

“FROM THE RISING OF THE SUN TO ITS SETTING  
MY NAME WILL BE GREAT AMONG THE NATIONS.”  
MALACHI 1:11



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THE CHURCH OF THE  
INCARNATION

THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD  
SUNDAY  
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*Welcome To*  
**The CHURCH of the INCARNATION**

*To all who are spiritually weary and desire rest,  
To all who are mourning and long for comfort,  
To all who struggle and desire victory,  
To all who sin and need a Savior,  
To all who are hungry and thirst for righteousness,  
And to whomever will come,  
This church opens her doors,  
Offering welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.*

# ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

God calls us out of the world and welcomes us into his presence.  
Opening our hearts to him in love, we respond by confessing our  
sins, receiving his forgiveness, and fully devoting our lives to him in  
praise and adoration.

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Congregational responses are indicated in **boldface**.

Please stand.

## THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Blessed be God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.  
**And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

There is one Body and one Spirit:

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

One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

**One God and Father of all.**

## FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH

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For the beauty of the earth

For the glory of the skies

For the love which from our birth

Over and around us lies

Lord of all to thee we raise

This our hymn of grateful praise

For the wonder of each hour

Of the day and of the night

Hill and vale and tree and flower

Sun and moon and stars of light

For the church that evermore

Lifteth holy hands above

Offering up on every shore

Her pure sacrifice of love

For yourself best gift divine

To the world so freely giv'n

Agent of God's grand design

Peace on earth and joy in heav'n

\*The collect is a prayer that goes with the scripture readings, summarizing the theme of this particular worship service.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY\*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

***Eternal Father, at the baptism of Jesus you revealed him to be your Son, and your Holy Spirit descended upon him like a dove: Grant that we, who are born again by water and the Spirit, may be faithful as your adopted children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.***

*Children ages 9–12 are dismissed for Children’s Ministry.*

*Please be seated.*

## HEARING GOD’S WORD

*We encounter our risen Lord in Scripture. As a people defined by God’s Word, we respond to God through confession of faith, corporate prayer, and a demonstration of our reconciliation with one another in passing the peace of Christ.*

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### **DANIEL 7:13–14**

*After the Scripture is read:*

The Word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***

### **REVELATION 21:1–8**

*After the Scripture is read:*

The Word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***

### **MATTHEW 4:12–17**

*Before the Scripture is read:*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

*After the Scripture is read:*

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated.*

## THE SERMON

### PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATE FOR BAPTISM

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**\*9:00 am**  
Jason Pascarella  
Emery Van Pater

The candidate\* for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

**(Sponsor): I present N. to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.**

**10:45am**  
Ezra Moore

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*Please stand.*

Church, will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this candidate in his life in Christ?

**We will.**

### THE PROFESSION OF FAITH

Let us join with this candidate to proclaim our faith in the words of the ancient baptismal confession, the Apostles' Creed.\*

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

***I do. I believe in God the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.***

Do you believe and trust in Jesus Christ?

***I do. 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.***

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

***I do. 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. Amen.***

\*This ancient statement of faith goes back to at least the fourth century. It encapsulates the essential and unifying Christian beliefs.

\*Catholic here means that every local church founded on the gospel is part of the one universal church founded by God through Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit.

## THE LITANY FOR THE CANDIDATE

Let us now pray for these candidates who are to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

*\*NOTE: blue print is for infant baptism only.*

That these children may come to confess his faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.\*

**People: We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.**

That *all these candidates* may continue in the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers.

**People: We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.**

That *they* may walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which *they* have been called, ever growing in faith and all heavenly virtues.

**We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.**

That *they* may persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever they fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord.

**We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.**

That *they* may proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ Jesus to a lost and broken world.

**We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.**

That as living members of the Body of Christ, *they* may grow up in every way into him who is the head.

**We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.**

That, looking to Jesus, *they* may run with endurance the race set before *them*, and at the last receive the unfading crown of glory.

**We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.**

## THE PRAYER FOR THE CANDIDATE

Let us pray:

***Almighty and everlasting Father, in your great mercy you saved Noah and his family in the Ark from the destruction of the flood, prefiguring the sacrament of Holy Baptism. Look mercifully upon this your servant. Wash and sanctify him through your Holy Spirit, that he may be delivered from***

**destruction and received into the Ark of Christ's Church; and being steadfast in faith, joyful through hope, and rooted in love, he may pass through the turbulent floods of this troublesome world and come into the land of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## THE THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

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## THE BAPTISM

*Please be seated.*

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## WELCOMING THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

*Please stand.*

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**We receive you into the fellowship of the Church. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in the royal priesthood of all his people.**

\*This ancient tradition is rooted in Luke 24:36-49. In these words we hear the promise that the dark side of life in the world and in us will not prevail. The power of the evil one has been overcome.

