To seek and serve Christ through service to others.
To manage responsibly the financial resources of our parish as loving and caring stewards.
To welcome and involve all persons into our parish family valuing both diversity and unity.
To enable nurture and learning in the Episcopal heritage of Scripture, tradition and reason.
To foster a community of faith for worship, spiritual growth, ministry and mission.

Please remember a reverent silence and respect for those who wish to pray before mass.
Before Mass, we speak to God. During Mass, we listen to God. After Mass, we listen and speak to each other.

The Rev. Rebecca Myers - Rector
Rebecca is available Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday. Her sabbath days will typically be Monday and Friday. You can reach her via email at nativityrector87@gmail.com or by phone 717-433-1556.

Michele Neibert - Parish Administrator

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Organ Prelude
Welcome and Announcements
Processional Hymn
“Now that the daylight fills the sky” Hymnal 3

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD OF GOD
Opening Acclamation and Response BCP 355
Collect for Purity BCP 355
“The people who in darkness walked” Hymnal 126, v. 1-3

Collect of the Day insert
First Reading: Isaiah 9:1 - 4 insert
Psalm 27:1, 5 - 13 insert
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10 - 18 insert
Gradual Hymn “The Lord is my light” insert
The Holy Gospel: Matthew 4:12 - 23 insert

The Celebrant: Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus, we are all baptized by the one Spirit into one Body, and given gifts for a variety of ministries for the common good. Our purpose is to commission these persons in the Name of God and of this congregation to a special ministry to which they are called.

The Celebrant asks the sponsors: Are these persons you are to present prepared by a commitment to Christ as Lord, by regular attendance at worship, and by the knowledge of their duties, to exercise their ministry to the honor of God, and the well-being of his Church?

The Sponsors: We believe they are.

The Celebrant: You have been called to a ministry in this congregation. Will you, as long as you are engaged in this work, perform it with diligence?

The Candidate: I will.

The Celebrant: Will you faithfully and reverently execute the duties of your ministry to the honor of God, and the benefit of the members of this congregation?

The Candidate: I will.

Sponsors: We present to you these persons for the ministries of Wardens, Vestry, Secretary and Treasurer in this parish.

All say: The Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding; he stores up sound wisdom for the upright; he is a shield to those who walk in integrity.

V. I am your servant; grant me understanding:
R. That I may know your decrees.

Let us pray (Silence)
O Eternal God, the foundation of all wisdom and the source of all courage: Enlighten with your grace the Wardens, Vestry, Secretary and Treasurer of this congregation, and so rule their minds, and guide their counsels, that in all things they may seek your glory and promote the mission of your Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Nicene Creed BCP 358
Prayers of the People People: Lord, have mercy.
Confession and Absolution BCP 360
The Peace (Stand and greet each other.) BCP 360

MINISTRY OF THE SACRAMENT
The Offertory Sentence BCP 376
Offertory Hymn “Will you come and follow me” insert
The Doxology Hymnal 380, v3
The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer 3 insert
Sanctus “Holy, holy, holy Lord” S 127
Consecration BCP 362
The Lord’s Prayer BCP 364
The Breaking of the Bread Fraction Anthem Agnus Dei “Lamb of God” S 163
Ministration of Communion Prayer after Communion BCP 365
Recessional Hymn “Jesus calls us” Hymnal 550
The Dismissal BCP 366
Announcements

G.I.F.T.: Growing in Faith Together

Godly Play will be today.

Today at Parlor People, Bible Study of Ruth.
February 2 - Week 3 study of John – written by Isaac M., member of the Youth Group at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, Marfa, Texas.

At Church of the Nativity

Today we take an additional offering for our Building Fund.
The money donated helps us pay down our mortgage and pay for major repairs.

Today we also take a Special Offering for the Kermit Lloyd Theological Education Fund.

Upcoming Meetings
Each Sunday, 4pm, Perry County PRIDE
Thursday, January 30, 10am, Stitchers
Saturday, February 15, 9am - 3pm, Vestry Retreat

Join Us For Breakfast! Wednesdays at 9am.
Women will meet at Newport Family Restaurant this week. Men meet at Espresso Yourself Café.

Taize’ Tuesdays, 4:45pm.
Twenty minutes of Centering Prayer followed by a Taize’ service.

Margo Huston is in search of safe, affordable housing in the Newport area.
$450/month for rent and utilities. Please contact Margo at 717-557-9306 or margo.huston@gmail.com for suggestions or offers.

All who have been baptized by water in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, are welcome to receive communion.
You may receive bread only or bread and wine. You may receive the wine by common cup or by dipping your wafer into the chalice. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, please come forward and cross your arms across your chest.

The Equal Exchange cart in the Undercroft features fresh olive oil from Palestine and an assortment of our favorite candy bars.
Also we continue to offer Equal Exchange coffees for our Sunday Coffee Hour. If you would like additional items, we can order them for you. Please contact Jane Hoover or the office.

Honor or Remember a loved one or a special occasion with flowers on the altar!
Flowers help make our worship space more beautiful and remind us of the blossoming life we have in Christ. Please consider sponsoring the flowers in memory of a loved one, or to celebrate your thanksgivings. Flowers are $30. Let Michele know by email – chnatss@pa.net or phone, 717-567-6514.

From the Diocese

St. Stephen’s Episcopal School is asking for community support due to its free breakfast and lunch program ending.
The school recently lost its “at risk” status due to changes in federal regulations and the program will end January 31. Of the 145 students who attend the pre-K-8 school, about 40 children are in the breakfast program and 60 children in the lunch program. To help them provide meals for the remainder of the academic year, please send donations to St. Stephen’s Episcopal School, 215 N. Front Street, Harrisburg, PA, 17101 or donate online at www.sseschool.org/donate

The Episcopal Church Seeks information on formation resources and practices.
All practicing Episcopalians are invited to participate in the survey. Task Force for the Formation & Ministry of the Baptized is seeking input from lay and ordained Episcopalians throughout the church about the formation and efficacy of the processes and practices that are being used across the church through a short survey that takes about 25 minutes to complete. Deadline for completing survey is January 31. Visit https://dfms.formstack.com/forms/baptized_ministry to take the survey.

The 5th Annual Feast of the Blessed Absalom Jones Celebration, Saturday, February 29, 11am, St. Stephen’s Cathedral, 221 N. Front Street, Hbg
Special guests – Choir and Rector of The African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas, Philadelphia, Celebrant The Rt. Rev. Dr. Audrey Scanlan.

Community Events and Opportunities for Service

2020 Humanities Symposium Keynote Lecture, Thursday, February 20, 2020, 7:30pm,
Parmer Hall at Messiah College.
Anthony Ray Hinton shares his story of serving 30 years for a crime he did not commit and talks about his book The Sun Does Shine: How I Found Life and Freedom on Death Row. To reserve free tickets, contact the Messiah College Ticket Office at 717-691-6036 or online at messiah.edu/tickets
Service Participants
Greeters: Karen Kern and Bill Roman
Lector: Ann Roland
Prayers of the People: Connie Yocum
Acolyte and Eucharistic Minister: Bill Day
Organist: Sue Beamer
Verger: Bill Rohm
Refreshments: Edna Baker and Andrea Jezewski
Counters: Bill R. and John

Vestry
Jill Hoover – Sr. Warden
Bill Day – Jr. Warden
Kay Cramer
Charlene Robbins
Todd Saner
Gail Shull
Bill Rohm – Secretary
Wendy Day - Treasurer