



PSALMS 33:20 KJV
 Our soul waiteth for the LORD: he is our
 help and our shield.

The Herald

October 2025



From the Rector ...

What I Find Hopeful About Our Church

Last week a member of our church was reflecting on the fact that I was finishing up my first month as your rector, and he asked me, "Are you happy?" His question caught me off guard. I think my answer caught him off guard.

His question caught me off guard because happiness is not a primary driver for me. Do I want to be happy in life? Of course, I do. I prefer joy to happiness though. I might be happy today and sad tomorrow. But joy is something I could potentially feel every day. Happiness is circumstantial, while joy is God-given, regardless of circumstances.

In that light, I am filled with joy to be your rector!

I sense that God brought me to Nativity, and I am seeking, above all else, to do his will for our church. If I'm going for happiness, I'll make temporary decisions that make me look good or bring a limited benefit to some people. If I'm going for joy, I will live out the life God has planned for me one day at a time, influencing decisions that impact the church for the foreseeable future.

It means that I'm placing my hope in God to develop his church the way he wants it to develop. I can leave my agenda at the door, and seek his agenda for his people. It also means I may leave your agenda at the door too, if I perceive it is not of God. And hope in God is about all I can count on in this life.

Sunday I defined biblical hope as an expectation that God will keep his promises. I can hope for this or that to happen but hope is not wishful thinking or a desire. Hope is the expectation that God will bless his church, because it is his church.

It's why I teach and preach the Bible: to know what God's promises are so that I know in what I can put my hope. It's why you will hear me talk about the Gospel of Jesus Christ so much. Either we live his gospel or someone else's. God forbid that we live any other gospel than Christ's.

If you missed Sunday's sermon on hope, you may watch it here, beginning at minute 18:00: <https://tinyurl.com/4zk77txp>

I want to share two reasons why I am hopeful for Church of the Nativity.

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Worship Schedule

Sunday Morning

8:00 a.m.

and

10:30 a.m.

Wednesday

Holy Eucharist

& Healing

10:00 a.m.

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Rector's letter cont'd ...

First, Jesus. The church belongs to him. It's not our church. It's not my church. It's his church. And thank God that it is. We might mess it up if we viewed ourselves as in charge. But when we remember that Jesus is the head of the church, in charge of it, we are hopeful that his plans will be fulfilled, and that he'll use us to accomplish his plans.

Second, all of you. While Jesus is the head, you are the body, the Body of Christ. This is true both in the sense of the Church invisible, as well as the visible church that gathers on SW Del Rio Blvd. Jesus doesn't need us to accomplish his purposes. But he does choose to use us. We are hopeful that Jesus will use each one of us to play the role he has for us to play at Nativity [that's a sneak peak into this Sunday's sermon!].

I see that you love each other. I see that you desire to be used of the Lord. I see that you want to impact Port St. Lucie. Therefore, I am hopeful.

I am hopeful - I expect God to do God-things, to keep his promises for the purposes for his church.

Church of the Nativity, put your hope in God.

*We put our hope in the Lord;
he is our protector and our help.*

*We are glad because of him;
we trust in his holy name.*

*May your constant love be with us, Lord,
as we put our hope in you.*

Psalm 33:20-22, (Good News)



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

October 7 | 10:00 a.m.

Outdoor Chapel

Youth & Families Ministry Corner

UPCOMING DATES & EVENTS:

Friday, October 3rd:

7:00 PM – 9:30 PM

Parents Night Out

Saturday, October 25th:

3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Annual Halloween Fest

Friday, November 7th:

7:00 PM – 9:30 PM

Parents Night Out

Friday, December 5th:

7:00 PM – 9:30 PM

Parents Night Out

*Please contact Elaine Clem
or the church office (office@nativitypsl.com)
for additional information.*

Parents Night Out!



Outreach

We are at the beginning of the busiest time of the year for the Outreach Ministry. We will be delivering thirty-three (33) Thanksgiving Food Baskets to families in need. We are again collaborating with the School Social Workers and our monthly community members.

As we prepare for the Thanksgiving Baskets our Outreach Pantry is in need of canned yams or canned sweet potatoes, stuffing, cranberry sauce, boxed or dry milk, jelly, chicken noodle soup, canned tuna, canned chicken, canned fruit, boxed or sealed packages of cookies, pasta sauce and holiday napkins.

Monetary donations or gift cards from Aldi or Publix are gratefully accepted.

We can no longer accept pasta, rice or boxed instant potatoes as we are unable to store them. We will purchase the pasta and rice the day before we pack the baskets.

If you have a flair for decorating, we need you! Please join us in November, date will be forthcoming, to decorate the Thanksgiving baskets. If you have a glue gun, please bring it with you.

Thank you for your continuing support of our Outreach Pantry. God bless you!



Mark Your Calendars!!

Sunday, November 9, 2025

ONE SERVICE ONLY

10:00 a.m.

Bishop's Visit =

more information to follow



Annual Halloween Fest 2025

PLEASE JOIN US ON
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25
3:00 PM – 5:00 PM



You're invited to an afternoon of fun, fellowship, and community outreach at our annual Halloween Fest! This is a wonderful opportunity to share God's love with our neighbors while enjoying time together as a church family.

To make this event a success, we need your help! Volunteers are needed to:

- Decorate trunks and hand out candy for our Trunk or Treat
- Operate the snow cone machine
- Help with games
- Monitor the bounce house



A sign-up sheet is available in the Narthex. Volunteers are asked to arrive by 2:30 PM. We are also collecting donations of candy and juice boxes to share.

If you'd like to volunteer or have any questions, please contact Elaine Clem or call the church office. Let's come together to make this a joyful and memorable day for all!

Friend's Breakfast



October Birthdays & Anniversaries



- 1: Madison Errickson, Darcy Miller
6: Karen Dowling
11: Elaine Barr
12: Luis Diaz
13: Elinor Townsend
14: Mara Andreacchi
15: Katie Dempsey
16: Melvin Lee
17: Kamarri Lee
18: Aidan Baker, Joni Sayers
19: Jeanette Ward, Brooke Burridge,
Wendy Moore
22: Marie-Ange Genece
24: Kathy Regan, Eva Sutcliffe
25: Karen Schlitt
26: Wendy Chadbourne
27: Nella Morgan
31: Whitty Herman, Phyllis Brandt, Anthony Donegal



- 3: Colby & Katie Dempsey
5: Jack & Dotti Johnson
14: Dennis & Barbara Zebosky
18: Robert & Gwen Carey
21: Ralph & Wendy Moore
29: Calvin & Margaret Lewis

Help us stay connected!

We're updating our church directory and want to make sure we have your current contact information. Please share your address, phone number, and email address with us. We'd also love to know your birthday and wedding anniversary so we can celebrate these special occasions with you!

How to update your information:

- Contact the church office directly
- Complete a data form available in the Narthex

If you prefer not to be included in the directory, simply let the church office know.

Thank you for helping us stay connected as a church family!

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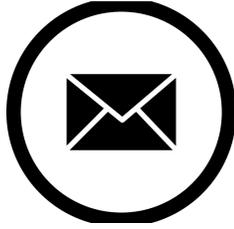
Picture Nativity ...



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!*

*Please contact the church office at 772.343.0401
or office@nativitypsl.com*



**"FOR I KNOW THE PLANS
I HAVE FOR YOU,"
DECLARES THE LORD,
"PLANS TO PROSPER YOU
AND NOT TO HARM YOU,
PLANS TO GIVE YOU HOPE
AND A FUTURE."**

JEREMIAH 29:11

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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