

THE SEASON OF

Advent

"the Lord himself will give you a sign;
the young woman, pregnant and about to
bear a son, shall name him Emmanuel."
ISAIAH 7:14



The Herald

December 2024



From the Senior Warden ...

Greetings Nativity!

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I hope you all are having a great start to the Advent Season. This month's Herald will be an abbreviated Herald, simply because life happens.

November was amazing. We had opportunities to celebrate Father Michael's 50th year in ministry and share Harvest Sunday together. Nativity had our flagship Thanksgiving Meal offering with 18 attendants. Thank you, Dennis Gallagher, for getting this started.



We have a lot to be grateful for, and we are working together to keep going forward as a devoted community of faith that shares Jesus' love and message with everyone who walks through our doors. I am so thankful for each of you.

Blessings,
Deborah

Worship Schedule

Sunday Morning

8:00 a.m.

and

10:30 a.m.

Wednesday

Morning Prayer

10:00 a.m.

Join us Online!

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or

Instagram.com/Nativitypsl

Greening of the Church

Greening of the church will take place on Sunday, December 22nd, immediately following the 10:30 a.m. service. Please join us to ensure our campus looks BEAUTIFUL for the visitors we will receive at our Christmas services. Contact Elaine Clem, Rose Skeete, or the church office with any questions.





Christmas 2024

Christmas Eve, December 24

5:30 p.m. Family Christmas Service & Pageant

10:30 p.m. Carols

11:00 p.m. Midnight Christmas Service

Christmas Day, December 25

10:00 a.m. Christmas Service

December Birthdays & Anniversaries



December 2: Wilfred Craig
December 3: Mary Mosley
December 3: Carol Cyrus
December 7: Charles Gaspard
December 7: Vivienne Salkey
December 8: Karen Pender
December 9: Eleese Brimm
December 19: Carol Young
December 20: Polly Green
December 20: William Shaver
December 20: Laureen Dalessandro
December 23: Pete Szelwach
December 23: Thelma Taffee

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December 23: Jacqueline Gaynor
December 24: Maureen Nickel
December 24: Jonathan Clem
December 25: Walter Edwards
December 27: Viola Gittens
December 27: Annette Jennings
December 27: Sadie Chin
December 28: Michael Gaynor
December 31: William Biebusch
December 31: Steven Siss



December 7: Robert & Carol Young
December 22: Arthur & Paulette Alexander
December 26: Melvin & Alvie Flournoy
December 27: Keith & Sonia Cummins

Christmas Poinsettias



It is time to order your Christmas poinsettia. This year, a donation of \$25 is requested. Order forms are now available in the Narthex. Please make your check out to the

Episcopal Church of Nativity and put "Flower Guild" at the bottom of the check. Return the form with your check in the collection box or deliver it to the office by December 22. You may take your poinsettia home the Sunday after Christmas. Otherwise, it will be distributed elsewhere.

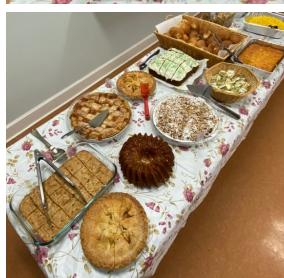
Flower Guild

The mission of Nativity's Flower Guild is to provide fresh flowers on the altar each Sunday to the glory of God. Our members try to be faithful in this practice except when certain occasions and church seasons tell us to do otherwise. Advent is one of the seasons when we follow the guidance of the Episcopal Church in waiting and preparation. It is a solemn time when the church forgoes the materialistic and secular chaos of the so-called holiday spirit to contemplate and pray as we await the hope of the birth of Christ. This is why we only place greens on the altar during the six weeks before Christmas. However, it is also a time when we may want to remember someone's birthday or anniversary or just add a special touch to the altar as a part of our service to the Lord. This is when you may place a rose on the altar if you wish. If you want to do this, please complete the form in the church office or contact Flower Guild Coordinator Mary Mosley at mosleym48@bellsouth.net with a request for a specific date (please give us a week in advance) and a donation of \$10.00 sent to the church with your request, and we will place your rose on the altar for the following Sunday.

The Flower Guild also plays an important role in our celebration of Christmas. This year, we ask that, if you want to memorialize a family member with a donation of a poinsettia, you submit your request by December 22nd. The recommended donation is \$25. If you wish to take your poinsettia home, please do so no later than December 29th so that we can bring the remainder to homebound parishioners or family members after that Sunday's 10:30 a.m. service. If you have someone to whom you would like to have a poinsettia given, please let Mary Mosley know before Christmas so we can arrange for deliveries.

Thank you all for supporting our Flower Guild throughout the past year. God bless you as we move through the Christmas season.

Thanksgiving Meal at Nativity



Daughters of the King



What is Daughters of the King (DOK)? Perhaps you have heard the acronym DOK and wondered what it stands for. Or perhaps you have heard that Nativity has

had a DOK ministry since its beginning, but the organization has come upon troubled times and may have to fold. Or, and this is the most important of the “perhaps” messages, you have heard that this group forms our church's most important prayer ministry? If you are currently a daughter who wants this ministry to remain at Nativity or if you are a woman of faith who would like to learn more about the order, The Daughters of the King Diocesan Board will be sending a member to discuss the purpose of the Daughters of the King (DOK) and its mission at 9:15 a.m. on December 15 in Wolfe Hall.



Nativity's St. Lucia Chapter is now recruiting new members as we move through this transition period and are waiting for a new priest. In 1885, DOK's founder, Margaret J. Franklin, envisioned the mission of The Order to be “the extension of Christ's kingdom through prayer, service and evangelism.” (*DOK Publication, 2023*)

Today, that mission still stands, and there are many effective chapters in our diocese and internationally. If you want to learn more about DOK, please check out www.doknational.org.

Picture Nativity!



Parents' Night Out



Emily visits with Santa



Eric Frihart, Cub Scouts Leader, gets slimed!



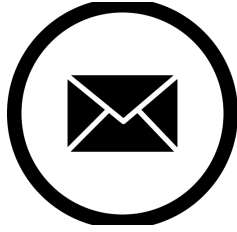
Veterans' Day Flag Raising

The Flag was donated in November in honor of all Veterans' by Terry & Joan Garman.

Weekly Emails

We send a weekly email that includes a weekly calendar and announcements, and other important information.

If you would like to receive emails from Church of the Nativity, please submit your email address to office@nativitypsl.com.



Would you like to make a donation using a credit card? Please scan the QR Code to donate online!

*Did we miss your birthday or anniversary?
Help us update our records!
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OUR MISSION:

UNITED BY GOD'S GRACE

Loving and Serving ALL People in Christ's Name

OUR VISION:

As a Christ-centered oasis, the Church of the Nativity will be a place to experience acceptance and love. We will invite ALL people to come, be spiritually replenished, and leave eager to do the work God has called each of us to do. We will reflect God's love and limitless possibilities through our commitment to meaningful worship, spiritual formation, sweeping outreach, and robust growth.



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