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Do you have a change of address, email, phone or perhaps major life event?

Contact Emily Rodgers

256-533-2455 ext.204 or

erodgers@nativity-hsv.org.

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.

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On the cover...

Meet Chad! He is practicing music from Alleluia III songbook while staying warm at the Warming Station so he can play them when First Stop returns to worship. Thank you to everyone who has helped keep our friends warm and safe during the cold weather.

Send your pictures from Nativity activities and events to:

vhinton@nativity-hsv.org.

BACK TO IN-PERSON WORSHIP

Dear Parish Family,

I am excited to announce that we will be returning to in-person worship March 7th at 9:00am and 11:00am. We have all missed being together but I am grateful for your continuing patience, prayer, and ministry. Through these difficult times, we have been able to grow in our love for God and for one another. I am confident we will emerge as stronger and more committed disciples of Christ.

Just as we did in the Fall, our in-person services will follow CDC guidelines and proper COVID-19 protocols. Face masks that cover both your nose and mouth will be required for all people while on church property, regardless of your vaccination status. It will also be necessary to make a “reservation” in order to attend services.

We will celebrate Holy Eucharist at both services. As before, the clergy will come your pew and place the bread on your paten. The paten is the small plate from which the clergy administer the bread. I encourage you to bring a paten from your home. It could be your grandmother’s favorite saucer, a pottery dish your child made in first grade, or anything that holds significance for you. There will also be one paten in each pew for your use if needed. These will be replaced between each service. For now, we will be administering the bread only.

All of our online services will continue to be offered each week for those who choose to worship from home. I am so grateful to our choir, readers, and staff who make our online services so wonderful! Our Holy Week and Easter Services will be offered both online and in person and a service schedule will be made available soon. I look forward to seeing you all this Sunday online or in-person.

God’s Peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Goldsmith".

The Rev. Michael Goldsmith

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER FOR IN-PERSON WORSHIP](#)

OR CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE 256-533-2455

A FRIENDLY INVITATION

By The Rev. Worth Stuart

Just the other day, I was running an errand when someone stopped me and said, “Hey I recognize you! You are from Nativity, aren’t you? My friend sent me a link to one of your online services and you were the one preaching! I’ve been watching for the last few weeks!” The woman introduced herself as a newcomer and said that she had enjoyed being able to worship with us online even though she had not yet been to an in-person service. I left that interaction thankful for her and for the invitation that her friend extended to her.

One of the lessons that we have learned during the pandemic is that we are able to reach people who are new to Nativity in so many different ways. People who have never set foot in our beautiful nave are watching services online, subscribing to parish emails, and following us on Facebook. Being a place of welcome even when we haven’t been able to come together on Sundays in a full church in a year, takes a little more flexibility and creativity, but it is still as important as ever.

One of my duties as Priest Associate is ministry to newcomers. Even though it has been a bit tricky at times, we are finding ways to track down new faces, reach out to them, and welcome them. We will keep trying new ways to welcome folks and help them get plugged in here at Nativity, so that when we are all able to rejoin together on the other side of the pandemic our church family will be just a little bit bigger than it was before.

If you know of any newcomers, who have been joining us through online services or our other offerings, please let me know by sending me an email (wstuart@nativity-hsv.org) or contact Emily Rodgers

(erodgers@nativity-hsv.org) at the church office. If you know of someone looking for a church home, invite them to church! Just extend to them a simple invitation. Send them a link to one of our services. Let them know that they are most welcome here at Nativity! Never underestimate the power of a personal invitation!

MEET OUR SEMINARIAN

Hello, Nativity! My name is Ashley Simpson, and I am in my second year of seminary at The School of Theology in Sewanee. I am working towards ordination to the priesthood from the Diocese of East Carolina. Part of my seminary education includes doing a year-long internship in an Episcopal parish, and I am very excited to be doing that at Nativity. This semester, you will primarily see me online, but next semester, I hope to be with you all in person. If you have any questions for me or would like to introduce yourself, please feel free to email me at simpsad0@sewanee.edu.



Bibb Chapel is open

Monday-Friday

9:00 am until 4:00 pm

for prayer & quiet reflection.

Masks required. Please observe social distancing guidelines posted at entrance.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER FOR KIDS



Palm Sunday and Holy Week: Look for information on observing Holy Week, starting with Palm Sunday, at home with your children to come via email and Facebook. Printables, videos and other resources will have ideas on what you can do at home and explanations of what the week means.

