

“THE LORD IS MERCIFUL AND GRACIOUS,
SLOW TO ANGER AND ABOUNDING IN STEADFAST LOVE!”
PSALM 103:8



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THE CHURCH OF THE
INCARNATION

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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 whoever 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 acclamation
joyfully acknowledges
God's presence and
reign, announcing
that we gather at his
invitation and under
his authority.

THE ACCLAMATION*

Blessed be God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

***And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever.
Amen.***

O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING

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Oh for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise
The glories of my God and King
The triumphs of his grace

My gracious Master and my God
Assist me to proclaim
To spread through all the earth abroad
The honors of your name

The name of Jesus charms our fears
And bids our sorrows cease
'Tis music in the sinner's ears
'Tis life and health and peace

He breaks the power of canceled sin
He sets the prisoner free
His blood can make the foulest clean
His blood avails for me

He speaks and listening to his voice
New life the dead receive
The mournful broken hearts rejoice
The humble poor believe

Hear him you deaf you voiceless ones
Your loosened tongues employ
You blind behold your Savior come
And leap you lame for joy

To God all glory praise and love
Be now and ever given
By saints below and saints above
The church in earth and heaven

*This ancient prayer
asks the Holy Spirit
to cleanse our hearts
so we may love God
and magnify his Name
with grace only he
provides.

*Jesus summarizes
God's Law as love
of God and love of
neighbor. As such it
reveals our calling and
our need, and leads us
to Christ himself, in
whom perfect love is
manifest and given.

*In confession we
tell the truth about
ourselves because
God has told us the
truth about his mercy.
Absolution proclaims
Scripture's promise
of full forgiveness in
Christ.

THE COLLECT 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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THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION*

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*Please kneel and silently confess your sins against God and your
neighbor.*

***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.***

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great
mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who
sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have
mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your
sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and
bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our
Lord. **Amen.**

Please stand.

*Added in the English Reformation, these sentences of Scripture assure repentant sinners of Christ's mercy and remind us that our confidence rests in his finished work alone.

THE COMFORTABLE WORDS*

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ROCK OF AGES

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Rock of Ages cleft for me
Let me hide myself in thee
Let the water and the blood
From thy wounded side which flowed
Be of sin the double cure
Save from wrath and make me pure

Not the labors of my hands
Can fulfill thy law's demands
Could my zeal no respite know
Could my tears forever flow
All for sin could not atone
Thou must save and thou alone

Nothing in my hand I bring
Simply to the cross I cling
Naked come to thee for dress
Helpless look to thee for grace
Foul I to the fountain fly
Wash me Savior or I die

While I draw this fleeting breath
When mine eyes shall close in death
When I soar to worlds unknown
See thee on thy judgment throne
Rock of Ages cleft for me
Let me hide myself in thee

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY*

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.
Let us pray.

*The Collect gathers the themes of the readings and the date in the Church calendar into one petition, asking God to accomplish in us what Scripture promises.

O God, our refuge and strength, true source of all godliness: Graciously hear the devout prayers of your Church, and grant that those things which we ask

faithfully, we may obtain effectually; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE COLLECT FOR CHILDREN

Almighty God, heavenly Father, you have blessed our congregation with the joy and care of children: Give us courage, patience, and wisdom, as we bring them up in the faith, that they may never know a day apart from your love and care; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PSALM 1

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Oh, the joy, the joy, the joy
Of those who delight in the law of the Lord
Oh, the joy, the joy, the joy of those
Who meditate day and night in the law of the Lord

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.

DEUTERONOMY 9:6-21; 10:1-11

After the Scripture is read:

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 103

⁸ The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

***⁹ He will not always chide,
nor will he keep his anger forever.***

¹⁰ He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.

***11 For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who
fear him;***

¹² as far as the east is from the west,
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

***13 As a father shows compassion to his children,
so the Lord shows compassion to those who
fear him.***

¹⁴ For he knows our frame
he remembers that we are dust.

***15 As for man, his days are like grass;
he flourishes like a flower of the field;***

¹⁶ for the wind passes over it, and it is gone,
and its place knows it no more.