## THE PEACE\*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us greet one another in the name of our Lord.

Greet those around you with some version of these words:

*"The peace of Christ be with you."*

*Parents pick up infants to 9 year-olds from upstairs at this time.*

*Please be seated.*

\*Galatians 6:10

## THE OFFERING\*

## **JESUS, ALL FOR JESUS**

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Jesus all for Jesus

All I am and have and ever hope to be

Jesus all for Jesus

All I am and have and ever hope to be

All of my ambitions hopes and plans

I surrender these into your hands

All of my ambitions hopes and plans

I surrender these into your hands

For it's only in your will that I am free

For it's only in your will that I am free

*Please stand.*

## **BLESS THIS OFFERING, O LORD**

*Words and Music: Unknown.*

Bless this offering O Lord

And let it multiply within your hands

Feed the hungry with the bread of life

And let us see your mercies

A taste of things in store

We offer up this sacrifice to you O Lord

## **CELEBRATING THE LORD'S SUPPER**

*God welcomes his people to feast at his table. This meal, a means of grace for all who receive by faith, is a rehearsal of the central act of the Christian faith: Christ's death on the cross — his body broken and his blood shed as a sacrifice for our sins.*

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## **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God:

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

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\*Hosanna is a Hebrew word that carries a twofold meaning: to praise Jesus as the Son of God sent to save us and to cry out to Jesus for that salvation.

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might  
Heaven and earth are filled with your glory  
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord***

***Hosanna,\* hosanna, in the highest  
Hosanna, hosanna, in the highest***

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might  
Heaven and earth are filled with your glory***

## THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

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Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

***Christ has died.***

***Christ is risen.***

***Christ will come again.***

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As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

***Our Father, who is in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name.***

***Your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.***

***Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.***

***And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.***

***For yours is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.***

\*If you desire prayer for any reason, eucharistic prayer ministers are ready to pray with you in the lobby while communion is being served.

## THE DISTRIBUTION\*

All baptized Christians who come with faith in Christ and repentance for sin are welcome to share in this feast. If for any reason you would prefer to abstain, cross your arms over your chest, and one of the servers will pray a blessing for you.

Come forward to receive communion row by row. If you do not wish to drink from the common cup, take a small cup at the front of the aisle as you go forward. When arriving at the front of the communion line, place your hands in front of you to receive a piece of bread, and consume it. After receiving the bread, proceed to the first server to

take a drink from the common cup (please do not dip your bread) or to the second server with your plastic cup to receive a pour of wine. Grape juice is available at the far right station and is available poured only.

## **LIFT HIGH THE NAME OF JESUS**

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Lift high the name of Jesus  
Of Jesus our King  
Make known the power of his grace  
The beauty of his peace  
Remember how his mercy reached  
And we cried out to him  
He lifted us to solid ground  
To freedom from our sin

Oh sing my soul  
And tell all He's done  
Till the earth and heavens are filled with his glory

Lift high the name of Jesus  
Of Jesus our Lord  
His pow'r in us is greater than  
Is greater than this world  
To share the reason for our hope  
To serve with love and grace  
That all who see him shine through us  
Might bring the Father praise

Lift high the name of Jesus  
Of Jesus our Light  
No other name on earth can save  
Can raise a soul to life  
He opens up our eyes to see  
The harvest he has grown  
We labor in his fields of grace  
As he leads sinners home

## **BUILD MY LIFE**

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Worthy of every song we could ever sing  
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring  
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe  
We live for You

Jesus the name above every other name  
Jesus the only one who could ever save  
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe  
We live for you  
We live for you

Holy there is no one like you  
There is none beside you  
Open up my eyes in wonder  
And show me who you are and fill me  
With your heart and lead me  
In your love to those around me

I will build my life upon your love  
It is a firm foundation  
I will put my trust in you alone  
And I will not be shaken

### **ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING**

*Words by St Francis of Assisi. Arranged by Brent Milligan, David Crowder. CCLI License 11069486*

All creatures of our God and King  
Lift up your voice and with us sing  
O praise him, Alleluia  
Thou burning sun with golden beam  
Thou silver moon with softer gleam  
O praise him, O praise him  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong  
Ye clouds that sail in heavn along  
O praise him, alleluia  
Thou rising moon in praise rejoice  
Ye lights of evening find a voice  
O prise him, O praise him  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless  
And worship him in humbleness  
O praise him! Alleluia!

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son  
And praise the Spirit, three in one  
O praise him, O praise him  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

## THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*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.*

*Please be seated.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THE BLESSING AND COMMISSIONING

*Please stand.*

All our problems:

***We send to the cross of Christ!***

All our difficulties:

***We send to the cross of Christ!***

All the devil's works:

***We send to the cross of Christ!***

All our hopes:

***We set on the risen Christ!***

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Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

***Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.***



Join us in the lobby after the service for  
Mr. J's bagels & Broad Porch coffee!

