessary
A simple meal of meatless vegetable
soup with crackers & cornbread

**Nursery available by reservation.

Please call the Church Office (256.533.2455)

YARD SIGNS AVAILABLE MARCH 1!!

If you need a Yard Sign to advertise our
Noonday Services, they will be available starting
Wednesday, March 1st.

New signs are available by contacting the
Church office if you no longer have one.



**LENTEN
NOONDAY SERVICES**
Guest Preacher each week
**EACH TUESDAY
IN LENT**
12:05 - 12:35
**CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY,
EPISCOPAL**
208 EUSTIS AVENUE

Tuesdays at Noon

Lent 2017

The Church of the Nativity, Episcopal

"LENT - a season of Spiritual Growth"

30 minute Service - beginning at 12:05 p.m.

Series Preachers

March 7

The Rev. Dr. Jerrie Lewallen
Former Nativity parishioner
Retired Episcopal priest
Sewanee, Tennessee

March 14

The Rev. Mary Bea Sullivan
Associate Rector
St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Birmingham

March 21

The Rev. Charles Youngson
Associate Rector
All Saints Episcopal Church, Birmingham

March 28

The Rev. David Kling
Associate Pastor
Covenant Presbyterian Church, Huntsville

April 4

The Rev. Aaron Raulerson
Rector
Church of the Epiphany Episcopal, Guntersville

Box Lunches (\$7.00 each) will be available in Ridley Hall following the services.
Reservations for the lunches are required by Monday noon, (256)533-2455.

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



Who will win the Golden Halo this year?

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

An offering from



2017 Wednesday Evening Lenten Series



...the Spirituality and Ethics of Simple Living

March 8

The Rev'd Ann Benton Fraser, Rector of St. Paul's Corinth, MS and 1996 Nativity Seminarian Assistant

March 15

The Rev'd Mark Johnston, Director of Camp McDowell

March 22

The Rev'd Dr. Deborah Jackson, Associate Dean for Community Life, School of Theology, Sewanee

March 29

Dr. Joshua Davis, Dean of Diocese of Alabama Integrative Ministry School (AIMS) & spouse of St. Mary's on the Highlands priest, Danielle Thompson

April 5

The Rev'd Tom Ward, former Chaplain at the University of the South; former Dean of Christ Church Cathedral in Nashville, and well known Centering Prayer Advocate and Spiritual Director

Dinner ~ 5:30 p.m.

Program ~ 6:00 p.m.

Nursery is available by reservation. For Nursery and/or dinner reservations: 256.533.2455

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Online Lenten Meditations available from Episcopal Relief and Development



These meditations are available by selecting **Lenten Meditations** at the very top of [Nativity's website](http://www.nativity.org)

Written by a diverse group of leaders from The Episcopal Church, the Anglican Communion and the wider faith community, Episcopal Relief & Development's 2017 Lenten Meditations reflects the spirit of Lent by focusing on working together in love to heal a hurting world. For more information about this resource, please visit episcopalrelief.org/Lent



Lenten Journey at The Vine

Opening to a Deeper Relationship with God

Contemplative Prayer Practices open us up to a deeper connection with the Divine Presence within, among and beyond us.

FACILITATOR

The Reverend Jim Norris
Spiritual Director
Pastoral Psychotherapist
Director of Clergy Care

- Centering prayer
- Praying with scripture, sacred writings, and poetry
- Guided meditation
- The Welcoming Prayer
- Biblical and theological reflection

WHERE

Gideon-Blackburn House
First Presbyterian Church
307 Gates Ave.

There is no cost and your presence is welcome wherever you are along life's journey.

WHEN

Monday 6:00-7:15 p.m.
Feb. 27, March 6, 13, 20,
April 3 & 10.



Registration is required. Please call or email The Vine at (256)-270-7399 or vine-ministry@vinepcc.com

STEWARDSHIP OF CREATION

Living consciously with creation in mind does not necessarily mean living without.

It does perhaps mean living differently.

It does mean living simpler and intentional lives.

The choice is ours to make.

Repurposing old household items is a good way to reduce waste and avoid making new purchases

Green Your Old Stuff:

Use Glass jars for a variety of purposes

With growing concerns over the levels of bisphenol A (BPA) in some plastics, storing leftovers in reused plastic containers is a concern.

In a study from the Harvard School of Public Health (HSPH), researchers found participants who drank out of polycarbonate bottles for a week - the popular, hard-plastic drinking bottles and baby bottles -- showed a two-thirds increase of BPA in their urine.

Exposure to BPA, used in the manufacture of polycarbonate and other plastics, has been shown to interfere with reproductive development in animals and has been linked with cardiovascular disease and diabetes in humans. The study was the first to show that drinking from polycarbonate bottles increased the level of urinary BPA, and thus suggests that drinking containers made with BPA release the chemical into the liquid that people drink in sufficient amounts to increase the level of BPA excreted in human urine.

As an alternative, glass, is safe, multifunctional, and reusable Good not only for storing food items such as homemade soups, salads or last night's dinner, glass jars of various sizes make excellent vases, storage containers for bulk ingredients, even to-go drinking cups. Smaller jars, like those for baby food, can help organize your toolbox; use them to store nuts, bolts, and nails. Empty jars can also become vessels for homemade gifts: Just layer with baking ingredients, sweets, or homemade treats.

Action item: drink tap water – filtered if you prefer. Get a reusable, sturdy water bottle for the road. One of the best choices is a thick glass jar with a silicone fitted cover, such as those made by Lifefactory.

Additional reasons for not buying bottled water:

Supplying Americans with water bottles for 1 year consumes 15 million barrels of oil.

15 million barrels of oil...

- releases 6,000,000,000 lbs of CO₂ or 3,000,000 tons of CO₂
- Generates electricity for over 250,000 homes a year or fuel for 100,000 cars a year.

An estimated 40% of bottled water sold in the US is just filtered tap water.

Reflection: "All things in God; God in all things."

Is this what I behold? Is this what I know I behold? How do my actions affect all things, far and near?

Opening and closing reflections and bottled water data compiled from material provided by

[Prairie Climate Stewardship Network](#)

*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

Huntsville Assistance Program (HAP)



**"We had to close our doors
a couple of times last month"**

We can use almost everything, especially:

**tuna
peanut butter
boxed meals (including potatoes)
fruit
toilet-paper**

Thank you for your generosity!



SEWANEE SEMINARIAN RICHARD CULBERTSON BEGINS FIELD EDUCATION AT NATIVITY

We welcome Sewanee seminarian Richard Culbertson who will be our seminarian assistant while he does his Field Education at Nativity this year.

Richard was born in Georgetown, South Carolina and grew up attending Prince George Winyah Episcopal Church, where his formation as a Christian began. In high school, he began to have a sense of call to ordained ministry, and chose to attend Sewanee for college in order to continue to discern and test that sense of vocation. Through his involvement with All Saints' Chapel and his work as a sacristan, his sense of vocation was strengthened.

Richard enrolled in the School of Theology immediately after graduating from the college in 2015. He is now in his middler year at Sewanee, and excited to begin his field education at Nativity. Richard is sponsored for seminary by the Episcopal Church in South Carolina (Grace Cathedral in Charleston).

He has one younger sister, Carolyn, who is about to graduate from the University of South Carolina. His hobbies and interests include the study of ancient languages, playing the piano, and hiking on the Cumberland Plateau and in the mountains of North Carolina.



The abbreviated Camino pilgrimage, originally scheduled for June 15-26, 2017, to be led by Fr. Andy Anderson, has been postponed until 2018.



CENTERING PRAYER WORKSHOP

Saturday, April 8, 2017
8:30am to 3:00pm

Church of the Nativity is hosting an Introduction to Centering Prayer Workshop on Saturday, April 8, 2017. Centering Prayer is a means to deepen one's prayer life by learning "to rest in God."

The workshop is designed for all who are seeking a deeper relationship with the Lord through their prayer life. The registration fee of \$35 per person includes lunch. The presenters are the Reverend Tom Ward, retired Episcopal priest and Contemplative Prayer teacher and retreat leader and the Reverend Dr. Andy Anderson,

Registration information coming soon.

"OUR TIME"

**A no-cost grief support retreat
for youth & adults**



March 3-5, 2017 @ Camp McDowell

What is OUR TIME?

OUR TIME is a two-night grief-support retreat for kids (6-12th grade) & an adult caregiver who are healing from loss after the death of a loved one.

More Information & Registration

Contact: **Susanna Whitsett, Coordinator**

susanna@campmcdowell.com

205.281.1903

[Click here to register for OUR TIME.](#)

Thomas Merton's Desert Spirituality

Contemplative Outreach Birmingham

24th Annual Gathering ~ March 18, 2017



Featuring Dr. Bonnie Thurston

Merton scholar, educator and writer.

Our contemplative day will focus on the
ambiguous image of the desert in the
thought and prayer of Thomas Merton

Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church
3775 Crosshaven Drive, Birmingham, AL 35223

9:00am-4:00pm \$60

More information and registration

centeringprayeralabama.org

Questions: contact Louise Meredith

centeringprayeralabama@gmail.com

2017 Easter Flower Dedications

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:

- ☐ In loving memory of...
- ☐ In thanksgiving for...
- ☐ In celebration of...
- ☐ In honor of...

PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION, If you have questions, you may call Andrea at 256.539.2673 THANK YOU
The Dedication Deadline is April 9th

Flower Dedication forms are also available in the hallway by the Banister Room & in Bibb Chapel

2017 Altar Flower Dedications

Available Dates: Feb 19, 26 Mar 26 Apr 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Your Name: _____

Phone #: _____

Date desired: _____

Name(s) for dedication: _____

Will you share this dedication? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Can we list your name in the bulletin? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Dedications are \$40 each or \$20 if shared

Make Check payable to : *Nativity Flower Guild*

Mail your check along with this form to:

Andrea Vandervoort - 434 Locust Ave., Huntsville, AL 35801

Questions? Call Andrea: 256-539-2673



Please choose one:

- ☐ in loving memory of...
- ☐ in thanksgiving for...
- ☐ in celebration of...
- ☐ in honor of...

PRAYER REQUESTS

We pray for those whom prayers have been requested:

Mary Hendricks, Cheryl Linn Carter, Mark See, Lloyd Newman, Heidi Foreman, Warren Vann, Tom Hodge, Elise Goodson, Tom Booth, Sara Welch, Genny Hoskins Beaver, Rick Barnett, Jim Martin, Keith McRae, Dick Gragg, Leigh Wahl, Elsie Olsen

We pray for the departed:

Julia Ann Caruso, aunt of Lisa Caprio and Mike Caruso

We pray for those deployed/serving with the Military:

Doug Faith, Afghanistan

Kenneth Vandervoort, US Navy

We give thanks for birthdays of our children:

2/16	Harris Whitfield	2/16	Mem Mullins	2/18	Franklin Aldag
2/20	John Hutchens	2/21	Margo Doss	2/23	Olivia O'Halloran
2/23	Betsy Bryant	2/24	Jordan Copeland	2/25	Clayton Donovan

Parish Financial Report - Period Ending 1/31/2017				
	CURRENT MONTH	BUDGET for PERIOD	ACTUAL YTD	BUDGET YTD
Pledges Received	161,405.20	107,500.00	161,405.20	107,500.00
Plate	10,826.00	6,666.63	10,826.00	6,666.63
Other Revenues	3,484.71	9,789.89	3,484.71	9,789.89
TOTAL	175,715.91	123,956.52	175,715.91	123,956.52
Diocesan, School of Theology, & Outreach	24,125.90	25,040.74	24,125.90	25,040.74
Personnel	79,873.26	72,625.11	79,873.26	72,625.11
Other Expenses	19,712.00	24,802.28	19,712.00	24,802.28
TOTAL	123,711.16	122,468.13	123,711.16	122,468.13
NET \$	52,004.75	\$ 1,488.39	\$ 52,004.75	\$ 1,488.39

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

WORSHIP SCHEDULE March 2017, published 2/15/17

WEDNESDAY, March 1, Ash Wednesday

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM	Lector
7:00 am	Holland Shuey		John Hendricks	John Hendricks
12 noon	McCown	Holland-Shuey	Gary Rasponi, Ralph Shuey	Melissa Kirkindall
6:00 pm	Anderson	Holland-Shuey	Peter Cobun, Laura Pierce	Fred Beck, John Conover
6:00 pm	McCrickard		<i>Children's Liturgy in Bibb Chapel</i>	

THURSDAY, March 2, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
6:00 pm	Anderson		Charles Morley

SUNDAY, March 5, 1st Sunday in Lent

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM (McCown – out)	Lector	Intercessor
7:45 am	Anderson		Don Lambert	Don Lambert	Don Lambert
8:45 am	McCrickard	Anderson	<i>Culbertson</i> , Kaaren Dunn, Robert Dunn	Camille Sommer	Lee Hicklen
11:00 am	McCrickard	Anderson	Sally Ann Culver, Walter Thames, Sarah Watts	Sandy Brown, Mike Brown	Adalene Bledsoe

WEDNESDAY, March 8, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
12 noon	McCrickard		Joan East

THURSDAY, March 9, HE

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

SUNDAY, March 12, 2nd Sunday in Lent

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM	Lector	Intercessor
7:45 am	McCown		Sue Johnson	Sue Johnson	Sue Johnson
8:45 am	McCrickard	McCown	<i>Holland-Shuey</i> , Ralph Shuey	Melissa Kirkindall	Shirley Hale
11:00 am	Anderson	McCown	<i>Culbertson</i> , Hanns Billmeyer	Martha Joffrion, Gary Rasponi	Sally Ann Culver

WEDNESDAY, March 15, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
12 noon	Anderson	Culbertson	Lea Ann Barnett

THURSDAY, March 16, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
6:00 pm	Anderson		Don Lambert

SUNDAY, March 19, 3rd Sunday in Lent

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM (McCrickard – out)	Lector	Intercessor
7:45 am	Anderson		Ken Barnett	Ken Barnett	Ken Barnett
8:45 am	McCown	Anderson	<i>Culbertson</i> , Charlie Warren, Laura Pierce	Allen Daniels	Lane Mickle
11:00 am	Holland-Shuey	Anderson	Peter Cobun, Virginia Kobler	Pamela Briggs, Ted Briggs	Ronnie Rogers

WEDNESDAY, March 22, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
12 noon	McCown		Cheryl Watts

THURSDAY, March 23, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
6:00 pm	Monroe		Laura Pierce

SUNDAY, March 26, 4th Sunday in Lent

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM (McCown & McCrickard – out)	Lector	Intercessor
7:45 am	Monroe		Lea Ann Barnett	Lea Ann Barnett	Lea Ann Barnett
8:45 am	Anderson	Monroe	Lane Mickle, Mike Ward, Gary Rasponi	Buddy Moon	Joan East
11:00 am	Anderson	Monroe	<i>Culbertson</i> , Lee Hicklen, Tom Devenish	Mary Johnson, Fred Beck	Martha Joffrion

WEDNESDAY, March 29, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
12 noon	Anderson		Sarah Watts

THURSDAY, March 30, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
6:00 pm	TBD		TBD

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8:45	Charlie Warren, Steuart Evans, Bland Warren, Kevin Webber, Don Wheeler
11:00	Jim Douthit, Fred Beck, Bobbie Graham, Jerry Ellis, Cheryl Watts, Gaines Watts

ALTAR GUILD

4	Connie Stephenson, Rebecca Brothers, Judy Heacock, Sarah James, Emily Moody
11	Linda Watts, Lea Ann Barnett, Mary Johnson, Sue Johnson
18	Alice Lanier, Nancy Colin, Rose Ann Shearer, Sophia Rowe, Judy Vann
25	Wanda Cobb, Debbie Joyner, Caffey Litkenhous, Sara Little, Beth Pugh
Apr 1	Jewell Reynolds, Rebecca Brothers, Judy Heacock, Sarah James, Connie Stephenson

CLERGY ON CALL SCHEDULE

February 27 – March 5	March 6 – 12	March 13 – 19	March 20 – 26	March 27 – April 2
Anderson	McCown	McCrickard	Anderson	McCown

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Upcoming Events at a Glance

Nativity's full online calendar: tiny.cc/nathsvCalendar

February

17-18 Diocesan Convention (Birmingham)

17-20 EYC Ski Trip (West Virginia)

22 **Family Spaghetti Dinner (Ridley Hall) 5:30pm

28 Mardi Gras Dinner & Program (Ridley Hall) 6:00pm

March

1 **Ash Wednesday** Holy Eucharist, Imposition of Ashes
7:00am (Bibb Chapel)
Noon (Church) Soup lunch afterwards - no reservations needed (Ridley Hall)
**6:00pm (Church) and special children's service (Ridley Hall)

5 HAP Sunday

7 Lenten Noonday Service begins (schedule on page 5)
Preacher, The Rev. Dr. Jeffery Lewallen
Box lunch available by reservation 12:05pm

8 **Wednesdays in Lent, Dinner and Program begins (schedule on page 6)
Speaker, The Rev. Ann Benton Fraser
Dinner available by reservation 5:30pm

12 Nativity Choir, Evensong 5:00pm

** Nursery available by reservation

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