



# the NATIVITY

## November 2024 Scene

*Holy Nativity Episcopal Church • Panama City, Florida*

Please communicate with the Church office via email [admin@holy-nativity.org](mailto:admin@holy-nativity.org)

**HELLO DARKNESS MY OLD FRIEND  
SOON YOU WILL BE HERE AT 4 PM**

*Fall Back Sunday, Nov. 3rd at 2 am!*



Holy Nativity will join with Episcopal congregations across the nation by hosting the parishes of our deanery in a watch party for the investiture of the 28th Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, Bp. Sean Rowe.

Light refreshments will be provided in Battin Hall.

Roll call of the Dioceses starts at 8:30 am CDT on Saturday, November 2, 2024.

### **Park Project—Public Forum**

On Sunday, November 3rd at 9:15am (in between the two services), please join us in Battin Hall for a presentation on the park project behind the two story building.

At the meeting we will discuss the current plans for the space, the estimated costs, and the process to get it completed.

We will also discuss current and future fundraising efforts for the project and take questions from church members.



# HOLY NATIVITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH



## Advent and Christmas Season Schedule 2024

- Dec. 1 (Sun) A Morning with St. Nicholas at the 10:30 am service.**  
Join us for this special Sunday to celebrate St. Nicholas Day. There will be activities and surprises for the children.
- Dec. 4 (Wed) A Festival of Lessons and Carols at 6 pm.**  
Join us for this very special service filled with the scriptural lessons and wonderful music of the season.
- Dec. 8 (Sun) Children's Pajama Party at the 10:30 am service.**  
Wear your favorite pajamas to church and bring a new set of pajamas or a stuffed animal or a bedtime storybook to be presented at church at the 10:30 am service for those who need them.
- Dec. 11 (Wed) Caroling in the Cove!**  
Join us for our Casual Eucharist at 5:30 pm followed by supper. Then we will go caroling in our neighborhood of the Cove.
- Dec. 24 (Tue) Christmas Eve Services**  
4:30 pm Christmas Eve Service Rite Two with the Children's Christmas Pageant  
10:30 pm Christmas Eve Service

*FOR MORE INFO ON ALL THESE EVENTS PLEASE CONTACT  
THE CHURCH OFFICE AT ADMIN@HOLY-NATIVITY.ORG*

Holy Nativity invites you to

# Lessons and Carols

A special program celebrating the festive season and the musical talents from our community.

The first Wednesday in December.

222 N Bonita Avenue, Panama City.

Program begins promptly at 6pm

All are welcome!



Thank you to all who contributed to the Halloween treats for our BUDDIES! They were excited to get a little something extra and very appreciative.

We are still hoping to welcome a newly formed group of GUEST PACKERS. This might be your family or 2 families. Maybe you and some co-workers or neighbors. One does not need to be a member of HNEC to participate! Ideally 4-6 folks who would like to step in and pack 2 or 3 times during the school year in special circumstances. Let us know if this might be a fit for you! backpackbuddieshneec@gmail.com

As is our custom we will be preparing an extra bag for each BUDDY to help them bridge the Thanksgiving and Christmas breaks. With that in mind please remember our BUDDIES when shopping or through a donation (note Backpack Buddies)

#### PACKING SCHEDULE:

Nov 4 – Nov 8 TEAM ALICE

Nov 11 – Nov 15 DEPT OF YOUTH (2)

Nov 18 – Nov 22 TEAM NINA

Dec 2 – Dec 6 MARY MARTHA CIRCLE

Dec 9 – Dec 13 TEAM TREY

Dec 16 – Dec 20 DEPT OF YOUTH (1)



## Operation Christmas Child

HNEC will again be participating in the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child Shoebox program. Samaritan's Purse sends gift-filled shoeboxes to children around the world together with a message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

To purchase and "fill" a shoebox on-line, simply copy and use the link below and follow the instructions. **The Deadline is November 22, 2024**

<https://sampur.se/4f02jh2>



Wednesday are definitely Back!

So good to be back for Wednesday nights with cooler weather and the youth group is ready for a year of making a difference. Thank you to all who enjoy our third Trunk N Treat, so much fun!!

Being fully aware of competing activities, overly scheduled youth and families, we will pursue authentic youth

ministry together. Your youth are invited to join us as they are able, and to reach out in times of need.

This month is.....BUSY! During November

Nov 6th UNO Tournament (after it was postponed)

Nov 13th Veterans Day Service 9am and Special event to give thanks and respect to Servicemen and Women.

Nov 20th Bags of Love. Bring unwanted luggage and bags (in good, clean & usable condition) to donate to children services for families in transition.

**LET US KNOW IF YOU HAVE A STUDENT INTERESTED IN COMING TO YOUTH GROUP**

Do you have a new driver in your family? As a church we would like to offer a blessing of the car keys to protect new drivers and all who travel with them. Please let the church office know.