Easter in a Bag: Celebrate the great day of resurrection at home with resources from your Easter in a Bag. Sign up will open soon; details on picking up at church are given during sign up.

Questions, mcoe@nativity-hsv.org.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

Online Services:

Palm Sunday, March 28th 10:00 am

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday Noonday Prayer

Maundy Thursday, April 1st 6:00 pm

Good Friday, April 2nd 12:00 noon

Holy Saturday, April 3rd Great Easter Vigil 7:00 pm

Easter Day, April 4th 10:00 am

All services will be available on Vimeo, Facebook and the Nativity website at the service times listed above.

We will have a Holy Week Took Kit to enhance the worship experience of those planning to worship at home. Kits will be available to pick up at a drive by event on Palm Sunday. [Click here](#) if you would like to reserve a kit!

In-person Worship:

Maundy Thursday 6:00 pm (no foot washing)

Good Friday 12:00 noon

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil 7:00 pm

Holy Saturday Great Easter Vigil 7:00 pm

Easter Day 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am

All services will require a reservation which can be made online or by calling the church office.

Online reservations for Holy Week will open Monday, March 29.

We will place the cross to be flowered outside the church the morning of Saturday, April 3rd Everyone is invited to stop by at their convenience and flower the cross.

WEDNESDAYS IN LENT FOR KIDS & FAMILIES

Have you filled a bucket today?

During Wednesdays in Lent, we'll explore ways to be bucket fillers—people who spread the love of God through being helpful and kind. This simple metaphor is a great way to help children understand how their words and actions affect others.

Each week we'll have a story, video, activity and family outreach opportunity.

No sign up necessary—information will come to you through email and the Nativity children's Facebook group.



Let's all be bucket fillers!

DIVERSITY IN MUSIC: THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN SPIRITUAL

By Christian Crocker

During the pandemic, we've all had the chance to reevaluate how we treat each other and how others are represented in everyday life. As we continue this reevaluation, I think it is important to highlight and encourage diversity as often as we are able. An easy way to promote diversity is through something we all can enjoy: music. Music is about expression and communication. It is through music that we are able to express and communicate praise and adoration to God and also grief and pain. I believe one of the most beautiful art forms is the African-American spiritual. Out of something that is such an horrific part of our past, and our present, comes this extremely beautiful art-form, one that expresses hope, determination, woe, and on top of it all, praise to our Almighty God.

Spirituals originated as a purely oral tradition that are part of a larger body of music called "slave songs." Although some of the first notations of slave songs were begun in the 1830's it wasn't until 1867 that the first collection of them, *Slave Songs of the United States*, was published. The collection was put together through interviews of slaves and freed slaves and would prove to be an invaluable source of musical history and provide information for future composers and arrangers to continue singing these songs to the present.

Right after the Civil War, Fisk University was founded in Nashville as the "first American University to offer a liberal arts education to 'young men and women irrespective of color.'" When the university was hit with 1 financial hardship in the 1870's, Charles Fisk founded a choral ensemble that would tour to raise money for the school. The Fisk Jubilee Singers later became a world-renowned ensemble that is responsible for allowing the spiritual to "take on a new character as art music."² In 1878, the Fisk Jubilee Singers published a self-titled 2 book that contained transcriptions of spirituals as well as biographical information about the ensemble and its members. Since its publication and formation of the group, collections like *Cabin and Plantation Songs* (1874) and *Befo' De War Spirituals* (1933) provided insight into the continued enhancement of the spiritual through harmonization and arranging.

At the turn of the twentieth century, many composers began arranging these songs for concert use. Harry T. Burleigh, arranger of hymn 529 in the Hymnal 1982, is one of the earliest known arrangers of spirituals. Burleigh wrote many arrangements of the spirituals that we know and love today, including settings for choral ensembles and vocal soloist. Because Burleigh's solo vocal output is so extensive and equally beautiful, our staff

singers often sing these settings in worship. Over the last century there have been many composers who have taken on the task of arranging spirituals, such as Undine Smith Moore, William Dawson, Jester Hairston, Moses Hogan, André Thomas, Roland Carter, and John Rosamond Johnson (composer of Hymn 599 in the Hymnal 1982). These composers have written music I personally believe to be timeless. Whether it be on the concert stage or in the nave of Nativity, this music has a place in all our lives. St. Olaf Choir conductor Anton Armstrong writes,

COMPLINE



Every Sunday from February 21-March 28 at 8:00pm, join us on our Facebook or Vimeo pages for this ancient service of night prayer sung by an octet from the choir. This 30-minute service will be filled with unaccompanied chant, hymns, and anthems, and will be a respite in the midst of a seemingly chaotic world.

