



WELCOME TO INCARNATION
Worship. Welcome. Wonder

January 19, 2025 | Second Sunday of Epiphany



Welcome

Thanks for worshipping with us today! At the tables near the entrance, you can find coffee, name tags, and blue visitor cards for sharing prayer requests and contact information. We also have sensory items available to help you enter more fully into worship.

Multigenerational Worship

We are a multigenerational church and welcome children as full participants in our community. Adults are practicing hospitality by welcoming the noise and wiggles of children. Children are practicing reverence by using whispers and quiet movements (parents, please help them practice!). We are all practicing entering the kingdom as little children! We offer the following children's programs:

- **Mustard Seed Atrium (Nursery, ages 0-3).** Nursery care for our youngest children is available at 10am in the Courtyard. *The nursery moves indoors to Room 142 in extreme weather*, but most of the time we follow the adage "there's no bad weather, only bad clothing" and remain outdoors — please dress accordingly! All children should be picked up from the nursery during The Peace. In the case of insufficient volunteers, the nursery is available on a self-serve basis; parents may use the space, but must remain with their children. There's also a small "nursery nook" for parents to use in the sanctuary during worship.
- **Good Shepherd Atrium (ages 3-6).** Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (a Montessori-based faith formation program) begins at 9:30am in the foyer and continues during the service until The Peace.
- **True Vine Atrium (ages 7-12).** Older children meet for prayer and bible study at 9:30am by the sanctuary windows. When church begins, children worship with their families.

Announcements

- **Small groups are open!** Sign up for a group in DC, MD, or VA. Groups begin meeting next week, and most groups share a simple meal and evening prayer. incarnationanglican.org/small-groups
- **Beverly Hills feedback survey.** Check this week's email newsletter for the link!
- **Maryland service begins January 26!** We will begin a monthly Eucharist service in Maryland on the 4th Sunday of each month at 5pm at Hyattsville Mennonite Church, 4217 East-West Hwy. Check the blog for FAQ (incarnationanglican.org/blog) or take a printed copy, and **stay after church for Q&A today**. Please pray for this service; **take home a prayer card!** We are also seeking a few donated items; **email Katie if you have something to share:** tablecloths; soft toys, books, quilts, pillows for nook; large baskets.
- **Wildfire Relief.** Anglican Relief & Development is partnering with local churches to provide relief to those impacted by the California wildfires. Give: <https://ardf.org/relief-california-wildfires-2025>
- **Midday Prayer & Midweek Eucharist.** We pray midday prayer every Tuesday & Thursday at 12pm on Zoom; links to join at incarnationanglican.org/online-worship. We also partner with Coracle to celebrate a midweek Eucharist every Wednesday at 12pm at Greenbrier Baptist. Everyone is welcome!
- **New: physical offering!** Please bring checks or cash forward to place in the basket during the Eucharist.

Year-to-Date Finances (thru Nov '24)		
	Actual	Budget
YTD Expense	\$83,471	\$84,221
YTD Income	\$52,479	\$52,513
YTD Net	-\$30,992	-\$31,708



Scan the QR code to sign up for our weekly email newsletter, give online, or fill out a welcome card.

The Liturgy of the Word

Processional Song

This is My Father's World

1. This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears
All nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the wonders wrought.

2. This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise,
The morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker's praise.
This is my Father's world: he shines in all that's fair;
In the rustling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me everywhere.

3. This is my Father's world, O trust in God above;
Our swords we'll break and ploughshares make, when fear he turns to love.
This is my Father's world, we long await the day;
The Prince of Peace shall violence cease and wipe our tears away.

4. This is my Father's world. O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father's world: the battle has been won:
Jesus who died shall be satisfied, and earth and Heav'n be one.

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Opening Acclamation

Leader I will make you as a light for the nations,
People **That my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.**

The Collect for Purity

All **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.**

We follow the cross into the sanctuary to begin our worship, demonstrating our desire to follow Jesus in the way of the cross.

The Collect for Purity is an English translation of a prayer that has been prayed at the beginning of worship for over a thousand years.

