THE LORD IS GLORIOUS IN HIS SAINTS: O COME, LET US ADORE HIM.



Baptism Mural | Chief Tony Hunt Sr. | Kwakwaka'wakw Tribe | 1976



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.

Congregational responses are indicated in boldface.

Please stand.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Worthy is the Lord our God,

To receive glory and honor and power.

FOR ALL THE SAINTS

Willam W. How; Ralph Vaughan Williams; Public domain.
For all the saints who from their labors rest
Who thee by faith before the world confessed
Thy name O Jesus be forever blest
Alleluia, alleluia

Thou wast their rock their fortress and their might Thou Lord their Captain in the well-fought fight Thou in the darkness drear their one true light Alleluia, alleluia

And when the strife is fierce the warfare long Steals on the ear the distant triumph song And hearts are brave again and arms are strong Alleluia, alleluia

The golden evening brightens in the west Soon soon to faithful warriors cometh rest Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest Alleluia, alleluia

But lo there breaks a yet more glorious day The saints triumphant rise in bright array The King of glory passes on his way Alleluia, alleluia

From earth's wide bounds from ocean's farthest coast Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host Singing to Father Son and Holy Ghost Alleluia, alleluia

PRAYER FOR PURITY

Let us pray.

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.

THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

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*When we confess our sins to God we are not groveling in guilt; we are dealing with our guilt. If we deny our sins, we will never be free from them.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN*

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If you're able please kneel and silently confess your sins against God and your neighbor.

Almighty 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.

*Only God can forgive sins. In announcing God's forgiveness, pastors obey Christ's command to his ministers to pronounce Christ's forgiveness on his behalf (John 20:23).

THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS*

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Please stand.

THE PSALM

Lord, open our lips.

°Psalm 51:15 And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.°

The Lord is glorious in his saints:

O come, let us adore him.

Psalm 149:1 Praise the LORD*!

Sing to the LORD a new song,

² Let Israel be glad in his Maker; let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!

his praise in the assembly of the godly!

³Let them praise his name with dancing, making melody to him with tambourine and lyre!

- ⁴ For the LORD takes pleasure in his people; he adorns the humble with salvation.
- ⁵ Let the godly exult in glory; let them sing for joy on their beds.
 - ⁶ Let the high praises of God be in their throats and two-edged swords in their hands,
 - ⁷ to execute vengeance on the nations and punishments on the peoples,
- 8 to bind their kings with chains and their nobles with fetters of iron,
 - of to execute on them the judgment written! This is honor for all his godly ones. Praise the LORD!

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end, Amen.

The Lord is glorious in his saints: **O come, let us adore him.**

*When LORD is printed in small capital letters, it is the personal name for the one true God, the creator of heaven and earth and all things. In the original language it was likely pronounced yahweh.

*Since God first gathered a people to himself, a fundamental part of public worship has been that his people pray together. In the presence of God, we ask for ourselves and on behalf of others those things that are necessary for our life and salvation.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical Body of your Son: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. 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.

REVELATION 7:9-17

After the Scripture is read:

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

EPHESIANS 1:11-23

After the Scripture is read:

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

LUKE 6:20-26

Before the Scripture is read:

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

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

Please stand

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR BAPTISM

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*<u>9:00 am</u>

Luke Hollingsworth

*10:45 am

Tessa Kennedy Evelyn St. Jean Shad Blosser The candidates* for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

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Please stand.

Church, will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these candidates in their life in Christ?

We will.

THE PROFESSION OF FAITH

Let us join with these candidates 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.

THE LITANY FOR THE CANDIDATES

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

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

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 these your servants. Wash and sanctify them through your Holy Spirit, that they 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, they 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 BAPTISMS

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.

THF PFACF*

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.

THE OFFERING

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TRINITY SONG

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Holy Father Son and Spirit

Holy Communion Three in One

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Come with your peace with your invitation Bind us together in holy love Come with your peace with your invitation Bind us together in holy love

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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.

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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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

*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.

THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you

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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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And now 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.

LAMB OF GOD (AGNUS DEI)

Josh Blakesley and Grae McCullough, IV, © 2012, Published by OCP. Lamb of God you take away The sins of the world Have mercy on us

Lamb of God you take away The sins of the world Have mercy on us

Lamb of God you take away The sins of the world Grant us peace

The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on Him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

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

Gluten-free option is available upon request.

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.