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

All children's ministry is staffed by trained and screened volunteers.

**Nursery:** Also open for parents/caretakers and infants, anytime during the service for nursing or fussy babies. Located upstairs, midway down the hall to your left. Available throughout the service. You can bring your child prior to the service. Pickup at the Peace.

**Toddler Room:** For steady walkers up to 3 years old. Located upstairs; last classroom on the right. Check-in located outside the classroom. You can bring your child prior to the service. Pickup at the Peace.

### **Catechesis of the Good Shepherd**

**3–6 years:** Atrium Level 1. Parents drop kids off upstairs; check in outside the classrooms before the service begins. Pickup at the Peace.

**6–9 years:** Atrium Level 2. Parents drop kids off upstairs; check in outside the classrooms before service begins. Pickup at the Peace.

**9–12 years: New City Catechism.** After the Collect, children will be dismissed to their class upstairs. Prior to the Lord's Supper, they will return to the service.

# NEWS AND EVENTS

## **Welcome Lunch - Jan 26**

Join us for a Welcome Lunch after worship at 12:15 on January 26. This is a great opportunity to learn more about our church, ask questions, and meet other newcomers and staff. No RSVP is required.

## **Essentials Class - Feb 2–Mar 2**

Essentials, our 5-week course covering essential topics in the Christian faith and practice is for anyone who is new and wants to learn more about our church, is interested in becoming a member, or wants to learn more about the Christian faith. Meetings will be on Sundays, February 2–March 2 from 12:30-3:00pm. Lunch and childcare will be provided. Email [church@theincarnation.org](mailto:church@theincarnation.org) to sign up.

## **Women’s Bible Studies**

**Tuesday** Women’s Bible Study will begin on January 14th from 6:30pm–8:00pm. It is an 8 week study on the Book of James by Beth Moore.

If you need assistance purchasing the study guide, please email Evelyn at [eluhl2stay@gmail.com](mailto:eluhl2stay@gmail.com).

**Thursday** Women’s Bible Study meets on Thursdays from 12pm–1pm. This winter, we will be learning about 10 women from the Old Testament. Please text Esther Good at 540-746-8001 for more information.

## **Youth**

No youth today. Please pray for our adults and leaders as we head to camp over MLK weekend.

## **Children’s Ministry**

We have a new check-in system for parents and guardians dropping off their children on Sunday mornings. This system provides safety measures for pick up and drop off and helps us keep track of attendance. Hallway Monitors help parents check-in and stay in the hallway during the service while children’s programming is in session. **We are looking for 4 more volunteers** to help as hallway monitors once a month for the 10:45 service. Please contact Susannah at [susannah@theincarnation.org](mailto:susannah@theincarnation.org) if you are interested in volunteering in this way.

## **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**Jan 14** Women’s Tuesday Bible Study Begins

**Jan 26** Welcome Lunch

**Feb 2** Essentials Class Begins

*\* Staff email addresses can be found on the back cover of the worship guide.*

# *The* **CHURCH** *of the* **INCARNATION**

*seeks the glory of God and the good of the city  
through the gospel of Jesus Christ.*

## **Gospel**

We gather around the magnetic center of Jesus Christ. Through his life, death, and resurrection, God's kingdom has arrived on earth to renew all things—our relationship with God, ourselves, others, and the world.

## **Personal Transformation**

We help people to respond in faith to the new reality that the Kingdom of God has arrived in Jesus and to learn the practices of spiritual formation: renewing minds, reordering priorities, reshaping habits, and redirecting work.

## **Community Formation**

We live with one another as a community of friends—across generational, ethnic, and cultural lines—extending personal care to one another.

## **Public Faith**

In being honest and transparent about our faith, we endeavor to be relationally winsome, accessible, respectful, humble, and loving, even when it requires courage for us to announce the gospel.

## **City Vision**

With all the resources of our faith and life, we work sacrificially with others to build a great, flourishing city for all people.

## **Mercy and Justice**

We seek to protect the weak and vulnerable, to take up their injustice, and to show compassion while also seeking remedies for structural evil and institutional injustice.

## **Cultural Renewal**

We equip people in their various vocations to enter into culture as faithful stewards of the world because we share in God's yearning for all of culture to be redeemed and renewed.

## **Church Planting**

We use resources that God has given us to start and support new churches because the local church is the primary agent of God's kingdom.

## **Gospel Movement**

We want to be a catalyst for a movement of the gospel in our city and region that is a dynamic set of interactive relationships among gospel-centered churches, a variety of specialist ministries, and many other institutions, non-profits, organizations, and companies that are united by a common vision and a spirit of cooperation.



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