

The Church of the Nativity & St. Stephen

Second Sunday of Easter April 27, 2025



Mission of Nativity and St. Stephen

To seek and serve Christ through service to others.

To manage responsibly the financial resources of our parish as loving and caring stewards.

To welcome and involve all persons into our parish family valuing both diversity and unity.

To enable nurture and learning in the Episcopal heritage of Scripture, tradition and reason.

To foster a community of faith for worship, spiritual growth, ministry and mission.

We invite your prayers before our mass begins. Please be reminded of the importance of Holy silence that prepares us to listen to God. Conversation, food, and fellowship following worship. All are welcome.

The Rev. Ryan Tobin

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We will hold Sunday services in person and through Zoom. Services recorded by Zoom are posted to YouTube by Tuesday of each week.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCf3IULzaURGSSOhEeRl7s8A/featured>

To Connect to services/events via Zoom

Join Sunday morning. Service begins at 9:30am and you can join by 9:00am.

Online:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85722557280>

Meeting ID: 857 2255 7280 PW: joseph87
or

Call In: +1 929 205 6099

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Wednesday Morning Devotions and coffee/tea, 9am

Join in for short devotions and conversation.

Online:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85223260016>

Meeting ID: 852 2326 0016 PW: 5676514 or

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Organ Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Processional Hymn

“Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!”

Hymnal 205

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**People: *The Lord is risen indeed.
Alleluia.***

Collect for Purity BCP 355

Glory to God Hymnal S280

Collect of the Day insert

First Reading:

Acts 5:27 – 32 insert

Psalm 118:14 - 29 insert

Second Reading:

Revelation 1:4 – 8 insert

The Holy Gospel:

John 20:19 - 31 insert

Sermon The Rev. Ryan Tobin

The Nicene Creed BCP 358

The Prayers of the People

Lord, have mercy.

The Peace BCP 360

(Stand and greet each other.)

The Offertory Sentence BCP 376

Offertory Hymn

“We walk by faith, and not by sight”

Hymnal 209

The Doxology

Hymnal 380, v.3

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361

The Holy Eucharist II

Lift up your hearts *Sursum corda*

S 121



Proper Preface

BCP 379

Sanctus

Hymnal S130

Consecration

BCP 362

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

The Breaking of the Bread

BCP 364

Fraction Anthem

Lamb of God

S 164

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

Celebrant and People: *My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.*

Post Communion Prayer

BCP 365

Recessional Hymn

"Sing, ye faithful, sing with gladness"

Hymnal 492

Dismissal

BCP 366

Postlude

Announcements

Today we take an additional offering for our Building Fund.

The money donated helps us pay for repairs.

Please include the following in your daily prayers.

Wendy, Sue, Gary, Lesley, Mary Jeanne, Marie, Jim, Lynne, Tammy, Ray, Nedra, Jake, Matt, Katherine, Marlene, Linda, Kate, Pat, Alfred, and Sandy.

Today we will undecorate the church.

If you are able to stay after the service, please do.

Collections for Neighbor Helping Neighbor Food Bank

April items are: Juice, Jelly, Coffee, Tea, Tub and Tile and Floor Cleaners.

May: Boxed Side Dishes: Rice, Pasta, Potatoes, Glass Cleaner and Spray Cleaners

Weekly Conversation and Devotions

Wednesday, April 30, 9am, Zoom

Thursday, May 8, 11:30am, Kingdom Grounds Café, Elliottsburg

Wednesday, May 14, 9am, Zoom

Wednesday, May 21, 11:30, Shine, Liverpool

Wednesday, May 28, 9am, Zoom

Back to School with Join Hands

Join Hands is collecting gently use children's clothing and NEW socks and underwear to distribute on August 2 at the Family Life Center. We will be collecting packs of new socks and underwear, boys and girls, sizes 4T to adult XL. A basket will be in the church through July 31 – let's fill it! Any questions, see Darlene.

Active, baptized members of the parish seeking their first college degree are encouraged to apply for the Kyle Weller Scholarship by June 1.

The program will offer scholarship grants of \$500.00 each. All active baptized members of the parish are eligible to apply. Recipients will be chosen on the basis of the following criteria:

The student and/or their parent(s) must be supporting members of the parish for at least one (1) year and the applicant will have received communion at the parish at least two times per year and will continue to do so while receiving the grant. Students interested in applying for a grant should complete an application form which is available in the office. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the church office (717-567-6514).

Help fill our community food pantry!

Items that seem to be taken first include canned pasta meals, soups, and macaroni and cheese. Vegetables don't seem to get taken. Also, please don't use this as an opportunity to clear out your pantry if at all possible.

Rejoice@Incarnation

Each month Incarnation UCC, 45 N. 4th Street, Newport, will host a musical guest. Concerts are Sundays and start at 2pm and last 60 – 90 minutes. May 4 – Minas

Perry County Literacy Council 29th Annual Race for Reading, Saturday, May 3, 5:30pm, Little Buffalo State Park Recreation Center.

Dinner, drinks, appetizers, and silent/live auctions. A pre-race Mint Julep Party will take place at 4:30pm, The Warner home, 7004 Creek Road, Newport. Reserve your tickets in advance. See the Perry County Literacy Council FB page for more info.

Perry Human Services Mini Golf “Take a Swing at Drug Abuse” Fundraiser, Saturday, May 3, Paradise Stream Family Campground, 693 Paradise Stream Rd., Loysville

Form a team of 2 – 5 players who raise \$25 each. Start times are every ½ hour from 9:30am – 1pm. Register online at www.perryhumanservices.org or call 717-582-8703.

Wine a Little, Laugh a Lot, Bid More Join Hands Ministry Fundraising Event, Saturday, May 17, 2 – 5pm, The Winery at Hunters Valley, 3 Orchard Road, Liverpool

Complimentary wine tasting, hors d'oeuvres, silent auction, and comedian Seth Knorr. \$45 per person includes souvenir glass. Tickets are available at [BIT.LY/3X4NO2L](https://www.bitr.ly/3X4NO2L)

Service Participants

Greeter: Terry Stanton

Lector: Rick Rasmussen

Prayers of the People: Connie Yocum

Acolyte and Eucharistic Minister:

Darlene Amsler

Organist: Sue Beamer

Tech Assistant: Aiden Shiffer

Coffee Hour: Andrea Jezewski

Altar Guild: Susan Rice and Shannon Burns

Counters: Wendy Day and Jill Hoover



Vestry

Jill Hoover, Sr. Warden

Darlene Amsler

Sue Beamer

Wendy Day

Mary Price

Terry Stanton

Rebecca Gephart-Crup, Treasurer