“This music is a vehicle to overcome all of the atrocities and injustices of life. This music does and should serve as inspiration for all generations, for young people under that one can gain strength, comfort, and inspiration from this music. And for many people, this music leads to healing, to restoration of oneself fully in body, mind, spirit, and voice.”³

Below are some examples from a growing list of spirituals you may have heard or sung at Nativity.

Steal Away-arr. Moses Hogan

We shall walk through the valley in peace-arr. Moses Hogan

This little light of mine-arr. Moses Hogan

Go where I send thee-André Thomas

Keep your lamps-arr. André Thomas

Soon-ah-will be done-arr. William Dawson

Ain-a that good news-arr. William Dawson

Behold the star-arr. William Dawson

Go down, Moses-Harry T. Burleigh

Nobody knows the trouble I’ve seen-Harry T. Burleigh

Hymns:

Were you there-harm. Charles Winfred Douglas (H82-172)

There is a balm in Gilead (H82-676)

In Christ there is no East or West-adapt. And harm. Harry T. Burleigh (H82-529)

Wade in the water-(LEVAS 143)

He’s got the whole world in his hand (LEVAS 217)

H82-The Hymnal 1982 LEVAS-Lift Every Voice and Sing (a supplement to H82)

¹Fisk Jubilee Singers: “Our History” <http://fiskjubileesingers.org/about-the-singers/our-history/> accessed: 1 25 February 2021.

²Thomas, “Way Over in Beulah Land” 15.

³Thomas, “Way Over in Beulah Land” 195.

JOINT CHORAL EVENSONG

MARCH 14

4:00PM

Choirs of St. John’s Episcopal Church, Tallahassee, FL &
The Episcopal Church of the Nativity, Huntsville, AL

HOMELESS PRAYER WALK

By The Rev. Rosie Veal Eby

During Lent you have been offered many resources on growing in your faith and your relationship with God. One way we grow in our faith is when we grow closer with others. We have as a church embraced those who lack the resources for proper housing. We have served the homeless community by helping at First Stop and at the Warming Center as well as through your many donations to my discretionary funds. One more resource you have been given is The Homeless Prayer Walk. This resource works as a kind of cross between a prayer walk and prayer stations – using a series of different locations in our city to prompt prayer for those affected by homelessness. It is a way for you to see people's experiences with empathetic eyes. Oftentimes we think that one can simply "get a job" to navigate out of homelessness, however walking in others shoes gives us insight into the privilege we experience on a daily level. I invite you to gain new insight and to pray along the way. Thank you for your continued support as we grow in serving others and in love. Peace!

1. Go to a park or recreational area... The total figure of how many people are homeless today is very hard to calculate because it includes many different categories, some of which are hard to measure. Numbers are rising because of a complex range of factors related to the recession and changes in government policy, including: cuts in services that help prevent vulnerable people from reaching a crisis less provision for those who do reach an emergency more private landlords with less flexibility when things go wrong an increasing proportion of people with mental health combined with a lack of places able to manage additional needs. It's not surprising at a time when many people are seeking emergency help from food banks, many are also in need of shelter. Charities believe the number actually sleeping outside to be much higher, because the count only looks in obvious places – such as park benches or shop doorways, rather than derelict buildings etc. Ask yourself: How cold or hot is it today? How would you feel if you had to sleep out in town tonight? Where would you choose – somewhere near people or somewhere more remote? What would you make/use for shelter?



Pray: Thank God that he knows the name and location of all who slept rough last night, and all who will be in that situation tonight. Thank him for his total love and the future of hope that he offers – to those affected and to us in praying and helping practically in all sorts of different ways. Pray for a more accurate picture of how many people are affected – by rough sleeping specifically, and by homelessness in general – and for more compassion towards every person affected from our society as a whole, as well as in you..

2. Find a bench to sit on... Homelessness charities estimate that if someone is on the streets for just three weeks they are significantly more likely to become 'entrenched' – this is because other issues tend to become a problem quite quickly, such as ill health, bad company, alcohol, drugs or even crime. Ask yourself: If you became homeless, where would you go for help? Where could you imagine yourself turning for comfort in if help wasn't easy to find? Many current or former rough sleepers have some amazing stories to tell about God saving their lives and some have a strong faith... how do you think your faith would be affected if you found yourself in a situation like theirs?

