

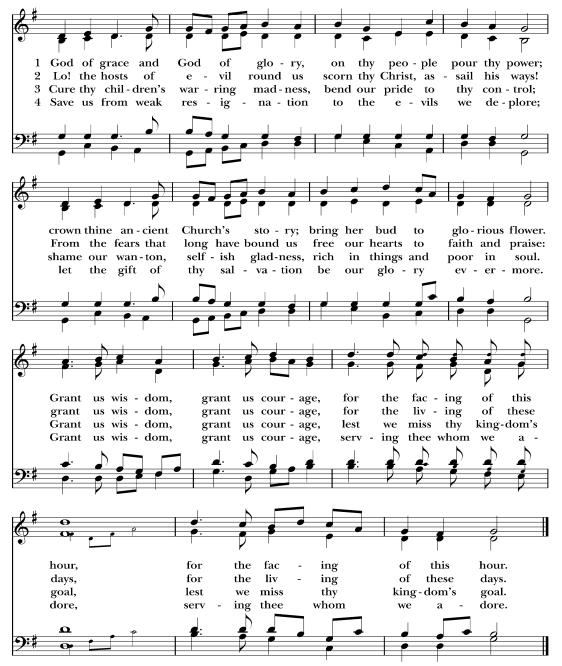
## The Second Sunday after the Epiphany Rite Two, Year A Holy Baptism

Sunday, January 15, 2023 10:30 a.m.



Welcome to Holy Nativity!

**Prelude** "Prelude on Blessed Assurance" (*arr. Paul Fey*) **Opening Hymn** "God of grace and God of glory" John Durgan, organist Hymn #594



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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 Officiant says

	Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.	
People	And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.	
Officiant	There is one Body and one Spirit;	
People	There is one hope in God's call to us;	
Officiant	One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;	
People	One God and Father of all.	

#### The Collect of the Day

The Celebrant says to the people

PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLet us pray.

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.** 

The people sit.

#### The Lessons

#### The First Lesson: Isaiah 49:1-7

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The LORD called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me;

he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." But I said, "I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the LORD, and my reward with my God." And now the LORD says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the LORD, and my God has become my strength-he says. "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers. "Kings shall see and stand up. princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the LORD, who is faithful,

the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you." The Word of the Lord.

#### People Thanks be to God.

#### Psalm 40:1-12 Expectans, expectavi

1 I waited patiently upon the LORD; \* he stooped to me and heard my cry.

#### 2 He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay; \* he set my feet upon a high cliff and made my footing sure.

3 He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God; \* many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in the LORD.

#### 4 Happy are they who trust in the LORD! \* they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false gods.

5 Great things are they that you have done, O LORD my God! how great your wonders and your plans for us! \* there is none who can be compared with you.

# 6 Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! \* but they are more than I can count.

7 In sacrifice and offering you take no pleasure \* (you have given me ears to hear you);

#### 8 Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required, \* and so I said, "Behold, I come.

9 In the roll of the book it is written concerning me: \* 'I love to do your will, O my God; your law is deep in my heart."'

#### 10 I proclaimed righteousness in the great congregation; \* behold, I did not restrain my lips; and that, O LORD, you know.

11 Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; \* I have not concealed your love and faithfulness from the great congregation.

#### 12 You are the LORD; do not withhold your compassion from me; \* let your love and your faithfulness keep me safe for ever.

#### The Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

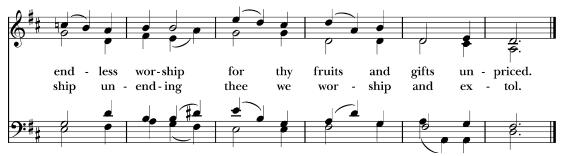
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *The Word of the Lord*.

People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn "Holy Spirit, ever living"





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

# The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (1:29-42)PeopleGlory to you, Lord Christ.

John saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God."

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter). *The Gospel of the Lord*.