***17 But the steadfast love of the Lord is from
everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him,
and his righteousness to children's children,***

¹⁸ to those who keep his covenant
and remember to do his commandments.

***19 The Lord has established his throne in the
heavens, and his kingdom rules over all.***

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.***

1 TIMOTHY 1:12-17

After the Scripture is read:

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

LUKE 18:9-14

Before the Scripture is read:

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

Please stand.

*The Creed unites
us with the Church
across time, faithfully
summarizing Scripture
and guarding the
gospel as we confess
one Lord, one faith,
one hope.

THE NICENE CREED*

**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.***

*Intercessory prayer
 is the priestly task
 of the people of
 God. Because Christ
 intercedes for us, we
 bring the needs of
 Church, world, and
 neighbor to the Father
 who delights to give
 good gifts.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE*

The leader will invite us to pray.

At the end of each petition:

Lord in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

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***O God and Father of all, whom the whole heavens
 adore: Let the whole earth also worship you, all
 nations obey you, all tongues confess and bless you,
 and men, women, and children everywhere love you
 and serve you in peace; through Jesus Christ our
 Lord. Amen.***

*Sharing peace
 declares Christ's
 finished reconciliation.
 Before Communion,
 we express gospel
 unity: those at peace
 with God live at peace
 with one another.

THE PEACE*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And with your spirit.

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 children ages 0-10 from upstairs at this time.

Please be seated.

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE OFFERTORY*

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*We give because
 God first gave to
 us. Offering our
 gifts—and ourselves—
 expresses gratitude
 and acknowledges
 that our lives belong
 wholly to God.

WONDERFUL MERCIFUL SAVIOR

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Wonderful merciful Savior
Precious Redeemer and Friend
Who would have thought that a Lamb could
Rescue the souls of men
Oh you rescue the souls of men

Counselor Comforter, Keeper
Spirit we long to embrace
You offer hope when our hearts have
Hopelessly lost the way
Oh we hopelessly lost the way

You are the one that we praise
You are the one we adore
You give the healing and grace our
Hearts always hunger for
Oh our hearts always hunger for

Almighty infinite Father
Faithfully loving your own
Here in our weakness you find us
Falling before your throne
Oh we're falling before your throne

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.

*Sursum Corda means "Lift up your hearts." By the Spirit we celebrate and remember the once-for-all offering Christ our ascended high priest offers to the Father on our behalf.

SURSUM CORDA*

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

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.

. . .

***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***

*Consecration is when God uses ordinary means—bread and wine—to communicate extraordinary grace. We ask the Spirit to set apart these gifts, not by altering their substance, but by using them to unite us to Christ in faith.

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.

. . .

OUR FATHER (THE LORD'S PRAYER)

Arr. Simon Dixon

Our Father, who art in Heaven

Hallowed be thy name

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done

On earth as in Heaven
Give us this day our daily bread
And forgive our sins
As we forgive those who sin against us
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory
Forever and ever amen
Forever and ever amen

*The Fraction is
the breaking of the
consecrated bread,
recalling Christ's body
broken for us. It is a
visible sign that the
benefits of his finished
work are freely given
to believers through
faith.

THE FRACTION*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed,
once for all upon the Cross.

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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. If you would like individual prayer, a prayer team is available out the double doors to your left.

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. Individually wrapped gluten free crackers are available on a separate paten to avoid cross contamination. Please indicate your desire for this option to the server.

GOD OF ALL POWER AND GRACE

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God of all power and grace
Be enthroned in the midst of our praise
As we lift our voice to bless you
God who inhabits our praise
You're with us here in this place
As we lift our song before you

We lift you up we glorify
You who are worthy you who are mighty to save
Be lifted up be glorified

Here in your presence you free us to offer you praise
God of all power and grace

God of all power and grace
We who were lost have been saved
So we lift our voice to bless you
God our redeemer and friend
We know mercy and love without end
So we lift our song before you

God of all power and grace
When we look upon your holy face
We will lift our voice to bless you
God who all heaven adores
We will worship you forevermore
When we lift our song before you

THE LOVE OF GOD

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The love of God is greater far
Than tongue or pen can ever tell
It goes beyond the highest star
And reaches to the lowest hell
The guilty pair bowed down with care
God gave His Son to win
His erring child He reconciled
And pardoned from his sin