Pray: Pray that those being made newly homeless would be found by, or find, those who can help them quickly. And thank God that help and change is always possible. Pray that every time you see a person who could be homeless sat on a bench or in a doorway from today on, that God's love will lead you to pray for them and show you when to stop and what to say/do... thank God that he is an ever present help, comfort and deliverer to those in desperate need, and ask for more rescues and strengthened faith for those who need this today.

3. Walk towards some shops or restaurants and stand on a street corner... For many people sleeping rough, in temporary accommodation or in assisted housing it can be a struggle to make ends meet to get enough food, clothing and shoes... and even when these things are provided, a huge sense of choice and freedom can be lost. What would it be like to smell your favorite foods in the air, or to see something that could keep you properly warm in a shop window. Some people who are in these situations ask for money to get bus fare, afford food or get a small amount needed to access particular kinds of accommodation – many cannot work currently because of a lack of an address or because of complex issues that need to be addressed. Some obviously also ask for money because they are addicted to alcohol or drugs. Understandably the government and charities in the field suggest you give money to help the cause rather than to individuals, but sometimes this can inadvertently reinforce stigma and distrust too: Ask yourself: What it would be like to have people walk past or avoid eye contact... perhaps even for some people to appear frightened of you? What it might be like to be offered or bought something you don't want or need instead of something you do, or to never be trusted with being given money? How hard might it be to ask strangers for help, to receive this help when offered, or to have it withheld from those who seem to have so much?

Pray: Pray for all those anxious about having, or making enough for, the bare essentials, and ask that they would get more than enough for today. Ask for wisdom for yourself, others, charities and the government over who to stop for, how to speak to them and what help to offer... pray that stigma would end and that we would all respect the dignity of those we come across in difficult situations, rather than assuming pre-judging their situation or character.

4. Find a real estate agent office with houses for sale or rent on display... Most homeless people used to have houses – and you would be surprised at the houses some of them had... lawyers, teachers, film industry officials, ex-army service men and women. There lots of different types of people who end up in desperate situations – often it's because of losing a spouse, coming out of a structured life and having no sense of purpose, or work problems that people struggle to make the mortgage/rent and/or turn to comfort in something like alcohol... which turns out to be anything but helpful... Look at the houses in front of you and imagine you are in the shoes of someone who has lost theirs and is on the streets or staying in a hostel. Ask yourself: How do you feel? What would you miss most? How it might feel if most people seem to forget you had a different story once?

Pray: Thank God that every person who becomes homeless at some point in their life is not a statistic but a unique individual with a specific story, unique talents and different struggles. Pray that we would get better at telling and hearing these stories so we are filled with compassion and a new resolve to act. Pray for healing for those who have lost so much and for a sustaining hope that a new home will be possible.

5. Walk up the beginnings of a residential street near town... Most homeless people today are not actually on the streets – they are in hostels, shelters, move-on accommodation... and waiting to be housed. Or they are hidden because they are 'sofa surfing' – moving from friend's house to friend's house... Look at a few houses and remember that things are not always what they seem from the outside – in people's homes or in their lives. Ask yourself: How would you feel living in this precarious circumstance – surrounded by so many people whose lives and homes seem so secure?

Pray: Pray for all those who are struggling largely unseen and ask God to bring people into their life who will see them and help them find a permanent place to call home. Thank God for all who are struggling who still have some support network in place with friends and family that is keeping them out of the worst situations – pray that this provision doesn't run out before a permanent, life-giving solution is found for them.

6. Stand outside a council or municipal building... Statutory authorities have a duty of care to help those who are made homeless in this country – thank God – and many council members are committed, kind and do everything they can. But the system is complicated, whilst often still not recognizing the complexity and particularity of different people's needs... You could be in for a long wait for help, especially if you are discovered to be 'intentionally homeless' (the categories for which include defaulting on your mortgage) and it's hard to register for services without an address. Even when you are helped, benefits are difficult to manage, if anything is suspected to be awry at any point, your benefit payments are suspended while the matter is being investigated, leaving you with little or nothing to survive on in the meantime. Ask yourself: How would you feel walking up to the door of a local authority service, knowing everything was riding on the assessment meeting you would have with them? Would you find it easy to ask for help, or difficult? What would you hope for? And what would you be frightened of? It's one thing to imagine yourself in this situation alone, or with a partner or a friend, but ask yourself: What would it be like to be a parent with your children also having lost their home?

Pray: Pray for everyone currently receiving help from local authorities and thank God for the systems and workers that are in place. Pray for reform where it is needed and for more clarity. Pray for every person waiting for a decision that affects their housing – ask God for mercy to win in every situation where someone is in need. Pray for children to be safe and receive good help and for parents to be relieved in their anxiety for them. Ask God if he's stirring you up to find out more about campaigning for change on some of these issues... and if so, consider contacting the national charity, Shelter to find out how you could get involved.

7. Find a charity shop and stand outside it... The role of charities – nationally and locally – in helping those without homes, or assisting people to address life controlling issues that are getting in the way of them sustaining a tenancy, is vital. Often it's charities' expert caseworkers help people navigate the complicated situations and systems they face, provide extra accommodation to those the councils can't help or are still waiting for help... and act as a consistent point of call across lots of separate services that homeless people might need to access such as doctors, drug and alcohol services, job centers etc. Ask yourself: How would you feel seeking help from a charity? Turning up at a shelter one night perhaps... would that be an easy or hard thing to do?

Pray: Pray for everyone seeking or receiving help from homelessness charities today – for their safety, care and progress through the system from here on. Pray for Shelter, Crisis and other national organizations and for all local organizations and services you know about who are standing in the gap with and for those in desperate situations. Charities in this sector are facing more need and less funding – pray for miraculous provision and increased generosity for them, and for supernatural love, wisdom and patience for their workers who experience a lot of ongoing pressure and some very challenging and distressing situations.

8. Stand on the steps – or in the porch – of one of the town/city centre churches... Churches and their members play a huge part in resourcing and running charities helping people who are homeless, and many also reach out to individuals themselves. And many homeless people still recognize churches as a good place to come for help – for immediate shelter or relief, or for ongoing support. Ask yourself: How would you feel coming to church, or

asking people from the church for help, if you had lost everything... or you had been out on the streets the night before? How do you think people would react to this if they knew you... how about if they didn't?

Pray: Thank God for every individual and church reaching out in love, especially those who are being generous to the point of it truly costing them. Pray for genuine welcome to be extended to people who have challenging needs and for wisdom in understanding the best way to be part of bringing transformation to their lives. Ask God to start with you – how is he asking you to pray or act? Or perhaps he simply wants to say well done, keep up the good and loving work.

Once you're back from your walk... Use some or all of the following reflection/discussion questions to process the experience you've just had:

What did you learn? What surprised you? What challenged you? Has anything changed/will anything change in how you view homeless people as a result of doing this walk? Has anything changed/will anything change in how you pray for homeless people? Has anything changed/will anything change in how you respond to homeless people or homelessness projects as a result of this? Finish by spending some time in open prayer however you feel led – asking God to help you let go of things he's not asking you to take responsibility for praying or doing after today, but to also help you to remember, retain and explore more about those he is.

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STEWARDSHIP OF CREATION

By Clarissa Sharp

I wandered lonely as a cloud

That floats on high o'er vales and hills,

When all at once I saw a crowd.

A host, of golden daffodils;

Beside the lake, beneath the trees,

Fluttering and dancing in the breeze -William Woodsworth, 1804



During my third grade year in Southern California, I memorized two stanzas of this poem. I am certain I had never seen a daffodil, but the flower's dancing joy spoke to me. It was not until I moved to the South that I began to live through and notice the seasons of Creation as well as the transformation our Earth provides for us each year. How delightful it has been!

January, in the past, was my least favorite time of year. The cold, dark, gloomy, and post-holiday lull often felt unsatisfying. How it happened, I am not sure, but I have realized that I am now living through January with joy and wonder. Each night while I cook dinner, I notice the growing daylight and watch the sunset color the sky. While going to get the mail, I take the long way and look for changes in the yard. The daffodils pop out pretty early, and I smile each time I find another patch. I will now wait for the first bud to appear, I am sure I will smile out loud! They will continue to bring joy through the winter months. Another winter delight in the garden, Edgeworthia (paper bush), provides a heavenly fragrance. Each time I smell the tiny yellow flower, my eyes close and I praise God with amazement

Our earth gives us an abundance of delights, joys, surprises. We have to notice, and let them hit our hearts, minds, and souls. Beautiful transformations are happening for all to watch and possibly experience. Each day brings something new and our good earth helps to show this great truth.

