



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH
OF THE
NATIVITY

DECEMBER 2023

The Steeple

The Episcopal Church of the Nativity
....where faith holds wide the door

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*Owen Proud greets a veteran during
the parade with homemade cookies
made by the Nativity youth group.*



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Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also'
Nativity's Flower Guild

Upon entering the Church of the Nativity, one is immediately struck by the beauty and the sacredness of our magnificent sanctuary. It was designed almost 200 years ago that we might have a place to worship which reflects God's goodness and majesty. Within the sanctuary and adorning the altar are beautiful arrangements of flowers lovingly prepared and dedicated to the glory of God. Every Sunday, and on Easter and Christmas, someone from Nativity's flower guild has given of their time and talents to beautify the sanctuary with fresh, colorful flowers and greenery.

The flower guild has been blessing us with these beautiful arrangements every week now for over 35 years. It began when the rector asked Andrea Vandervoort to start a flower guild and she has been faithfully doing it ever since. Andrea and long time Nativity member, Nancy Davis, co-chaired the guild for many years and then Kay Wheeler joined Andrea as co-chair. Kay has served on the guild approaching 20 years.

The guild now has around 50 members who share the responsibility of preparing the flowers each week. They meet once a year and assign dates to the guild members. Usually two people work together to provide the flowers each Sunday. At Christmas and Easter, however, it is all hands on deck and all 50 of the guild members get together to beautify the sanctuary with flowers and greenery.

The church has never had to fund the flowers. Rather, the flowers are totally funded by private donations in the form of dedications made in thanksgiving for, in memory of, in honor of, or in celebration of a person or event. Kay and Andrea are very proud of the fact the donation price of \$40.00 has never increased in 35 years!

Andrea and Kay agree that being on the flower guild has been both a blessing to them and a joyful experience. They both explain that it is a humbling experience to go to the altar and arrange the flowers realizing they are there to glorify God. We are thankful for Andrea and Kay.

Vestry Nominations

On behalf of the Vestry Nominating Committee, I would like to thank our slate of candidates for their willingness to serve. Your vestry represents your voice as critical decisions are made about this great church. We are pleased to present this year's group of candidates who will be voted on at our annual Parish Meeting on Sunday, January 21st. This year, we will be voting for six candidates who will replace the six 3rd year vestry members completing their term. This will make sure we have eighteen members, who each serve a three-year term.

Our nominating committee is made up of our Senior Warden and the previous three Senior Wardens along with three more "at-large" members voted on by the vestry. The at-large members serve for three years. This year's committee was comprised of Jeff Johnson (at-large year 3), Elizabeth Foster (year 2), Margaret Day Baker (year 1), Walt Bradford (Sr. Warden), Jerry Nutt (Sr. Warden '22), Virginia Caruso (Sr. Warden '21), and Wendy Wilson (Sr. Warden '20).

The nominating committee is grateful for the thoughtful responses from parishioners who are willing to offer their time and talents and who represent a broad spectrum of Nativity's membership. We believe that the proposed slate of nominees have the talent to work with the clergy and staff to do God's work in Huntsville. Please join us at the annual parish meeting to vote on your new vestry members and hear other important updates. Once again, congratulations to our nominees, and a sincere "thank you" to the committee for their hard work.

Wendy Wilson

Vestry Nominations



Minda Alexander

Minda Alexander was born in Huntsville and has lived here for most of her life. She was baptized in, and an active member of, the Methodist church before meeting and marrying her husband, Russ, who was already a member of the Church of the Nativity. Minda was confirmed at the Church of the Nativity in the fall of 2002. Since that time, she has taught children's choir, taught Sunday School, led youth, sung in the choir, acted as a LEM, and has volunteered in numerous other roles. She served as Interim Youth Minister for one year in 2010. She and Russ attended Cursillo #160, and she also has completed one year of EFM. They have two fabulous, confirmed Episcopalian children – Connor (Bruce) lives in Seattle, and Riley Claire is currently a junior in UAB's School of Nursing. She is extremely proud of the people they have grown up to be.

Professionally, Minda has over 25 years of experience supporting the defense industry and the Department of Defense in various program management roles. She is currently working full time as the lead Integrator for the Aviation Turbine Engine office at PEO Aviation. She is also a member of the North Alabama chapter of the Program Management Institute. She enjoys sailing, hiking, biking, camping, reading, crafts, and the company of good friends. She and Russ enthusiastically support the Village of Promise Family Advancement Ctr and they engage in community outreach wherever and whenever possible. Minda has been seeking ways to become more involved at the church and is very excited about the prospect of serving on the vestry.



Erin Elliott

I became a member of Nativity in June 2011. My husband Will, who is a life-long member of Nativity, and I have one son, Tripp (9). I am self-employed and work from home. Will and I attended Cursillo #185, served on staff for #219 and are both active in the regional Cursillo community. I am currently finishing a one-year term on the Vestry. I also teach 2nd Grade Sunday School, and am on the cooking team for our "Feed my Sheep" ministry. I have helped teach VBS for the past several years, as well as help cook for the annual Bazaar. I have previously served on the Stewardship Committee, served on a mission trip to Haiti, and helped teach the Confirmation Class along with participating in EYC trips.



Jay Epps

Jay is a native of Huntsville, where he grew up attending Holy Spirit Catholic Church. Jay's grandfather and grandmother moved to Huntsville in 1954 at which time his father and (4) uncles and aunts grew up attending the Church of Nativity. His Grandfather told him of a fond memory of Nativity in the late 1950's when drove his 4 wheel drive Jeep Willy's from their home on Monte Sano mountain during a large snowstorm to church and was the lone member in the congregation! Jay began to attend Nativity regularly when he married his wife, Rebecca (daughter of an episcopal priest) in 2013. Him and his wife Rebecca have 2 young sons ages 3 and 4. Jay attended Auburn University where he received a degree in electrical engineering and finished his Master's degree in electrical engineering at UAH while working for the Army at Redstone. Jay's wife Rebecca is active in teaching children's Sunday school and attended a mission trip to Haiti with Nativity Members. Jay has enjoyed seeing the church grow and flourish over the last decade and is excited to serve the church in whatever capacity god and the church calls him.



Elizabeth Fleming

Elizabeth Fleming is the Director of Public Development for Huntsville City Schools. Prior to joining HCS, Elizabeth served as the Executive Director of The Schools Foundation (TSF). Elizabeth began her professional career at the YWCA of Central Alabama as their manager of public policy and grants. Prior to working at TSF, Elizabeth was an associate at Public FA (PFA) in public finance.

Elizabeth graduated from Sewanee, The University of the South, in 2003. She is a graduate of Alabama Leadership Initiative sponsored by Leadership Alabama, the National Women's Law Center's first Progressive Leadership and Advocacy Network, Leadership Greater Huntsville Class 27 and Focus Class 27.

Elizabeth is an active member of her community and is currently serving on the Chamber Foundation, GreenPower USA Foundation and Huntsville Pony Club board of directors. She previously served on the boards of Alabama Possible, Alabama Citizens for Constitutional Reform, The Arts Council, The Downtown Forty Seven, Community Foundation of Huntsville Madison County, Catalyst, Chamber of Commerce Huntsville Madison County and the Monte Sano Elementary PTA Board.

Elizabeth is married to Patrick Fleming and they have an eleven-year-old son, Foster, and seven-year-old daughter, Sarah Laughlin. They spend a lot of time on golf courses and barns/horse shows! Elizabeth was baptized, confirmed, and married at Nativity. Both Patrick and Elizabeth's families have a long history and commitment to The Church of the Nativity. She is excited to serve alongside other parishioners on the vestry.



David Hardy

I have been a resident of Huntsville since 1997, calling it home alongside my wonderful wife, Lisa. Our journey led us to Nativity shortly after settling here, where we've found a deep sense of community and purpose. Our family includes two grown children: Adam, who resides here in Huntsville with his own family, and Liz, along with her family, residing in Alexandria, VA.

One of our significant spiritual milestones was our participation as pilgrims in Cursillo #197 in 2015. This experience touched us profoundly, leading us to staff three Cursillos since then, with a strong desire to continue serving in this capacity. Furthering our spiritual growth, Lisa and I completed Education for Ministry (EfM) this past May, an enriching experience that deepened our understanding and commitment to our faith.

Although trained as an electrical engineer, my professional journey has culminated in my recent role as Vice President of Sales in the high-tech industry. This experience has honed my skills in building relationships, fostering collaboration, and strategic planning, all of which I believe are valuable assets in serving as a vestry member. Alongside my professional endeavors, I dedicated several years to the Stewardship Committee, contributing to the sustenance of our church.

I look forward to the privilege to serve at Nativity in any capacity God asks of me.



Caroline Mauldin

Caroline grew up in Meridian, MS and attended Central United Methodist Church. She graduated from the University of Mississippi and later received her MSN from Vanderbilt University School of Nursing. While living in Nashville she met her husband Joe Mauldin and they were married in 2009 at Trinity Episcopal church in New Orleans, LA. While living in Nashville they were members at St. Augustine's Episcopal Church where their oldest daughter Emma was baptized. They have two additional children, Sarah Elizabeth (Liz), and Clayton, who was baptized at Nativity in 2017. They have been members of Nativity for the past 6 years. Caroline serves on the Children's Council at Nativity, has taught Sunday School for the past 4 years, has helped with vacation bible school and co-chaired the craft fundraising committee for Taste of Nativity. She has been on the PTA for the past two years at Hampton Cove Elementary School and volunteers on other school related activities.

Caroline works part-time as a Nurse Practitioner for Crestwood Cardiac Clinic and for Boston Scientific as a cardiac device specialist and educator. She looks forward to serving on the Vestry and helping support the wonderful ministries and people of Nativity.

Accessibility Project

A LETTER FROM FATHER MICHAEL

The Church of the Nativity is seeking to address accessibility needs throughout our campus. Your Vestry has invited Vandersall Collective to help us discern the feasibility of a Capital Campaign at Nativity. They have been working closely with our architects at Matheny Goldmon and our Accessibility Committee.

The next step in this process is to conduct a Feasibility Study. While we are indeed one body, we also speak with many voices. I want to make sure your voice is heard.

A Case Statement was sent to you in the mail that will give you an idea of where we are and our next steps. After reading this material, please take the time to complete a questionnaire. All replies are confidential.

You can complete the survey one of two ways:

1) Go online to a webpage that Vandersall Collective has created for us. That link is www.vandersallcollective.com/nativityhuntsville. You will need the Unique ID, which was included in the packet mailed to you.

2) If you would prefer not to respond online, you do have the option to mail in the survey using the survey and envelope enclosed in the mailing.

We request one survey response per household. It is important that your response is returned by December 13, 2023. All responses will be compiled and analyzed by our consultants. We will receive a report with their findings in January of 2024.

I am grateful for your participation in this process as we discern together God's will for our parish family.

If you have any questions about how to complete the survey need additional information, please contact Vicky Hinton vhinton@nativity-hsv.org.

God's Peace –

The Rev. Michael Goldsmith, Rector

LET'S CHAT!

Click below to fill out the survey electronically

[SURVEY](#)

Church Night and Advent Wreaths



Children's Formation

You're Invited!

**ALL AGES & SUNDAY
SCHOOL CLASSES ARE
INVITED TO A PAJAMA
PANCAKE BREAKFAST IN
CELEBRATION OF
NICK & LUCY DAY!**



**Sunday, December 10th
9 - 10:15am**



The Church of the Nativity will host our annual F.O.C.A.L Christmas Gifts for Foster Kids collection this November.

[Click Here](#) to review what gifts are needed and sign up to provide a gift. Gifts are due at the Church of the Nativity by **Sunday, December 3**. Please attach a label to each gift with the foster child's name and age.

Please do not wrap gifts --- The Nativity EYC will sort the gifts before they hand them off to DHR.

Questions? Please contact the church office

256-533-2455 or email Rebecca

Brothers(rebecca.m.brothers@gmail.com).

