

The Church of the Nativity & St. Stephen
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 24 October 26, 2025
Baptism of Freya Marie Rasmussen



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.

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Organ Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Please stand

Processional Hymn

*“We know that Christ is raised and
dies no more”* Hymnal 296

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.

Celebrant: There is one Body and
one Spirit;

People: There is one hope in
God's call to us;

Celebrant: One Lord, one Faith,
one Baptism;

People: One God and Father of
all.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Collect of the Day insert
People: Amen.

Please be seated

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD OF GOD

First Reading:

Reader: A reading from Joel.

Joel 2:23 - 32 insert

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 65 insert

Second Reading:

Reader: A reading from 2 Timothy.

2 Timothy 4:6 – 8, 16 – 18 insert

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Gradual Hymn

*“Come, my Way, my Truth, my
Life”* Hymnal 487

The Holy Gospel:

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our
Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.
Luke 18:9 - 14 insert

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord
Christ.

Sermon The Rev. Ryan M. Tobin

Candidate and Sponsors come to front

Presentation and Examination of the Candidate

Celebrant: The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Candidate is presented by

Sponsor saying: I present Freya Marie to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Celebrant: Do you desire to be baptized?

Candidate: I do.

Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the candidate.

Celebrant: Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Candidate: I renounce them.

Celebrant: Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Candidate: I renounce them.

Celebrant: Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Candidate: I renounce them.

Celebrant: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Candidate: I do.

Celebrant: Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Candidate: I do.

Celebrant: Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Candidate: I do.

Please stand.

Celebrant to the Congregation:

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person in her life in Christ?

People: We will.

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

The Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Father?

People: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People: 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: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: I believe in 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 of the bread, and in the prayers?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People: 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 of the People

Celebrant:

Let us now pray for this person who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Reader: Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: Open her heart to your grace and truth.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: Send her into the world in witness to your love.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant: 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.*

(The Baptismal Party proceeds to the Font. The congregation is invited to follow after them and gather around the Font.)

Hymn

“Wade in the water” See page 11

Thanksgiving over the Water

Celebrant blesses the water, saying:

The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant:

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.

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

Celebrant: Freya Marie, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

Chrismation

Freya, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. *Amen.*

Let us pray. Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon your servant 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.*

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant 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

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

MINISTRY OF THE SACRAMENT

The Offertory Sentence BCP 376
Please be seated

Offertory Hymn

"I am the bread of life"

Hymnal 335

Please stand

Doxology

Hymnal 380, v. 3

The Great Thanksgiving
Eucharistic Prayer A BCP 361

Celebrant: 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.

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth. 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:

Celebrant and People:

"Holy, holy, holy Lord" S 125

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The people stand or kneel.

Celebrant: Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when 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 for 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.

Celebrant: 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.

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,

Celebrant and People:

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.

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Fraction Anthem

“Lamb of God”

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Prayer for Spiritual Communion

Celebrant and People: Dearest Jesus, we believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since we all cannot receive communion in the consecrated bread and wine, we pray you to come into our hearts. We unite ourselves with you and embrace you with our hearts, souls, and minds. Let us serve you in this life until, by your grace, we come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Prayer after Communion

Stand or kneel

Celebrant: 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.

Blessing

Please stand

Recessional Hymn

“Singing songs of expectation”

Hymnal 527

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit, Alleluia, Alleluia.

People: Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia.

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Fraction Anthem: Lamb of God

Agnus Dei

The Holy Eucharist II

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
 have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
 you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Setting: From *New Plainsong*; David Hurd (s. 1956)

Wade in the wa - ter, wade in the wa - ter, chil - dren,

Fine

Wade in the wa - ter, God's a-gon-na trou-ble the wa - ter.

1. See that host all dressed in white,
 2. See that band all dressed in red,
 3. Look o - ver yon-der, what do I see?
 4. If you don't be-lieve I've been re - deemed,

1. The lead - er looks like the Is - ra - elite,
 2. Looks like the band that Mo - ses led,
 3. The Ho - ly Ghost a - com - ing on me,
 4. Just fol - low me down to Jor - dan's stream,

D.C.

God's a - gon - na trou - ble the wa - ter.

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, Linda, Marlene, Kate, Pat, Alfred, Sandy, Heidi, Kelly, Cindy, Enslee, Natalie, Mark, Sharon, Kellie, Russ, Connie, and Charles.

Upcoming Special Services & Events

Wednesday, November 5, 7pm --

All Souls Requiem Mass

Sunday, November 9, 9:30am -- Honoring Veterans & Blessing of Giving Estimates

Sunday, November 23, 9:30am --

Parish Annual Meeting

Saturday, December 13, 4pm -- Celebration of New Ministrv

Upcoming Parlor People

November 9 - What happens after we die?

November 16 - What does heaven look like?

Upcoming Convo and Devotions

Wednesday, October 29, 11:30am, Newport Family Restaurant

The Annual Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, November 23 at the end of the church service. A pot-luck lunch will follow.

All Saints Sunday, November 2, St. Stephen
Bring photos or mementos of your loved ones to church to be placed in the window sills. We will also pray by name for those who have died in the past year. Contact Michele to add a name to the list.

All Souls Requiem Mass, Nov. 5, Nativity

We will pray for all of the faithful departed who have touched the lives of people in this parish. You can add names to the Book of Remembrance in church, or contact Michele to have names added.

Perry County Chapter DAR Wreaths Across America placing wreaths on veterans' graves at Fort Indiantown Gap in December. Wreaths are \$17. Check payable to Perry County Chapter DAR to Gail Shull by November 16.

Rejoice! Music Ministry, Incarnation UCC, 47 N. 4th Street, Newport

All concerts are free and start at 2pm followed by refreshments.

November 16 – Two Rivers Chamber Music

Christmas Services

Christmas Eve, 4pm - Family Worship and Holy Eucharist at St. Stephen

Christmas Eve, 8pm - Solemn Eucharist and Hymn Sing at Nativity

Service Participants

Greeter: Bill Roman

Lector: Terry Stanton

Prayers of the People:

Acolyte & Eucharistic Minister: Bill Day

Organist: Andrea Jezewski

Tech Assistant: Aiden Shiffer

Coffee Hour: Darlene Amsler

Altar Guild: Shannon Burns and Susan Rice

Counters: Darlene Amsler and Terry Stanton

Vestry

Jill Hoover, Sr. Warden, Darlene Amsler,

Wendy Day, Mary Price, Terry Stanton,

Rebecca Gephart-Crup, Treasurer