

Nativities from Around the World

Come journey through Bethlehem on an Advent Adventure!

Ornate and delicate, hand painted or whimsical, handmade from fabrics, gourds, and wood...olive wood nativities from Israel, brightly painted ones from Peru. Some come from Mexico, India, and Russia, even a Native American perspective with a Christ child in a papoose. There are children's sets made from cloth, wood, and plastic...touchable. Nativity cookie jars, stacking dolls, ornaments, an ostrich egg with a nativity tucked inside...and a painted chicken egg-- side by side a Kincaid display of nearly 30 pieces...some Willow Tree and Precious Moments. Most unusual is the chicken nativity (there is also a dog, cat, bear and even a rubber ducky nativity!) The smallest is a painted seed from the Amazon. There is an African Nativity with a lion and an elephant instead of a sheep and donkey. Many are very beautiful, while others capture the dark stable and bleak surroundings of the Holy birth.



Plan now to spend an hour walking through Bethlehem.

Enjoy how each artist has chosen to depict the same event, in hundreds of different ways. A small hand out will be available on the history of nativities.

Thursday, December 7, 2023	5:00pm- 8:00pm
Friday, December 8, 2023	1:00pm -8:00pm
Saturday, December 9, 2023	10:00pm- 6:00pm
Sunday, December 10, 2023	12:00pm- 5:00pm

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Please enjoy cookies, cocoa, tea, and cider as you join us for an Advent Adventure.
We hope to see you there!

*All ages and groups are welcome- please call ahead if you have a large group over 20.
Groups are welcome at additional times- please call to schedule.