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

#### The Sermon

## Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

The Celebrant says The Candidate(s) for Holy Baptism will now be presented

**Adults and Older Children** The candidates who are able to answer for themselves are presented individually by their Sponsors, as follows

#### Sponsor I present N. to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

The Celebrant asks each candidate when presented Do you desire to be baptized? Candidate I do.

#### Infants and Younger Children

Then the candidates who are unable to answer for themselves are presented individually by their Parents and Godparents, as follows

Parents and Godparents I present N. to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

When all have been presented the Celebrant asks the parents and godparents Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life? Parents and Godparents I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant* Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents I will, with God's help.

Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the candidates who can speak for themselves, and of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the infants and younger children.

Question	Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?
Answer	I renounce them.
Question	Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?
Answer	I renounce them.
Question	Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?
Answer	I renounce them.
Question	Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?
Ånswer	I do.
Question	Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?
Ånswer	I do.
Question	Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?
Änswer	I do.

After all have been presented, the Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support *these persons* in *their* life in Christ?

People We will.

The Celebrant then says these or similar words

Let us join with *those* who are committing *themselves* to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

#### The Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant <b>People</b>	Do you believe in God the Father? I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
Celebrant <b>People</b>	Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God? I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant <b>People</b>	Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit? I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Celebrant	Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking
People	of bread, and in the prayers? I will, with God's help.
Celebrant	Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent
People	and return to the Lord? I will, with God's help.
Celebrant <b>People</b>	Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ? I will, with God's help.
Celebrant	Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
People	I will, with God's help.
Celebrant	Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
People	I will, with God's help.

#### **Prayers for the Candidates**

The Celebrant then says to the congregation

Let us now pray for *these persons* who *are* to receive the Sacrament of new birth [and for those (this person) who *have* renewed *their* commitment to Christ.]

A Person appointed leads the following petitions

*Leader* Deliver *them*, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

*Leader* Open *their hearts* to your grace and truth.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

*Leader* Fill *them* with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

*Leader* Keep *them* in the faith and communion of your holy Church. *People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Leader* Teach *them* to love others in the power of the Spirit.

*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Leader* Send *them* into the world in witness to your love.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

*Leader* Bring *them* to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

The Celebrant says

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. **Amen.** 

During the music all stand as Candidates, Sponsors and Officiants move to the font Hymnal #296, Verse 1



#### Thanksgiving over the Water

The Officiant blesses the water, first saying

	The Lord be with you.
People	And also with you.
Officiant	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People	It is right to give him thanks and praise.

#### Officiant

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

#### At the following words, the Celebrants touches the water

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

## The Baptism

Each candidate is presented by name to the Officiant, or to an assisting priest or deacon, who then immerses, or pours water upon, the candidate, saying

*N.*, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.* 

When this action has been completed for all candidates, the Bishop or Priest, at a place in full sight of the congregation, prays over them, saying

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your child the forgiveness of sin, and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give *her* an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. *Amen*.

Then the Bishop or Priest places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross [using Chrism if desired] and saying to each one

N., you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever.  $\pmb{Amen.}$ 

Or this action may be done immediately after the administration of the water and before the preceding prayer.

*When all have been baptized, the Officiant says* Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Officiant and People We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

#### 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** "Eternal Father Strong To Save" (arr. John Dykes) John Durgan, organist

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

0 0	The Lord be with you.
People	And also with you.
Celebrant	Lift up your hearts.
People	We lift them to the Lord.
Celebrant	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People	It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

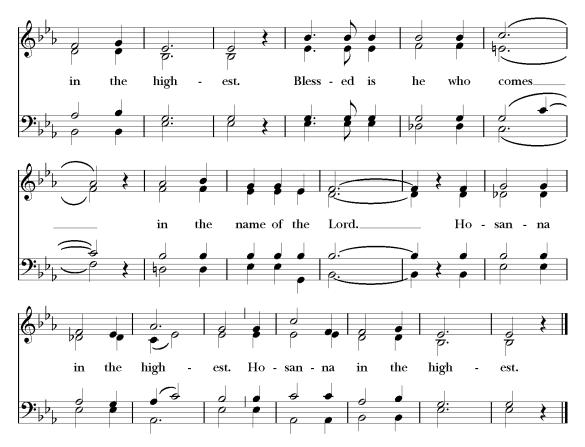
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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