Thank you for your support!

Happy Birthday

TO OUR NATIVITY
CHILDREN

*Sloan Dill
Caroline Duff
Abigail Duff
Jensen Goeke
Erin Jordan
Will Knight
Cecilia Grace Wood*

*Tillman Lewis
Chandler Mason
George McCurry
Levon Murphy
James Plucker
Charlie Vowell*

NATIVITY PARENTS NIGHT OUT!

CHILDREN AGES 3 MONTHS-12TH GRADE!

ARE INVITED TO

EAT | PLAY | BE MERRY

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19

5:00-8:00 PM

Wear your PJs and get ready for a night of holiday fun!

- Nursery available for children ages 3 months - 4 years
- Children's activities on Angel Lane for kindergarten - 4th
- Youth activities grades 5-12 in the LOFT

RSVP link coming soon!

Youth Formation


YOUTH (6TH-12TH GRADE) 

ARE INVITED TO

CHRISTMAS ICE SKATING

DECEMBER 20TH

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20 AT 6:30 PM



**COST:
\$10**

RSVP BY EMAILING MADI
BY DECEMBER 15TH!



CHRISTMAS
CONFERENCE

DECEMBER 28-30TH 2023

\$175 PER CAMPER FREE TO STAFF

JOIN US WHILE WE GO HOME
FOR THE HOLIDAYS
AT CAMP MCDOWELL

REGISTRATION OPEN NOW



Christmas Can Drive

Spread holiday cheer (and competition)
and make a difference
in our community!

STARTS	ENDS
11/26/23	12/17/23

WHO ARE THE TEAMS?

- HIGH SCHOOL (9TH-12TH)
- JR HIGH (6TH-8TH)
- NATIVITY CLERGY & STAFF

Spread the Joy!

Bring each week to EYC!



Who will the winner be?



You're invited...

COLLEGE-AGED CHRISTMAS BREAK DINNER

All college-aged young adults
are invited to join Madi for a
meal at Little Rosie's!

December 21, 2023 @ 6pm



Youth Formation



Thank you for donating to the college
care package project!

A prayer for students
Eternal God, your wisdom is greater than our
minds can attain, and your truth enlightens
our learning. To those who study, give
curiosity, imagination, and patience to wait
and work for insight. Fill their learning with
joy. Help them to doubt with courage.

Choir

A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

December 17, 2023 7:00pm

organ prelude 6:30pm, (reception following)

The Episcopal Church of the Nativity, Huntsville, AL

HOLY EUCHARIST
CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR

JANUARY 14, 2024
5:00PM

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE
NATIVITY
208 EUSTIS AVENUE
HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA 35801

COMPLINE

peace. candlelight. chant.



Every Sunday from January 7-February 11 at 8:00pm (except January 14th),
join us for this ancient service of night prayer sung by a small group 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.

Stewardship of Creation

Clarissa Sharp

At the dawn of Advent, The Stewardship of Creation Committee encourages you to think about and to carry out ways to reduce and re-use during the holiday season. Hopefully, those actions can become habits.

At our last committee meeting, we had a good discussion about the three R's: Reduce, Re-use, Recycle. The first two provide us providence by allowing us to make choices, and decisions. We are given the opportunity to prepare for the future, to take care of our earth, to honor God's Creation.

What does Reduce mean for you? The ideas you come up with can be quite enlightening, even providing 'aha' moments. Many things take extra effort, and many take none other than a quick decision to not purchase. It would be fun to hear all the ways, we as a congregation, discover.

Here a few to get your minds rolling: give a tree or shrub as a gift, no more plastic water bottles, pick names instead of giving to everyone, write a poem/letter as your gift, give an experience, support companies who place importance on sustainability and zero waste production.

It may surprise some that re-using can be fairly easy during the holidays. Most things take a long time to wear out or become useless. Marketing leads us to believe we need new items, new decorations, new clothes, etc, etc. Often the most memorable times are overflowing with love, joy, and a gentle spirit rather than with new items.

The hunt for vintage gifts in stores or online sellers is fun, engaging, and rewarding. Giving a special gift from your family's past is usually very meaningful for the giver and the receiver. The stories can be told and passed down before they are forgotten or lost.

Applying a Stewardship of Creation mindset: Respecting God's Creation by realizing we have been given the honor of caring for this glorious earth, we can reduce and reuse during this Holy Season.

Let the heavens be glad, and the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and all that fills it; let the field exult, and everything in it. Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy. Psalm 96:11-12

Outreach



Huntsville Assistance Program is currently in need of the following shelf-stable items:

- CEREAL
- CHEF BOYARDEE
- VIENNA SAUSAGES
- SHELF STABLE MILK
- CANNED SOUP
- CRACKERS
- CANNED CHICKEN
- DRIED BEANS (One Lb bags please)
- SPAGHETTI SAUCE
- PASTA
- PEANUT BUTTER
- JELLY

We will be collecting at Nativity on November 12th and December 3rd! Please place your donations in the marked bin in Ridley Hall.

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Breaking Down Barriers, Transforming the Church.

FILM SCREENING

MONDAY DECEMBER 11TH

CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY
208 EUSTIS AVENUE
RIDLEYHALL
AT 12PM AND 6PM

The Philadelphia Eleven

TIME TRAVEL PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS "THE PHILADELPHIA ELEVEN" A DOCUMENTARY FILM BY MARCO CAVALIERE & JAMES BRADLEY
CASTING BY JAMES BRADLEY & JAMES BRADLEY
EDITING BY JAMES BRADLEY & JAMES BRADLEY
PRODUCTION DESIGNER JAMES BRADLEY
DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY JAMES BRADLEY
EXECUTIVE PRODUCERS JAMES BRADLEY & JAMES BRADLEY
PRODUCED & PRODUCED BY MARCO CAVALIERE

Help for Haiti

Recently Alan Seelinger from Light from Light presented an update on the situation in Haiti and its effects on the medical clinic we support in Port au Prince.

Light from Light (the 501 c3 corporation that supervises the financial support for the Lepwa Timoun Medical clinic) sends over \$30,000 per month to support the operation that sees over 1000 patients per week.

While we are unable to send a medical team there (due to ongoing gang violence), Nativity continues to support the clinic financially. Please consider making a donation to this vital mission for our brothers and sisters in this troubled nation.



LIGHT from LIGHT



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Meals on Wheels
Help Needed

We are in need of a few volunteers! The Nativity team delivers meals on the third Thursday of every month. The time commitment is about 1 1/2 hours beginning at 10:30am. If you are interested please contact

Jennie Coe
828 736 0442 or ronjcoo@yahoo.com



First Stop Breakfast Ministry

For the past few years Nativity has committed to provide breakfast to First Stop. I have reached out to many groups about taking on this commitment once a year. I am so grateful, as are the people at First Stop, for people's willingness to serve. As I look towards 2024, I have some gaps in the calendar, and I need people to sign up.

Breakfast can be as simple as cereal, milk and fruit or as complicated as breakfast casseroles. Normally First Stop feeds around 100 people at the beginning of the month. If you, your family or group are interested in being involved with this ministry please reach out to me. Thank you in advance for your generosity. Contact The Rev. Rose Veal Eby to help!
rvealeby@nativity-hsv.org

A note from Mother Rosie

Today I had the opportunity to attend the One Table Lunch at Big Springs Park. I have not attended since Covid and was excited to attend. I walked from the church with my friend Aubin, who works with ROSS Recovery Outreach Center. Aubin is one of my favorite community partners who helps a lot of the people I meet get to their next step in recovery. We were seated with a young family I meet back in 2020 at the warming center. I had seen them often at First Stop and can remember their struggle to find housing and the grief they experienced when their child was taken because of lack of housing. Today they were sitting with their parents and siblings enjoying the meal and the baby, now two, eating the macaroni and cheese up. I was so thankful to see this family reunited and being great parents.

