

The Church of the Nativity & St. Stephen
Seventh Sunday of Easter May 17, 2026
Baptism of Kandy Marie



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

Processional Hymn “*Where cross the crowded ways of life*” Hymnal 609

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

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.*

Collect for Purity BCP 355

Collect of the Day insert

People: *Amen*

Lector:

A Reading from Acts 1:6 – 14 insert

The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 68:1 – 10, 33 - 36 insert

Lector:

A Reading from 1 Peter 4:12 – 14, 5:6 - 11 insert

The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Gradual Hymn “Zimbabwe Alleluia”

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Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!

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Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

John 17:1 - 11 insert

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon The Rev. Ryan M. Tobin

Presentation of the Candidate

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

Sponsor: *I present Kandy Marie to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.*

Celebrant: Do you desire to be baptized?

Candidate: *I do.*

The Examination

The Celebrant then examines the candidate.

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?

Answer: *I do.*

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

Answer: *I do.*

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

Answer: *I do.*

The Celebrant then addresses 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 the candidate 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 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 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 for the Candidate

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

The response to each petition is: Lord, hear our prayer.

The Celebrant concludes with this prayer:

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.**

Baptismal Hymn "Wade in the Water"

The Congregation sings the refrain and the repeated "God's a-gonna trouble the water." Soloists will sing the numbered verses.

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

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

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? God's a-gon-na trou-ble the
4. If you don't be-lieve I've been re - deemed,

wa - ter. 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,

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

Thanksgiving over the Water BCP 306

Holy Baptism BCP 307-308

Then the Celebrant says: 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.*

Offertory Hymn “*Thou, who at thy first Eucharist didst pray*” Hymnal 315

The Offertory Sentence BCP 376

The Doxology Hymnal 380, v.3

The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer A

The Great Thanksgiving is found on page 361 of the Book of Common Prayer.

The communion elements are offered to the Glory of God by the Shulls in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary.

Sanctus Hymnal S 130

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are
full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na
in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord, Ho - san - na
in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Great Amen



The Lord's Prayer BCP 364

The Breaking of the Bread BCP 364

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

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.

Ministration of Communion

Communion Anthem *Ave Marie (Shubert)* **Lacey Shirk, soloist**

Prayer after Communion BCP 365

Recessional Hymn “Alleluia! sing to Jesus!” Hymnal 460

The Dismissal BCP 366

Postlude

Announcements

Next Sunday, May 24, we worship at St. Stephen followed by a Cemetery Walk.

Next Sunday, May 24, Cook Out with the Residents of the Gardens after the service.
See Wendy if you'd like to attend and help out.

Please include the following in your daily prayers.

Wendy, Tootser, Mary Jeanne, Jan, Bob, Jim, Lynne, Tammy, Kim, Marie, Sue, Robert, Monty, Ray, Kate, Kevin, Nancy, and Ann.

Geraniums for Pentecost, May 24.

Donations for geraniums to decorate the church for Pentecost are being taken through today. Envelopes are at the back of the church. You can make them in memory of or in honor of someone.

New Service: Meditative Worship

We are launching a new service of meditative worship here at Nativity. Join us on the First and Third Wednesdays of each month at 7pm for a mid-week service of prayer and meditation. This is an informal service that focuses on centering prayer and contemplation of scripture -- no singing, and no sermon.

Vestry Meeting, Thursday, May 28, 6pm, Zoom

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

Applications and further requirements are available at the office and can be requested by email at chnatss@pa.net

Weekly Devotions Gatherings

Wednesday, May 20, 9am, Newport Family Restaurant

Wednesday, May 27, 9am, Zoom

Wednesday, June 3, 9am, Newport Family Restaurant

Wednesday, June 10, 9am, Zoom

Wednesday, June 17, 9am, Newport Family Restaurant

Wednesday, June 24, 9am, Zoom

**Church Picnic, June 28, 11am, worship and picnic at Landis Farm,
173 Owl Hollow Road, Millerstown.**

Bring a dish to share. There will be swimming. If you are willing to help, see a member of Vestry. This service will not be available by Zoom due to the location.

Join Hands Back-to-School Program

Join Hands has asked for our help in providing socks and underwear for their back-to-school program which will be held on August 1. Socks- Children to adult all sizes EXCEPT newborn and toddler. Underwear-Sizes 5T through adult 3X. Please bring to church by July 19.

Dedication of Communion Elements

The church is now offering the opportunity for you to dedicate the Communion Elements in honor of, or in memory of, a person or event that is important to you (e.g., birthdays, wedding anniversaries, and other special occasions). The dedication will be printed in the bulletin and announced by the celebrant during the service. Please contact Michele at the church office to select a date and arrange your dedication. An offering of \$60 for this dedication will be collected to support the Worship and Music program at Nativity & St. Stephen.

Help fill our community food pantry!

Items that seem to be taken first include canned pasta meals, soups, macaroni & cheese, etc. We also need items that kids can take for a snack or light meal without cooking (pop tarts, fruit cups, etc.). Please make sure that your contributions are neither damaged nor expired.

Help People in Need when you buy your Groceries!

See Gail Shull or Pat Szabo to purchase cards in various amounts to use at Giant, Weis, or Karn's Stores or stop by the office. 5% of the cost of each card stays with the church and is used for outreach and mission projects.

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

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

Today – Vocal Harmonix (Women's A Cappella and Barbershop)

Service Participants

Greeter: Ann Roland

Lector: Wendy Day

Prayers of the People: Terry Stanton

Acolyte: Miles Jezewski

Eucharistic Minister: Darlene Amsler

Soloist: Lacey Shirk

Organist: Andrea Jezewski

Coffee Hour: Shannon Burns

Altar Guild: Karen Kern

Counters: Wendy Day and Rick Rasmussen

Media Technician: Aiden Shiffer



Vestry

Bill Day, Sr. Warden

Jill Hoover, Jr. Warden

Wendy Day

Mary Price

Rick Rasmussen

Charlene Robbins

Terry Stanton

Rebecca Gephart-Crup, Treasurer