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

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, then we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

#### Celebrant and People Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

#### The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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.

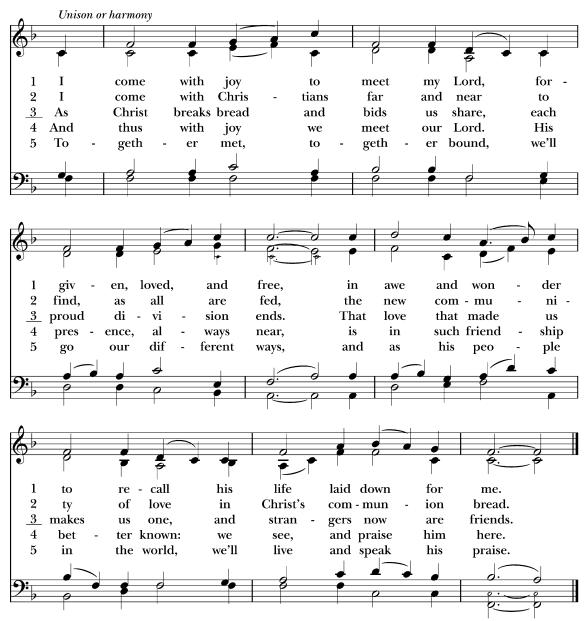
#### **Postcommunion Prayer**

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: "I come with joy to meet the Lord"



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#### Deacon, or a Priest, dismisses the people. The People respond Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

#### Postlude

John Durgan, organist

#### Today's Ministers

Preacher	Ginny Leebrick
Celebrant	The Rev. Steve Bates
Organist/Dir. Of Choirs	John Durgan
Chalice Bearers	Kelly Roberson and Scott Clemons
Lector	Ivan Pereira
Acolytes	Kate Leebrick, John, Alex, and Tom Moore
Ushers	John Hutt and Trey Hutt
Greeter	Jenny Collier
Altar Guild	Rhonda Miller, Victoria Williams, Nancy Breland, Boopie
	McInnis
Dir. Of Video Prod.	A. J. Jeffery

#### **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 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, Inge Churchill, David Burris, Liz Robin, Terry Jangula, Ursula Hixson, Jeannette Tremaine, Edyth Brown, Gerhard Klaassen, Florence Fortier, Corey and Brianna Kelly, Susan Nelson, Sue White, Nell Barnett, Margaret Young, Mary and Marv, Jewell Harding.

**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, Amelia Davis, Jason Moss, Stephen.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for St. Peter's in Bon Secour and St. Peter's in Jackson.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for The Church of Nigeria.

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:** Jan. 16: John Darrah, Kristina Dick, Jan. 18: Liz Ward, Jan. 19: Brody Fuller.

We pray for those celebrating anniversaries: Jan. 16: Bud and Maggie Shuler.

The Altar Flowers are given this Sunday to the glory of God.

## SAINTS ALIVE This Week at Holy Nativity

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

## Holy Nativity's Annual Meeting will be

**January 22 at 9:15 am.** Please come and hear about our church's year and we will be approving our budget for 2023. The staff will be providing breakfast.

## Wonderful Wednesdays will resume Feb. 1,

2023! You don't want to miss the most fun night of the week!
5:30 pm: Church
6:00 pm: Supper is served
6:30 pm: Programs for all ages/Adult Choir Practice

**Souper Bowl Sunday on Feb. 12!** Bring your soup for the Backpack Ministry and wear your team colors for your favorite team, what ever the sport! Baskets will be set up in the foyer. Let's see who will win our Souper Bowl!

## Looking ahead!

Feb. 21: Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper at 5:30 pm

Feb. 22: Ash Wednesday services at 7:30 am and 6:00 pm

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#### 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)