JOYFUL JOYFUL WE ADORE THEE

Words Edward Hodges, Henry van Dyke; Music: Ludwig von Beethoven.
Joyful, joyful we adore thee
God of glory Lord of love
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee
Opening to the sun above
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness
Drive the dark of doubt away
Giver of immortal gladness
Fill us with the light of day

All thy works with joy surround thee Earth and heav'n reflect thy rays Stars and angels sing around thee Center of unbroken praise Field and forest vale and mountain Flowery meadow flashing sea Chanting bird and flowing fountain Call us to rejoice in thee

Thou art giving and forgiving
Ever blessing ever blest
Wellspring of the joy of living
Ocean depth of happy rest
Thou our Father Christ our brother
All who live in love are thine
Teach us how to love each other
Lift us to the joy divine

Mortals join the happy chorus Which the morning stars began Love divine is reigning o'er us Binding all within its span Ever singing march we onward Victors in the midst of strife Joyful music lifts us sunward In the triumph song of life

My Worth Is Not In What I Own

Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, Graham Kendrick. CCLI # 7024758.

My worth is not in what I own

Not in the strength of flesh and bone

But in the costly wounds of love at the cross

My worth is not in skill or name
In win or lose in pride or shame
But in the blood of Christ that flowed at the cross

I rejoice in my Redeemer Greatest treasure Wellspring of my soul I will trust in him no other My soul is satisfied in him alone

As summer flowers we fade and die Fame youth and beauty hurry by But life eternal calls to us at the cross

I will not boast in wealth or might Or human wisdom's fleeting light But I will boast in knowing Christ at the cross Two wonders here that I confess My worth and my unworthiness My value fixed my ransom paid at the cross

WE WILL FEAST IN THE HOUSE OF ZION

Sandra McCracken and Joshua Moore; CCLI 11069486.

We will feast in the house of Zion
We will sing with our hearts restored
He has done great things
We will say together
We will feast and weep no more

We will not be burned by the fire He is the Lord our God We are not consumed by the flood Upheld protected gathered up

In the dark of night before the dawn My soul be not afraid For the promised morning oh how long Oh God of Jacob be my strength

Every vow we've broken and betrayed You are the faithful One And from the garden to the grave Bind us together bring shalom

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!

. . .

Let us go forth into the world, knowing Christ and making him known.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

NEWS AND EVENTS

Annual Celebration

Join us on November 16 from 5–7:30pm for our Annual Celebration. All are welcome! We'll gather in our church building for a potluck dinner and our annual chili competition. We'll look back on God's gifts this past year, vote for Parish Council, and sign up to volunteer next year. For more information, pick up an Annual Celebration booklet in the lobby.

Last names A–M, please bring a main dish and side. Last names N–Z, please bring a main dish and dessert. You're welcome to bring your own fun drinks (soda, juice, wine, beer, etc). Childcare provided upstairs for children age 0–11 years old. You can sign up now or at the event for volunteer tasks for January–June 2026. If you are ready to sign up to volunteer, use the QR code in the guide to access the form.



Claude Atcho Lecture

Join us on Thursday November 13 at 7pm for an evening with the Anglican priest and author The Rev. Claude Atcho. Drawing on his previous work connecting theology and African American literature, and his newly-released devotional, *Rhythms of Faith: A Devotional Pilgrimage through the Church Year*, Atcho will invite us to see how the great stories of redemption, both biblical and literary, can come alive across the seasons of the Christian calendar.

Arts Incarnate Gallery Opening

Join us on Friday, November 7, from 5-7pm. Light refreshments will be provided.

Youth Ministry

Youth Ministry will meet next Wednesday, November 5, 6-8pm at the church. Email Charlie & Kenzie* for more information.

Lunch Today!

College and young adults are invited to lunch at the Codding's home after second service (12:30ish). The Codding's address is 4312 Cromer Road, Rockingham, VA.

Connect with us!

If you are new to Incarnation, please take a moment to scan the QR code. We'd love to get to know you!



CONNECT

^{*} Staff email addresses can be found on the back cover of the worship guide.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Nov 2 Baptisms

Nov 2 College and Young Adult Lunch

Nov 7 Arts Incarnate Gallery Opening

Nov 13 Claude Atcho Lecture

Nov 16 Annual Celebration



COTI CALENDAR

TITHES & OFFERINGS		
	Sept 2025	YTD 2025
Received	\$ 58,506	\$ 669,114
Budgeted	\$ 83,444	\$ 750,992
Variance	\$ (24,938)	\$ (81,878)
RECTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND		
Balance Jan 2025		\$ 50,865
Received		\$ 52,894
Assistance Provided		\$ (35,397)
Balance Sept 2025		\$ 68,362

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.

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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