The Summary of the Law

Leader Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:
You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets. (Matthew 22:37-40)

Leader Lord, have mercy.
People **Christ, have mercy.**
Leader Lord, have mercy.

Song of Praise

Psalm 126

1. Our mouths they were filled, filled with laughter
Our tongues they were loosed, loosed with joy
Restore us, O Lord
Restore us, O Lord

Chorus:

*Although we are weeping
Lord, help us keep sowing
The seeds of your kingdom
For the day you will reap them
Your sheaves we will carry
Lord, please do not tarry
All those who sow weeping will go out with songs of joy*

2. The nations will say, "He has done great things!"
The nations will sing songs of joy
Restore us, O Lord
Restore us, O Lord

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Collect of the Day & Prayer for Children

Leader The Lord be with you.
People **And with your spirit.**
Leader Let us pray.
All **Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

*The Collect of the Day
"collects" the people's
prayers according to
the theme of today's
readings or of this day of
the church calendar.*

The Lessons

During the scripture readings, we invite you to listen for a word or phrase that stands out to you. In the silences between the readings, contemplate how God might be speaking to you through his Word.

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn
and her salvation like a burning torch.
The nations shall see your vindication
and all the kings your glory,
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the Lord will give.
You shall be a beautiful crown in the hand of the Lord
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.
You shall no more be termed Forsaken,
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate,
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her
and your land Married,
for the Lord delights in you,
and your land shall be married.
For as a young man marries a young woman,
so shall your builder marry you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,
so shall your God rejoice over you.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 96

Reader Sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.
People **Sing to the Lord and bless his Name;
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.**
Reader Declare his glory among the nations
and his wonders among all peoples.
People **For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised;
he is more to be feared than all gods.**
Reader As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols;
but it is the Lord who made the heavens.
People **Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence!
Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!**
Reader Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples;
ascribe to the Lord honor and power.
People **Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name;
bring offerings and come into his courts.**

The first reading is typically from the Old Testament (the Hebrew Scriptures), which Jesus knew and from which he often quoted.

The Psalms are the prayer book of the people of God throughout all ages. They cover every mood of humanity's relationship with God and one another. They teach us how to pray as we recite them each week.

The New Testament records the preaching, letters, and stories of the early church.

Reader Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
 let the whole earth tremble before him.

People **Tell it out among the nations: "The Lord is King!
 he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;
 he will judge the peoples with equity."**

Reader Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
 let the sea thunder and all that is in it;
 let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

People **Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy
 before the Lord when he comes,
 when he comes to judge the earth.**

Reader He will judge the world with righteousness
 and the peoples with his truth.

New Testament Reading: First Corinthians 12:1-11

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be ignorant. You know that when you were gentiles you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit, and there are varieties of services but the same Lord, and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of powerful deeds, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

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

Gospel Procession (sung)

Please stand.

Bright Morning Star arising (x3)
Day's a-breakin' in my soul

Traditional Appalachian folk song, inspired by Revelation 22:16

Gospel Reading: John 2:1-11

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her,

The four Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John) tell the life, teachings, death, and resurrection of Jesus. We read the Gospels in the midst of the people because "the Word became flesh and dwelt among us."

"Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. And he said to them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast." So they took it. When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now." This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rev. David Griffin

Response Song

Slow Me Down

1. O Good Shepherd, would you teach me how to rest?
I'm rushing on, will you make me to lie down?
Will you build a fold by the waters that refresh
Will you call my name and lead me safely out?

2. From my anxious drive to labor on and on,
From the restless grind that has put my mind to sleep,
Will you call me back and gently slow me down?
Will you show me now what to lose and what to keep?

Chorus:

O Good Shepherd, O Good Friend, slow me down, slow me down. (x2)

3. When my table's bent with only greed and gold
And my grasping hands are afraid you won't provide
Will you pour the wine that loosens up my hold
Set your table here with what truly satisfies?

Bridge:

On the busy streets trying to make myself a name,
If the work is yours, there is nothing I can claim.
Will you lead me home to the pastures of your peace?
The house is yours, I'm sitting at your feet!

