**Announcements. November 28, 2021**

**Advent Wreathmaking–** Pick up Advent kits after November 28th service at church. Or, a kit can be delivered to you. If you would like one delivered, send a note to [nativityonthehill@gmail.com](mailto:nativityonthehill@gmail.com).

**Join our Christmas Choir.** Guest Choirmaster, Fred Goff will direct a special choir for Christmas Eve service. Proposed rehearsals after church 11:15-12:15 on December 5,12 and 19. One evening rehearsal on Wednesday, December 22nd from 5:30-6:30. We will sing with special singers’ masks provided by church to ensure that we are COVID safe. See Fred at coffee hour or email [nativityonthehill@gmail.com](mailto:nativityonthehill@gmail.com) if you would like to participate.

**Preparation for Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows, Confirmation and Reception into the Episcopal Church.**December 1, 8, 15, 22 and January 5 (5:30-6:30 p.m.) This class is appropriate for all mature baptized people or those who have been previously confirmed and who wish to enter a time of disciplined renewal of their baptismal covenant.  The class will prepare for a laying on of hands by Bishop Marc when he visits Nativity on January 9th. The class will be offered either in person or on Zoom as the group prefers.  Contact Rev. Kirsten for more information.

**Saturday December 4 (10 a.m.). Eucharistic Minister Training.** Explore the meaning of Eucharist and join a small group who will be trained (or retrained) to serve at the altar. Everyone is welcome to join the class (even if you don’t want to be on the worship schedule).

**Sunday December 5 (10 a.m.) St. Nicholas Day.** Join us for our regular 10 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary and on Nativity Facebook Livestream with a special visit by St. Nicholas (with our traditional chocolate treats).

**Saturday, December 11 Giving Tree gift card deadline. Hope for the Holidays.** This year we’ll be contributing gift cards to help families in need. You can drop off gift cards to Safeway, Target or other major retail stores at Church or you can donate to Ritter House directly on their website. (<https://rittercenter.org/you-can-help/hope-for-the-holidays/>)

B**ible Study** meets 2nd and 4th Thursdays at 10:30 a.m., via [Zoom](https://nativityonthehill.us10.list-manage.com/track/click?u=b5c898c53d72904fec86a1326&id=dd53513761&e=a28f91e05a). In December we will read Tattoos on the Heart by Greg Boyle

We will with thanksgiving receive offerings of **Nativity pledges** and plate today. You can contribute by sending a check to the church or by using the "Give" button on our website, [www.nativityonthehill.org](http://www.nativityonthehill.org).

All who participate in this **Holy Eucharist** virtually receive the full benefits of the sacrament by coming with the intention of being united with Christ and one another. (BCP 457).

**Prayers of the People November 28, 2021 (BCP p. 359)**

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Here and after every petition the People respond Lord, have mercy.*

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, for Marc our own Bishop, for our clergy, Kirsten, Scott, Lynn and Rebecca and all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, *we pray to you, O Lord.*

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, *we pray to you, O Lord.*

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, *we pray to you, O Lord.*

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, *we pray to you, O Lord.*

For those in positions of public trust especially our President Joe and our Governor Gavin], that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, *we pray to you, O Lord.*

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, *we pray to you, O Lord.*

For this congregation, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, *we pray to you, O Lord.*

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; our congregation members: Carissa, Marge, Juliette, Dan, Donna, Jim, Duane, Norma, Steve, Nancy, Jamie, and Margaret D

And our families, friends, and neighbors; remembering especially: Katherine, Ed, John, Mary P., Les, Eric and Julie, Ronald and Emily, Polly, Sylvia, Young, Robert B, Linda, Sarah, Rachelle, Abbey, Diane B, Ed M, Janet L., Jared, Denise Gina, Bill, Miles, and Laurie, that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, *we pray to you, O Lord.*

For whom and for what else shall we pray and give thanksgiving? *Please add your prayers silently or aloud*,

We pray to you, O Lord.

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, *we pray to you, O Lord.*

Rejoicing in the fellowship of [the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

To you, O Lord our God.

*Silence*