Praise be my Lord for mother earth, who sustains us and keeps us and brings forth divers fruit, and flowers of many colors, and grass. -St. Francis of Assisi

GREENE STREET MARKET AT NATIVITY

By Marilyn Evans

The Greene Street Market at Nativity opens for its 11th season on Thursday, May 6, 2021 at 4:00pm. There will be lots of returning farmers and vendors and lots of new ones too! When you do your shopping at Greene Street you get fresh, healthy, delicious food. You also support our local farmers and our community. Greene Street makes money by charging fees for spaces at the market. This money is returned to those in need in our community through the Nativity Outreach committee.



Come shop with us; let your grocery money make you healthier and our community stronger! Visit greenestreetmarket.com for more info!

Parish News

BIRTHDAYS

OF OUR CHILDREN:

Grant Howell
 Caroline Abney
 Lucy Cooper
 Mary Maddox Creech
 Catherine Hendricks
 Janet Watson
 John Steigner
 Riley Alexander
 Sara Goldsmith
 Thea Sommer
 Gavin Ray
 Anna Franklin Stroud
 Edward Aboudonia
 Travis McClendon
 Celia Brocato
 Alana Putt
 Emma Mauldin
 James Leighton Nation Jr.
 Colin Orr

Wyatt Donovan

Anna Ragsdale

DEATHS:

Lee Coggins
 Jackson James

WELCOME NEWCOMER:

Katie Shaver
 413 Locust Avenue
 Huntsville, AL 35801

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HAP SUNDAY is March 7th. Items needed include small canned ham, any other canned meats, boxed cereal, canned fruit. Please place items in the bins located in the portico of Joffrion Hall.

PARISHIONER UPDATES

Dottie Hilchey
 c/o Elite Nursing
 211 Forest Oak Lane
 Huntsville, AL 35811

Roy Gowman

6379 Hwy 431 South

Owens Cross Roads, AL 35763

Bob Foscue

8 Valley Way Circle

Huntsville, AL 35802

Virginia Pearson

15 Valley Way Circle

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2020 CONTRIBUTION TAX STATEMENTS

Contribution statements for tax records were emailed and mailed at the end of January. If you do not receive your statement, or if you have any questions about your statement, please contact Austin Cook at the church office (256-533-2455) or by email at acook@nativity-hsv.org.

Parish Financial Report

	<u>Budget for Period</u>	<u>Actual for Period</u>	<u>Budget YTD</u>	<u>Actual YTD</u>
Pledges Received	\$109,597.10	\$96,202.08	\$219,194.10	\$279,851.16
Plate	\$6,666.67	\$5,115.00	\$13,333.30	\$8,670.00
Other Revenues	\$9,379.84	\$5,194.29	\$18,759.64	\$10,405.61
Total Income	\$125,643.61	\$106,511.37	\$251,287.04	\$298,926.77
Diocese & Missions	\$13,951.67	\$12,158.04	\$27,903.30	\$34,622.52
Outreach	\$11,626.46	\$14,840.00	\$23,252.40	\$48,650.00
Personnel	\$69,390.31	\$67,751.30	\$138,780.26	\$138,737.24
Other Expenses	\$30,673.76	\$27,254.78	\$61,343.00	\$50,167.81
Total Expenses	\$125,642.20	\$122,004.12	\$251,278.96	\$272,177.57
Net	\$1.41	-\$15,492.75	\$8.08	\$26,749.20



2021 Altar Flower Dedications

Your Name: _____ Phone #: _____
Dates requested: _____
Name(s) for dedication: _____

Please choose one:

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

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 and mail your check along with this form to: to:

Nativity Flower Guild Andrea Vandervoort 434 Locust Ave. Huntsville, AL 35801

Questions? Call Andrea: 256-539-2673

2021 Easter Flower Dedications

Easter dedications are \$20 each

Your name as it is to be listed in the order of worship: _____

Phone #: _____

Name for dedication: _____

Please choose one:

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

PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION. Please complete this form in full with your check made payable to:

Nativity Flower Guild and mail to: Andrea Vandervoort, 434 Locust Ave. Huntsville, AL 35801

If you have questions you may call Andrea: 256-539-2673. The dedication deadline is Friday, March 26.