The Nicene Creed

All **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten 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, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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.

The Prayers of the People

Leader Lord, in your mercy,
People **Hear our prayer.**

Confession and Absolution

Leader Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God. [*silent confession*]

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.**

The Peace

Leader The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And with your spirit.**

The word "creed" comes from the Latin "credo" for "I believe." The Nicene Creed summarizes essential Christian faith and has been said by Christians across traditions, time, and space ever since the 4th century.

Confession is a time to tell the truth about ourselves and our world, aloud and in one voice. Having confessed our sins, we are then assured of God's forgiveness.

Having made our peace with God, we can now make peace with one another. Use this time to seek reconciliation with those you have hurt, or who have hurt you. Please also welcome someone new!

Announcements (see inside cover)

The Liturgy of the Table

The Offertory

The Goodness of the Lord

His affection never wearies,
And his mercy never ends.
He reminds me every morning,
"I am still your faithful friend."
He is good to those who seek him.
I will wait for him to bless.
And the Lord will be my portion
In the empty wilderness.

In the goodness of the Lord,
In the goodness of the Lord,
I will wait for him and set my hope
In the goodness of the Lord.

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All (sung) **Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! A - men.**

Leader Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the
victory, and the majesty: for everything in heaven and on earth is yours; yours is the
kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as Head above all. All things come from you, O
Lord,

People **And of your own have we given you.**

The Sursum Corda

Leader The Lord be with you.

People **And with your spirit.**

Leader Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Leader It is right, our duty and our joy . . .

*The priest sets the table
with the bread and wine
during the offertory.
These gifts represent the
labors of our common
life, given back to God in
worship.*

*You are invited to give to
Incarnation in several
ways:*

- *Bring cash/checks
forward at communion
to place in the basket*
- *Use the QR code on the
inside cover of the
bulletin to give online*
- *Text a dollar amount to
843-21*

*Sursum Corda means
"lift up your heart" in
Latin. We are invited to
bring our whole selves
into the story of the
Eucharist.*

Sanctus means "holy" in Latin. We join the song of the saints and angels who praise God without ceasing, as described in Isaiah 6:3 and Revelation 4:8.

The Sanctus

. . . joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

All **Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty**
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity

The Prayer of Consecration

Leader Holy and gracious Father . . . Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:
People **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

The Lord's Prayer

Leader And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:
All **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 Fraction

The bread is broken at the fraction, just as Jesus' own body was broken.

Leader Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

The Agnus Dei

Agnus Dei means "Lamb of God" in Latin. John the Baptist declared Jesus "the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" We cry out to this Lamb for mercy once more before receiving his life for ours.

Leader Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
People **Have mercy on us.**
Leader Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
People **Have mercy on us.**
Leader Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
People **Grant us your peace.**

Distribution of Communion

The Lord Our God is Good

Chorus:

The Lord our God is good

The Lord our God is good

Full of kindness and compassion

Merciful and just

The Lord our God is good

1. Who else knows our deepest pain
And bears it as his own;
Finds us in our naked shame
Clothes and brings us home?

2. Who takes his inheritance
And gives it all away;
Welcomes guests to feast with him
Who never can repay?

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What a Friend We Have in Jesus

1. What a friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer!

2. Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged;
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
Take it to the Lord in prayer!

3. Are we weak and heavy laden,
Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge--
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield thee;
Thou will find a solace there.

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*All baptized Christians
are invited forward to
receive the bread and
wine. Gluten-free bread
and wine are available;
just ask your server.*

*If you do not wish to
receive communion,
please come forward
with your arms crossed
and we will pray a prayer
of blessing.*

*When trained prayer
ministers are available,
we offer prayer
immediately after
communion in the chairs
near the stage, continued
after the service until all
who seek prayer have
received it.*

Prayer after Communion

All **Heavenly Father, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Blessing & Dismissal

We receive a final blessing and are sent out into the world to do the work Jesus taught us to do in our ordinary lives.

Leader Go forth into the world in peace, be of good courage, and fight the good fight of faith, that you may finish your course with joy; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

Leader Let us go forth in the Name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**