As Aubin and I walked back to the church we could not help but remark on the hope we see in the outreach community partnerships here in Huntsville. I want to say thank you for being a part of that hope. Thank you for the meals you provide, the items you donate, the money given to discretionary funds and the service you provide when you live out your baptismal covenant as you volunteer your time and talents. If you want to find out more about giving or getting involved please contact me.

Thank you,
Rosie

Community and Parish Engagement

MOTHERS MONTHLY MONDAY MINUTE

MOTHERS WITH YOUNG CHILDREN THIS IS FOR YOU!

Join other mothers with young children the 2nd Monday of every month for respite, thoughtful conversation and free childcare!

DECEMBER 11

5:30 UNTIL 7:00

CLUB 56

CHILDCARE AVAILABLE IN THE NURSERY.

CHILDREN WILL BE SERVED PIZZA AND
APPLESAUCE FOR DINNER



MEN'S FELLOWSHIP AT NATIVITY

Monthly Men's Breakfast

SECOND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH
Ridley Hall

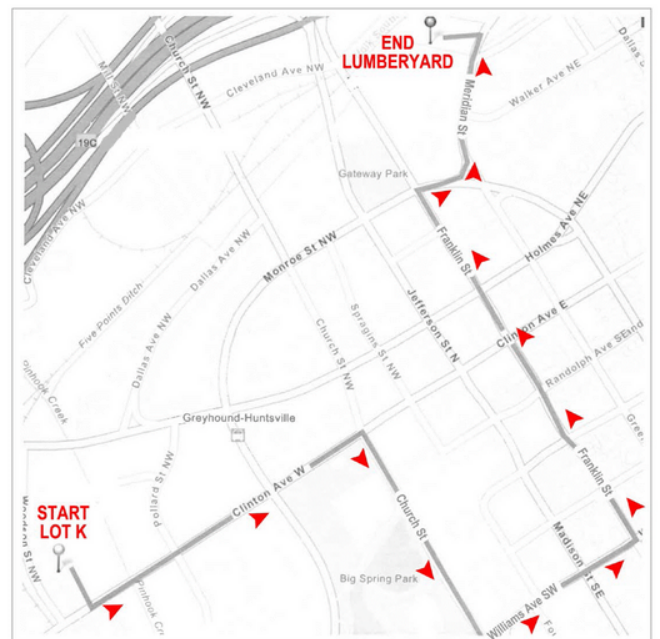
DECEMBER 14 @ 7:00 AM

THIS MONTH WE WILL BE COOKING & SERVING BREAKFAST FOR FIRST
STOP! PLEASE LET BOB SERIO KNOW IF YOU ARE AVAILABLE TO HELP OUT!

CONTACT BOB SERIO FOR MORE INFORMATION.
BSERIO@NATIVITY-HSV.ORG

2023 Huntsville Christmas Parade presented by BANK OF INDEPENDENT CHRISTMAS THROUGH THE DECADES

2023 ROUTE



Christmas Services



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH
OF THE
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CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2023

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24TH

4:00PM THE HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II, IN
THE NAVE
CHILDREN'S CHAPEL AND
CHILDREN'S PROCESSION OF LIGHT

7:30PM THE HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II, IN
THE NAVE

10:30PM THE HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II,
IN THE NAVE

***OVERFLOW SEATING FOR THE 4PM SERVICE IN BIBB
CHAPEL*

***NURSERY OPEN FROM 3:30PM-6:00PM*

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25TH

10:30AM THE HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II,
IN THE NAVE

*PLEASE NOTE THAT SUNDAY MORNING DECEMBER 24TH
IS AN ADVENT SERVICE.*

Advent Class

ADULT FORMATION ADVENT OFFERING

FOR CENTURIES, ARTISTS AND WRITERS
HAVE IMAGINED THE ANNUNCIATION,
NATIVITY OF OUR LORD, AND ADORATION OF
THE SHEPHERDS AND WISE MEN. JOIN LYNNE
VALLELY AND WALTER THAMES FOR A
3-WEEK JOURNEY THROUGH SOME OF THE
GREAT ART AND LITERATURE OF THE
SEASON.

SUNDAYS (DECEMBER 3, 10, 17) AT 9:30AM
JOFFRION LIBRARY

December Worship Schedule

December 2023 - WORSHIP SCHEDULE						updated 11/30/23
SUNDAY, December 3 Advent 1						
Service	Preacher	Celebrant	LEM	Lector	Intercessor	
7:30 am	Goldsmith		Ken Barnett	Ken Barnett	Ken Barnett	
10:30 am	Goldsmith	Sloan	Deborah Baker	Melissa Kirkindall, Mickey Ellis	Lee Hicklen	
	Assisting: Veal-Eby, Stuart Deacon: Serio					
Wednesday, December 6						
Service	Preacher/ Celebrant		LEM/ Lector / Intercessor			
12 noon	Sloan		Walter Thames			
Thursday, December 7						
Service	Preacher /Celebrant		LEM/ Lector / Intercessor			
6:00 pm	Stuart		Lewie Bates			
Sunday, December 10 Advent 2						
Service	Preacher	Celebrant	LEM	Lector	Intercessor	
7:30 am	Stuart		Sue Johnson	Sue Johnson	Sue Johnson	
10:30 am	Stuart	Goldsmith	Lee Hicklen	John Nelson, Jennifer Dill	Carter Proud	
	Assisting: Veal-Eby, Sloan Deacon: Serio					
Wednesday, December 13						
Service	Preacher/ Celebrant		LEM/ Lector / Intercessor			
12 noon	Goldsmith		Lynn-Sparks Lewis			
Thursday, December 14						
Service	Preacher /Celebrant		LEM/ Lector / Intercessor			
6:00 pm	Monroe		Walter Thames			
SUNDAY, December 17 Advent 3						
Service	Preacher	Celebrant	LEM	Lector	Intercessor	
7:30 am	Goldsmith		Ken Barnett	Ken Barnett	Ken Barnett	
10:30 am	Goldsmith	Veal-Eby	Kris Paul, Bob Serio	Mike Innes, Pamela Briggs	Deborah Baker	
	Assisting: Sloan, Stuart Deacon: Serio, Paul					
Lessons & Carols	Stuart			Rhonwyn Watson, Lynn Sparks-Lewis, Elaine Hamner, Marcia Cobun, Donna Rush, Steve Johnson		
Wednesday, December 20						
Service	Preacher /Celebrant		LEM/ Lector / Intercessor			
12 noon	Stuart		Peter Cobun			
Thursday, December 21						
Service	Preacher /Celebrant		LEM/ Lector / Intercessor			
6:00 pm	Sloan		Charles Morley			
SUNDAY, December 24 Advent 4/Christmas Eve						
Service	Preacher	Celebrant	LEM	Lector	Intercessor	
7:30 am	Sloan					
10:30 am	Sloan	Goldsmith	1	Rhonwyn Watson, John Nelson		
	Assisting: Stuart					
4:00 pm	Goldsmith	Sloan	1			
	Assisting: Veal-Eby, Stuart Deacon: Serio					
7:30 pm	Goldsmith	Veal-Eby	Mike Ward,	Lynn Sparks-Lewis, Elaine Hamner	Melissa Kirkindall	
	Assisting: Stuart Deacon: Serio					
10:30 pm	Goldsmith	Stuart	Peter Cobun, Sue Johnson	Steve Johnson, Deborah Alexander	Marcia Cobun	
	Assisting: Deacon: Serio					
Christmas Day, Monday, December 25						
Service	Preacher /Celebrant		LEM/ Lector / Intercessor		Usher	
10:30 am	Veal-Eby		John Hendricks			
Wednesday, December 27						
Service	Preacher /Celebrant					
12 noon	Veal-Eby		Walter Thames			
Thursday, December 28						
6:00 pm			Charles Morley			
SUNDAY, December 31						
Service	Preacher/Celebrant		LEM	Lector	Intercessor	
7:30 am	Serio		Serio			
10:30 am	Serio	Sloan	Peter Cobun	Deborah Alexander, Walter Thames		
	Assisting: Goldsmith, Veal-Eby, Stuart					

