

The Church of the Nativity

Ft. Oglethorpe, Georgia



(“The Calling of Matthew,” Caravaggio, oil on canvas, 1599)

Second Sunday after Pentecost

June 7, 2026

Welcome to the Church of the Nativity.

Bishop: The Rt. Rev. Brian Cole
Priest-in-Charge: The Rev. Perry Scruggs
Music Director: Jim Bailiff

Serving Today

Lector: Ashley Williamson
Server & Acolyte: Angeline and Alex Swafford
Prayer Leader: Amanda Oxford
Chalice Bearer: Butch Shaver
Ushers: DeeAnn Schaeffer and Ellie Williamson
Children's SS: Stephanie Shell
Altar Guild: Laura Wood
Vestry on Duty: DeeAnn Schaeffer

At the Church of the Nativity, we believe God's love is tremendously powerful, and has a profound effect on individuals, the community, and the world. Our desire is to experience and share God's love so that we may be changed and be the change in the world around us.

We gather for worship each Sunday morning at 11 a.m.
and you are invited to join us.

You are God's beloved child! Thanks be to God!

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CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II
Second Sunday after Pentecost June 7, 2026 11:00 a.m.

Prelude

Opening Hymn: #401 The God of Abraham praise

Celebrant: Blessed be God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Celebrant: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Celebrant: Lord have mercy.

All: Christ have mercy.

Celebrant: Lord have mercy.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. People: **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Reading

Genesis 12:1-9

Lector: A reading from the book of Genesis.

Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the

land. Then the Lord appeared to Abram, and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the Lord and invoked the name of the Lord. And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. People: **Thanks be to God.**

Response

Psalm 33:1-12

Lector: Let us pray a portion of Psalm 33.

Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous;

it is good for the just to sing praises.

Praise the Lord with the harp;

play to him upon the psaltery and lyre.

Sing for him a new song;

sound a fanfare with all your skill upon the trumpet.

For the word of the Lord is right,

and all his works are sure.

He loves righteousness and justice;

the loving-kindness of the Lord fills the whole earth.

By the word of the Lord were the heavens made,

by the breath of his mouth all the heavenly hosts.

He gathers up the waters of the ocean as in a water-skin

and stores up the depths of the sea.

Let all the earth fear the Lord;

let all who dwell in the world stand in awe of him.

For he spoke, and it came to pass;

he commanded, and it stood fast.

The Lord brings the will of the nations to naught;

he thwarts the designs of the peoples.

But the Lord's will stands fast for ever,

and the designs of his heart from age to age.

Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord!

happy the people he has chosen to be his own!

Second Reading

Romans 4:13-25

Lector: A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null

and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Lector: The word of the Lord. People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn: **#686 Come thou fount of every blessing**

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

Celebrant/Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me."

And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners."

While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." And Jesus

got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And instantly the woman was made well. When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, "Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread throughout that district.

Celebrant/Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon: Rev. Perry Scruggs

The Creed and Prayers

Celebrant: Let us affirm our faith together in the words of the Nicene Creed:

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:

**By the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate
from the Virgin Mary and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the
Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.**

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Leader:

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. We pray for Sean our Presiding Bishop, Brian our Bishop, and Perry, our Celebrant. We pray for the worldwide Anglican communion and for guidance.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. We pray for our national leaders, Donald our President, J.D. our Vice President, our senators and representatives and our Supreme Court.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. We pray for peace in Ukraine and the Middle East. Are there other places or peoples?

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We pray for the homeless and hungry in our communities. We pray for those on our prayer list (names here.....) Are there others?

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, (...names from prayer list here, and a pause for congregation to remember others...) that your will for them may be fulfilled and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect. People: **Amen.**

Celebrant/Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God
and our neighbor.

All: **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. People: **Amen.**

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

People: **And also with you.**

The congregation offers one another a sign of peace

Announcements

Offertory

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Doxology **Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above ye heav'nly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

Eucharistic Prayer Prayer B

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The people remain standing.

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.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

After the Proper Preface, the Celebrant continues:

...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

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**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest; Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord,
Hosanna in the highest; Hosanna in the highest.**

(People now stand or kneel)

Celebrant

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation.....

...Therefore, according to his command, O Father

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you,
O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this
bread and this wine....

...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,

**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.

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

*All are welcomed with great joy to the Lord's table. To receive the bread,
hold both hands over the altar rail and take the wafer. To receive the
wine, either drink from the cup or dip the bread. To receive a blessing,
come to the rail with both hands crossed over your chest.*

Post Communion Prayer Celebrant: Let us pray.

**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.

The Celebrant gives the blessing

Closing Hymn: **#493 O for a thousand tongues to sing**

The Celebrant/Deacon says the dismissal

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude