



**HOLY NATIVITY**  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Rite Two, Proper 24

Sunday, October 16, 2022  
10:30 a.m.



*Welcome to Holy Nativity!*

**Prelude** “Prelude on Prelude on Germania” (*Willam Steere*)

John Durgan, organist

**Opening Music** “God of the prophets”

Hymn #359

1 God of the pro - phets, bless the pro - phets' heirs! E - li - jah's  
2 A - noint them pro - phets! Teach them thine in - tent: to hu - man  
3 A - noint them priests! help them to in - ter - cede with all thy  
\*4 A - noint them kings! Yea, king - ly kings, O Lord! A - noint them  
5 Make them a - pos - tles, her - alds of thy cross; forth may they

1 man - tle o'er E - li - sha cast: each age for thine own sol - emn  
2 need their quick - ened hearts a - wake; fill them with power, their lips make  
3 roy - al priest - hood born of grace; through them thy Church pre - sents in  
4 with the Spi - rit of thy Son: theirs not a mon - arch's crown or  
5 go to tell all realms thy grace: in - spired of thee, may they count

1 task pre - pares, make each one strong - er, no - bler than the last.  
2 el - o - quent for right - eous - ness that shall all e - vil break.  
3 word and deed Christ's one true sac - ri - fice with thank - ful praise.  
4 ty - rant's sword; theirs by the love of Christ a king - dom won.  
5 all but loss, and stand at last with joy be - fore thy face.

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## The Word of God

### Children's Time

*All children are invited to come up for children's time. After, they will follow the cross out to participate in children's church, to return during announcement time.*

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

*The Celebrant may say*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*The following song of praise is sung, all standing*

**Song of Praise**

Hymn #362, verse 1

**Holy, holy holy! Lord God Almighty!**

**Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee:**

**Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,**

**God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.**

### The Collect of the Day

*The Celebrant says to the people*

The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*The people sit.*

## The Lessons

### The First Reading: Jeremiah 31:27-34

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of humans and the seed of animals. And just as I have watched over them to pluck up and break down, to overthrow, destroy, and bring evil, so I will watch over them to build and to plant, says the LORD. In those days they shall no longer say:

"The parents have eaten sour grapes,  
and the children's teeth are set on edge."

But all shall die for their own sins; the teeth of everyone who eats sour grapes shall be set on edge.

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt-- a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more. *The Word of the Lord.*

*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

## The Psalm

### Psalm 119:97-104 *Quomodo dilexi!*

97 Oh, how I love your law! \*  
all the day long it is in my mind.

**98 Your commandment has made me wiser than my enemies, \*  
and it is always with me.**

99 I have more understanding than all my teachers, \*  
for your decrees are my study.

**100 I am wiser than the elders, \*  
because I observe your commandments.**

101 I restrain my feet from every evil way, \*  
that I may keep your word.

**102 I do not shrink from your judgments, \*  
because you yourself have taught me.**

103 How sweet are your words to my taste! \*  
they are sweeter than honey to my mouth.

**104 Through your commandments I gain understanding; \*  
therefore I hate every lying way.**

### **The Second Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5**

As for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

*The Word of the Lord.*

*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

# Sequence Hymn "Fight the good fight with all thy might"

Hymn #552

1 Fight the good fight with all thy might, Christ is thy  
 2 Run the straight race through God's good grace, lift up thine  
 \*3 Cast care a - side, lean on thy Guide; his bound - less  
 \*4 Faint not nor fear, his arms are near; he chan - geth

strength and Christ thy right; lay hold on life, and  
 eyes and seek his face; life with its way be -  
 mer - cy will pro - vide; trust, and thy trust - ing  
 not, and thou art dear; on - ly be - lieve, and

it shall be thy joy and crown e - ter - nal - ly.  
 fore us lies, Christ is the path and Christ the prize.  
 soul shall prove Christ is its life and Christ its love.  
 thou shalt see that Christ is all in all to thee.

Words: John Samuel Bewley Monsell (1811-1875). Music: *Pentecost*, William Boyd (1847-1928).

*Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (18:1-8)

*People*            **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus told his disciples a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Sermon**

The Rev. Steve Bates

*On Sundays and other Major Feasts there follows, all standing*

**The Nicene Creed**

We believe in one God,  
    the Father, the Almighty,  
    maker of heaven and earth,  
    of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
    the only Son of God,  
    eternally begotten of the Father,  
    God from God, Light from Light,  
    true God from true God,  
    begotten, not made,  
    of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
    he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
    he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
    and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### **The Prayers of the People: Form III**

*People may remain standing, kneel, or sit reverently.*

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

**That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

**That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

**That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

**That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

**That they may be delivered from their distress.**



Give to the departed eternal rest;  
**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
**May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. *Silence*

### **Remember in Prayer**

*(Names stay on the list for 3 months. If someone needs to stay on longer, contact Madge Smith at [madge@holy-nativity.org](mailto:madge@holy-nativity.org) or 747-4000. Always get permission from the person before you add them.)*

**From our congregation:** Alice Kinney, Carl Harris, Mary Troxell, Sarah Mason, Hannah Davis, Tim Phillips, Inge Churchill, David Burris, Liz Robin, Kelly Roberson, Terry Jangula, Ursula Hixson, Jeannette Tremaine, Jerry Darnell, Edyth Brown, Gerhard Klaassen, Florence Fortier, Corey and Brianna Kelly, Susan Nelson.

**For our friends:** Ernie Gentry, Anne Rockwell, Sandra Roose, Kathy Christian and her family, Denise, Robert Simpson, Dylan Wood, Charlie Mann, Bob and Debbie Snugg, Ted Haney, Rosa Kulik, Myrna McKinley, Sebi MacKay.

**In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer** we pray for St. Luke's in Marianna and the Commission on Affirmative Aging.

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer** we pray for The Anglican Church of Central America.

**We pray for all active duty in the Armed Forces** serving in Bay County and throughout the world: Michael Darrah, Stacey Johnson, Christopher Landess, Joseph Railey, Jeremy Hough, Wes Eberhard, Stacey Holliday, Caleb Loveland, Robert Ice, Andrew Frye, Michael Keller, Rex Brown, Nicholas Longden, Marcus Duffy, James Cowart, Austin Johnson.

**We pray for those celebrating birthdays:** Oct. 16: Katy Bradford, Gigi Carroll, Elizabeth Stamps, Oct. 18: Beverly McDaniel, Wayland Patterson, Oct. 19: Krissy Oenbrink, Matt Ward, Oct. 22: Mary-Elise Morrow, Oct. 22: Alice Allen, Mary Shepard Bonham, Sharon Carroll.

**We pray for those celebrating anniversaries:** Oct. 16: Victoria Williams and Jim Dunham.

**The Altar Flowers are given this Sunday** are given by Victoria Williams and Jim Dunham in celebration of their wedding anniversary.

*The Deacon or Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People*

**Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*The Bishop when present, or the Priest, stands and says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

*The Celebrant concludes with an absolution or suitable collect.*

### **The Peace**

*All stand. The Celebrant says to the people*

*People*                      The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

*Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

### **Greetings and Announcements**

## The Holy Communion

*The Celebrant may begin the Offertory with a sentence of Scripture*

**Offertory** “Close To Thee” (*arr. Silas Vail*)

The Chancel Choir

**Presentation of Tithes and Offerings** (*Old 100th*)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God all creatures, here below;  
Praise God above ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

### The Great Thanksgiving

*Eucharistic Prayer B*

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says*

|                  |   |
|------------------|---|
|                  | The Lord be with you.                             |
| <i>People</i>    | <b>And also with you.</b>                         |
| <i>Celebrant</i> | Lift up your hearts.                              |
| <i>People</i>    | <b>We lift them to the Lord.</b>                  |
| <i>Celebrant</i> | Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.           |
| <i>People</i>    | <b>It is right to give him thanks and praise.</b> |

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

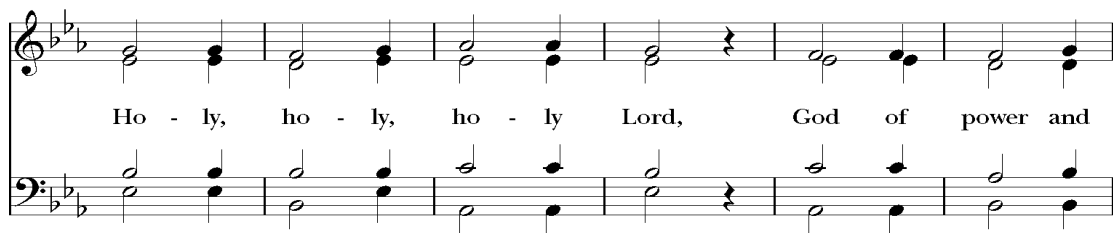
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*A Proper Preface is said by the Celebrant.*