FLOWER GUILD

B = Bibb C = Church B- Sharon Darty, Gail Brown C- Suzie Nauman, Lane Tutt

ALTAR GUILD

December 2	Sophia Samogray, Peggy Serio, Mary Johnson, Wanda Cobb, Sasha Gillis
December 10	Anne Chelekis, Caffey Litkenhous, Nancy Colin, Amanda Kiep, Linda Watts
December 16	Jewell Reynolds, Debbie Joyner, Margaret Lotz, Beth Pugh, Judy Vann
December 23	Linda Watts, Peggy Serio, Alice Lanier, Sue Johnson, Heather Stroud, Gail Brown
December 30	Wanda Cobb, Sasha Gillis, Emily Moody, Sophia Samogray, Caffey Litkenhous

CLERGY ON CALL SCHEDULE

December 3-9	December 10-16	December 17-23	December 24-30	December 31-January 5
Veal Eby	Stuart	Goldsmith	Sloan	Veal-Eby

Gina Taylor	Terry Clevenger	Lea Ann Barnett Lessons & Carols Gina Taylor	Morning: Gina Taylor 4:00 pm: Gina Taylor 7:30 pm: Lea Ann Barnett 10:30 pm: Terry Clevenger	Lea Anne Barnett
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VESTRY OF THE DAY

December 3	December 10	December 17	December 24	December 31
Gary Anglin	Tommy Cantey	Mary Coral Murphree	Charles Ray	Rhonwyn Watson

USHER SCHEDULE

December 3	December 10	December 17	December 24	December 31
7:30 Peter Barber	Peter Barber	Peter Barber	Peter Barber	Peter Barber
10:30 Derek Koehl, Jim Spratt-Hall	Jennifer Dill, Randy Dill, Derek Koehl	Caroline and Joe Mauldin	Caroline and Joe Mauldin	
			Christmas Eve 4:00 pm: 7:30 pm: Melissa Helton, Josh Kelly 10:30 pm	

ACOLYTE LEADER

December 3	December 10	December 17	December 24	December 31
Mike Ward	TBD	Shari Williams	Morning: 4:00 pm: 7:30 pm: 10:30 pm	

[CLICK HERE](#) for the online Acolyte sign-up genius form that is updated in real time.

BISCUIT TEAM

December 3	Team #3 Mike Ward, Cameron Durnya, Matthew Pickard, Mike Miller
December 10 (Pancakes)	ALL HANDS ON DECK! Pancake Breakfast-begin serving at 9:00 am.
December 17	Team #5 Bill Love, Terry Clevenger, Will Elliott, Brandon Smith

New Members since January 2023

The Todd Family The Reeves Family

Ben & Rachel Tieslau The Hatcher Family

Caroline McCrary Debbie Clendenny

Donna Maze Austin Nash

Mallory Maze Jennifer Manning

Rickey Tate Guy McClure

James, Erika, & Jake Phillips Rene Milligan

Ann Yates Tammy Eskridge

Reid & Karleen Killen The Murphy Family

Bud & Paula Eberhart Caroline Lumb

Parish Financial Report October 2023

	Budget for Period	Actual for Period	Budget YTD	Actual YTD
Pledges Received	\$120,049.48	\$99,608.92	\$1,200,494.80	\$1,137,911.98
Plate	\$14,583.34	\$13,258.93	\$145,833.32	\$155,431.73
Other Revenues	\$8,835.51	\$7,733.48	\$88,354.98	\$72,864.29
Total Income	\$143,468.33	\$120,601.33	\$1,434,683.10	\$1,366,208.00
Diocese & Missions	\$16,155.93	\$13,518.92	\$161,559.14	\$154,618.20
Outreach	\$13,463.33	\$9,464.92	\$134,632.34	\$129,399.02
Personnel	\$80,843.51	\$74,421.28	\$808,434.82	\$778,996.64
Other Expenses	\$33,005.88	\$24,108.85	\$330,055.24	\$330,665.62
Total Expenses	\$143,468.65	\$121,513.97	\$1,434,681.54	\$1,393,679.48
Net	-0.32	-\$912.64	\$1.56	-\$27,471.48

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