Livestream Assistant Everyone enjoys the livestream services, but help is needed maybe once a month. Training provided and recognition in the weekly bulletin!

Ideas for youth ministry? Do you have an idea for youth ministry or a passion to lead an activity? Let us know. Please contact [admin@holy-nativity.org](mailto:admin@holy-nativity.org) for more information about Youth Group!

Please contact [aussie\\_aj@holy-Nativity.org](mailto:aussie_aj@holy-Nativity.org) for more information, questions or ideas.

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[Search Committee Update](#)  
[Scott Clemons](#)

On behalf of the Committee, I'm providing a brief update on the Search process. We have completed follow up interviews with the candidates who are discerning a ministry at Holy Nativity.

At this time we are working out possible dates for a full day visit to the church and school campuses, along with a tour of the community. We will also be making parish visits to hear candidates preach, in addition to reviewing backgrounds and references.

As far along as we are in the process, we just received another resume and letter of interest! We don't intend to slow the process, but we do believe it important to give prayerful consideration to this new applicant as well as the others.

We ask all of you to continue to pray for the committee and our parish, as we continue along the path of this most important process in the future of Holy Nativity.





# Children's Ministry

Liz Ward

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October has been a month full of activity and learning in Children's Ministry! It's been a great month of Wonderful Wednesdays Children's Programs with Blessing of the Pets, Bible trivia with Chick-fil-A gift cards for the winners, a Board Game night, and a terrific Trunk-or-Treat, hosted by the Youth, rounded out the October fun! Thank you to AJ and the Youth crew for putting on this event for us. I enjoyed seeing so many families there for the fellowship!

Children's Sunday School at 9:15am has been a great time learning and growing together in our faith. Mrs. Pereira's 3rd-5th graders have been studying Psalms and Mrs. Ward's K-2nd graders enjoyed a series called Pumpkins & Parables. We will look toward stories of thankfulness as we change themes in November. Parents, we would love to have your child/children join us for this time together! Did you know there is a Nursery provided during the Sunday School hour, for our youngest children, so the grown ups can attend their own Sunday School in the Library with Dr. Dan?! We hope this gives everyone an opportunity to deepen their faith and have fellowship time together.

On Sundays we continue alternating our Children's Choir and Children's Church lessons. We have had Godly Play stories from the Old Testament, including Noah's story of The Ark & the Flood, and Abraham, Sarah, and Isaac's story called The Great Family. Mrs. Gladden has plans for the children to sing in November, as well as in December for Lessons & Carols as well as during our Family Service/Nativity Pageant on Christmas Eve.

November is sure to be another great month as we think of all the things we are thankful for, including our Veterans. We will continue our Godly Play Old Testament series until Advent begins. It is a joy to serve in this Ministry and the children would love to have more grownups to share that with. Helpers will be especially needed for the Nativity program on Christmas Eve. Please let me know if you can assist. There's even more coming during Advent with St. Nicholas Day, when we hear the story of St. Nicholas and decorate Christmas cookies, and then there's Pajama Sunday, when we all wear our pajamas to church and bring pajamas, a book, or a stuffed animal to donate. If you are interested in joining us or volunteering as a helper for any of our upcoming activities please let me know. We love parent volunteers, but you do not have to have a child participating in Children's Ministries to volunteer! We love having church members of all ages assist and show the children that we are all here to love and worship the Lord together!

Nursery is well tended by Mrs. Taylor Hall, but we are still in need of some additional volunteers to help with coverage when she is unable to be there, and extra help would be much appreciated for Lessons and Carols in December. Nursery is provided for Sunday School at 9:15, during the Sunday 10:30am service, as well as on Wednesdays for the 5:30pm service!

If you are interested in volunteering, having your child attend, have any questions, or ideas to share, please contact me at [lizward@holy-nativity.org](mailto:lizward@holy-nativity.org). Thank you for your continued support of Children's Ministry at HNES!

# Birthdays

- Nov. 1 Karen Shores
- Nov. 2 Tom Hightower, Wayne Lindsey, Kaew Sumpton
- Nov. 4 Max McCord
- Nov. 5 Sandy Ciccarelli
- Nov. 6 Ann Leonard, Nathan Nowak, Egon Seubert
- Nov. 10 Leland Choi, Scott Struebing
- Nov. 11 Carson Berry, Robert Carroll, Emma Jeffery, Ann Marie Shores
- Nov. 12 Catherine Shores
- Nov. 16 Mary Bonham
- Nov. 20 Atlas Van Zant
- Nov. 21 Patti Akst
- Nov. 22 Judy Bennett, Dawn Johnson, Joanne MacPhee
- Nov. 24 Amy Russell, Cecilia Shuler
- Nov. 25 Presley Gladden, Florencia Pereira
- Nov. 28 Mimi Morrow, Joy Thompson
- Nov. 29 Kate Watson