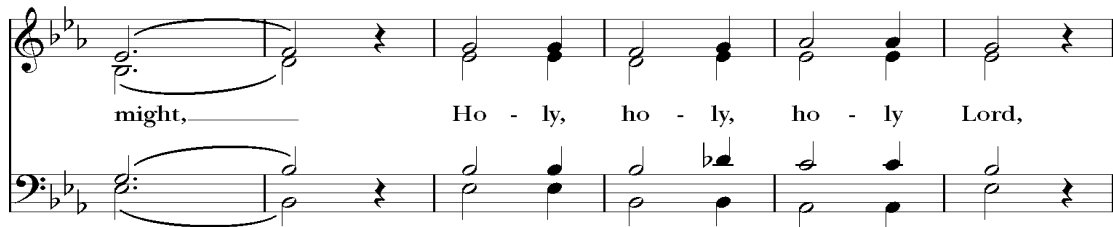
Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Sanctus “Holy, holy, holy Lord”**  
*Celebrant and People*

**Hymnal #S-130**



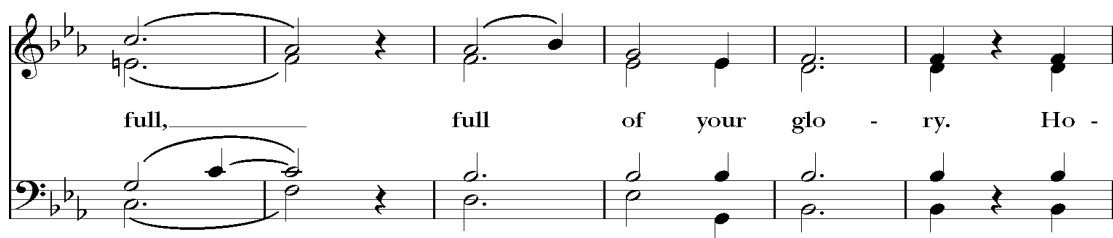
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and



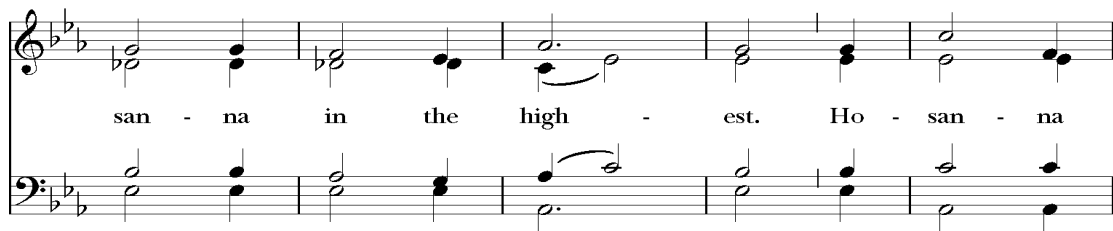
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,



God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are



full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -



san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The people stand, kneel, or sit reverently. Then the Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the

remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [\_\_\_\_\_ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*People and Celebrant*

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

*Then may be sung or said*

[Alleluia.] Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*Therefore let us keep the feast. [Alleluia.]*

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*and may add*

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

**Communion Music** *(feel free to sing along)*

## **In The Garden**

1. I come to the garden alone, While the dew is still on the roses;  
And the voice I hear, falling on my ear, The Son of God discloses.

**Refrain:** And he walks with me, and he talks with me,  
And he tells me I am his own,  
And the joy we share as we tarry there,  
None other has ever known.

2. He speaks, and the sound of his voice is so sweet the birds hush their singing;  
And the melody that he gave to me within my heart is ringing. *(Refrain)*

3. I'd stay in the garden with him though the night around me be falling;  
But he bids me go; thro' the voice of woe, His voice to me is calling. *(Refrain)*

## **Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive**

1. "Forgive our sins as we forgive," you taught us, Lord, to pray; but you alone can grant us grace to live the words we say.

2. How can your pardon reach and bless the unforgiving heart that broods on wrongs and will not let old bitterness depart?

3. In blazing light your cross reveals the truth we dimly knew: what trivial debts are owed to us, how great our debt to you!

4. Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls, and bid resentment cease; then bound to all in bonds of love, our lives will spread your peace.

### **Postcommunion Prayer**

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,**

**you have graciously accepted us as living members**

**of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,**

**and you have fed us with spiritual food**

**in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.**

**Send us now into the world in peace,**

**and grant us strength and courage**

**to love and serve you**

**with gladness and singleness of heart;**

**through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **Benediction and Blessing**



Closing Hymn: "Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing"

Hymn #344

1 Lord, dis - miss us with thy bless - ing; fill our hearts with  
 2 Thanks we give and a - dor - a - tion for thy Gos - pel's  
 3 so that when thy love shall call us, Sa - vior, from the

joy and peace; let us each, thy love pos - sess - ing,  
 joy - ful sound: may the fruits of thy sal - va - tion  
 world a - way, fear of death shall not ap - pall us,

tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace: O re - fresh us,  
 in our hearts and lives a - bound: ev - er faith - ful,  
 glad thy sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,

O re - fresh us trav - eling through this wil - der - ness.  
 ev - er faith - ful to thy truth may we be found;  
 may we ev - er reign with thee in end - less day.

Words: Att. to John Fawcett (1739/40-1817). Music: *Sicilian Mariners*, Sicilian melody; first published *The European Magazine and London Review*, 1792, alt.

*Deacon, or a Priest, dismisses the people.*

*The People respond* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Postlude**

John Durgan, organist

**Today's Ministers**

|                         |   |
|-------------------------|---|
| Preacher/Celebrant      | The Rev. Steve Bates                                    |
| Organist/Dir. Of Choirs | John Durgan   |
| Chalice Bearers         | Joyce Dannecker and George McInnis                      |
| Lector                  | Ivan Pereira  |
| Acolytes                | Ashtyn Williams, Emma and Mathison Crelling, Isaac Ward |
| Ushers                  | Ian Crelling and Daniel Melzer                          |
| Greeter                 | Michael Fuller  |
| Altar Guild             | Marla Churchill, Mary Bonham, Lisa McLendon             |
| Dir. Of Video Prod.     | A. J. Jeffery   |

## ***SAINTS ALIVE***

### **This Week at Holy Nativity**

Please check our website at [www.holy-nativity.org](http://www.holy-nativity.org) for the latest information about programs and events. Go to [www.diocgc.org](http://www.diocgc.org) to check out everything about the Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast.

**Hurricane Ian Relief:** We are once again receiving funds to donate to Hurricane Relief. This time for those in the Fort Myers area. We are adopting Iona-Hope Episcopal Church. The rector of the church is formerly from this diocese. The church and his home have damage as well as significant damage in the area surrounding the church. One of their biggest ministries is a thrift shop and food pantry which was completely flooded. Obviously that ministry is needed now more than ever. Our contributions will help them re-establish that ministry. You can help with a check in the offering plate or contribute online. Please note for Hurricane Relief.

**Backpack Buddy Ministry Sunday is October 23<sup>rd</sup>!** You don't want to miss this Sunday when we will celebrate this special ministry!

**Wonderful Wednesdays are in full swing!**

You don't want to miss the most fun night of the week!

4:30 pm: Children's Choir Rehearsal

5:30 pm: Church

6:00 pm: Supper is served

6:30 pm: Programs for all ages and Adult Choir Rehearsal

**Pig Roast for Camp Beckwith!** October 30<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm. Join us for this annual event where we will enjoy delicious food and support our Diocesan Camp and Retreat Center. Sign up forms are on the Welcome Table along with a payment basket. \$20/adult and \$10/child. You can also pay online through our website. Please indicate it's for the Pig Roast. THE DEADLINE TO SIGN UP IS OCTOBER 23<sup>RD</sup>.

**Ladies Events: Cooking Class!** Come and join chefs Miles and Miranda on Tuesday, October 25 for an Italian cooking class as we learn to bake an Italian loaf of "You Won't Believe It's Gluten-free" bread and a "Fabulous and healthy heritage" lasagna. Cost is \$35 and an adult beverage to share. RSVP by sending Nina a text to 850-814-9282.

**Operation Christmas Child:** Once again HNEC will participate in the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child program, which delivers shoeboxes packed with gifts to children around the world. You can bring joy to a child by "filling" a shoebox on-line. It's as simple as clicking on the link, entering your information, choosing a gender and age group, and then selecting the gifts from the different categories. The boxes will then be filled and shipped to the child in time for Christmas. Go to our website, [holy-nativity.org](http://holy-nativity.org) and click on the link on the homepage or it's available on our Facebook page.

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The Rev. Steve Bates, Rector

The Rev. Tom Weller, Associate

### **SERVICES**

#### **Sundays**

8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite One  
(Nursery provided)

9:15 am Adult Sunday School

10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite Two  
(Children's Christian  
Education & nursery is  
provided)

#### **Wednesdays**

5:30 pm *five-thirty* service  
followed by dinner and  
programs (Sept. – May)