# Anniversaries

- Nov. 4 Daniel and Holly Melzer
- Nov. 7 Wylie and Nancy Roupp
- Nov. 8 Tom and Vicki Hightower
- Nov. 14 John and Mary Darrah
- Nov. 16 Ken and Hannah Davis
- Nov. 17 Ian and Lindsey Crelling  
Jack and Joanne MacPhee
- Nov. 18 John and Michelle Niziol
- Nov. 29 David Burris and Mary Mittiga



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**The Church Calendar is always  
on the homepage of the  
church's website.**

**[www.holy-nativity.org](http://www.holy-nativity.org)**

## Worship Lay Ministry Schedule for November 2024

Nov 3	Nov 10	Nov 17	Nov 24
<b>Altar Guild:</b> Vicki Hightower Mary Bonham Lisa McLendon	<b>Altar Guild:</b> Cheryl Duffey Amy Russell Barbara Knowles	<b>Altar Guild:</b> Tim Phillips Monica Phillips Mary Mittiga David Burris Katy Bradford	<b>Altar Guild:</b> Joanne MacPhee Dan Finley Robin Finley Nancy Roupp Tricia Berry
<b>Ushers</b> <b>8:00 am:</b> Tim Phillips and Tim Pride <b>10:30 am:</b> Al Tremaine Trey Hutt	<b>Ushers</b> <b>8:00 am:</b> Jim Hixson and Parker McClellan <b>10:30 am:</b> John Thompson Chris Mills	<b>Ushers</b> <b>8:00 am:</b> Bert Churchill and Jerry Darnell <b>10:30 am:</b> Charles and Mary Bonham	<b>Ushers</b> <b>8:00 am:</b> Dan John- son and Lara Johnson <b>10:30 am:</b> Russell and Beth Brock
<b>Greeters</b> <b>8:00 am:</b> Monica Phillips  <b>10:30 am:</b> Angie Hutt	<b>Greeters</b> <b>8:00 am:</b> Donna Jangula  <b>10:30 am:</b> Kathy Mills	<b>Greeters</b> <b>8:00 am:</b> Marla Churchill  <b>10:30 am:</b> Jani Smith	<b>Greeters</b> <b>8:00 am:</b> Phyllis Hunt  <b>10:30 am:</b> Joe Ciccarelli
<b>Chalice Bearers</b> <b>8:00 am:</b>  <b>10:30 am:</b>	<b>Chalice Bearers</b> <b>8:00 am:</b>  <b>10:30 am:</b>	<b>Chalice Bearers</b> <b>8:00 am:</b>  <b>10:30 am:</b>	<b>Chalice Bearers</b> <b>8:00 am:</b>  <b>10:30 am:</b>
<b>Acolytes for 10:30</b> Brody Fuller Emma Crelling Wyatt Syfrett Matheson Crelling	<b>Acolytes for 10:30</b> Jackson Lee Carson Berry Laney Lee Scarlet Jernigan	<b>Acolytes for 10:30</b> Nicolas Pereira Will Melzer Esteban Pereira Lillian McKinney	<b>Acolytes for 10:30</b> Isaac Ward Kolby Wells Jake Wells Abel Wells
<b>Lector at 10:30 am</b>	<b>Lector at 10:30 am</b>	<b>Lector at 10:30 am</b>	<b>Lector at 10:30 am</b>



# Holy Nativity Community Park

## *An Outreach Opportunity for our Neighborhood*

For many years, we shared a vision of making good use  
of the property behind the two-story building.

Help us make this dream a reality.

Look for the display in the lobby for information.

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### **DIOCESE OF THE CENTRAL GULF COAST**

*The Rt. Rev. Russell Kendrick - Bishop  
The Very Rev. John M. Tober - Interim Rector*

### **CHURCH STAFF**

*Youth Director/Video Production- AJ Jeffery  
Director of Music - John Durgan  
Office Administrator - AJ Jeffery  
Children's CE Director - Liz Ward  
Children's Choir Director - Leigh Gladden  
Church Bookkeeper – Kathy Mills  
Nursery Attendant - Taylor Hall*

### **THE VESTRY**

*Tricia Berry 2023  
Beth Brock 2026  
Joe Ciccarelli 2024  
Lenka Doran 2024  
Mark Godwin - Treasurer  
Jim Hixson 2026  
John Hutt 2024*

*Terry Jangula 2026 Jr. Warden  
Joanne MacPhee 2023  
Ivan Pereira 2022 Sr. Warden  
Karen Shores 2023  
Madge Smith - Clerk  
John Thompson 2024  
Gene Wicker 2023*

### **SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP SERVICES**

*Sunday 8:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist - Rite I  
9:15 a.m. - Adult Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. - Holy Eucharist - Rite II with  
Children's Chapel*

*Wednesday 5:30 pm - (Sept.-May) five-thirty casual  
service followed by supper and  
programs*

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