O love of God how rich and pure
How measureless and strong
It shall forevermore endure
The saints and angels song

When years of time shall pass away
And earthly thrones and kingdoms fall
When men who here refuse to pray
On rocks and hills and mountains call
God's love so sure shall still endure
All measureless and strong
Redeeming grace to Adam's race
The saints' and angels' song

Could we with ink the ocean fill
And were the skies of parchment made
Were every stalk on earth a quill

And every man a scribe by trade
To write the love of God above
Would drain the ocean dry
Nor could the scroll contain the whole
Though stretched from sky to sky

THE JOY OF THE LORD

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The joy of the Lord will be my strength
I will not falter I will not faint
He is my Shepherd I am not afraid
The joy of the Lord is my strength

The joy of the Lord
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The joy of the Lord
Is my strength

The joy of the Lord will be my strength
He will uphold me all of my days
I am surrounded by mercy and grace
And the joy of the Lord is my strength

The joy of the Lord will be my strength
And I will not waver walking by faith
He will be strong to deliver me safe
The joy of the Lord is my strength

YET NOT I BUT THROUGH CHRIST IN ME

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What gift of grace is Jesus my Redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy my righteousness and freedom
My steadfast love my deep and boundless peace
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to his
Oh how strange and divine I can sing all is mine
Yet not I but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken
For by my side the Saviour he will stay
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need his power is displayed
To this I hold my Shepherd will defend me

Through the deepest valley he will lead
Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome
Yet not I but through Christ in me

No fate I dread I know I am forgiven
The future sure the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And he was raised to overthrow the grave
To this I hold my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released I can sing I am free
Yet not I but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For he has said that he will bring me home
And day by day I know he will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to him
When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me

*Fed by Christ in
Word and Sacrament,
we ask God to send
us out as witnesses.
Grace always leads to
mission.

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER*

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 final blessing is
God's promise spoken
over his people. We
go out under his
protection and with
his peace.

THE BENEDICTION AND COMMISSIONING*

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!

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. ***Amen.***

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

NEWS AND EVENTS

Connect with us!

If you're new, scan the QR code. We'd love to get to know you!

Our New Associate Rector-The Rev. Wilson West

We're delighted to announce that Wilson West is stepping into the role of Associate Rector as of October 1st. In this expanded ministry, Wilson will be in the pulpit more often, work closely with our rector, Matt, to lead and support our staff, coordinate the week-to-week work of our ministries, and help all of us to grow in faithful service together. We are so thankful to God for his provision of Wilson to our church and the continuing growth of his contributions to our life together. Please join us in praying for him as he takes on new responsibilities here at Incarnation.



CONNECT

Men's Ministry

To register or learn more about Men's Ministry Triads, scan the QR code or visit our website. On October 17, all men are invited to hang out with other men from Incarnation! We'll enjoy a barbecue dinner and some time around fire pits together. Please plan to bring a favorite beverage and a small side. If you are interested in bringing a main dish (Pulled pork, brisket, etc.) or a fire pit we could use, please email Wilson*. 6:30-8:30 PM at 1631 Silver Lake Road, in Dayton.



MEN'S
MINISTRY

Baptism

Our next baptism date is November 22. If you are seeking baptism for yourself or your child, or have any questions about baptism, please scan the QR code and fill out the Baptism Interest Form by November 1. One of our staff will reach out to you!



BAPTISM

GenConnect Volunteers

Our GenConnect Program matches college students and young adults with Incarnation households for friendship, hospitality, and discipleship. If you want to impact the lives of these young adults, please scan the QR code and sign up to get matched with a student. Even if you have previously hosted a student, please fill out this form so we can have the most updated information.



GC
VOLUNTEERS

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Oct 17 Men's Ministry Event in Dayton at 6:30 PM

Nov 22 Baptism Sunday

* Staff email addresses can be found on the back cover.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Welcome! All children's programs are offered for both the 9:00 AM and 10:45 AM services, and all children 10 and under must be checked in before the service begins.

Nursery and Toddler classes are dropped off upstairs before the service begins. Children 4 and up will sit in the service until they are dismissed to their classes at the Children's Collect. All children are picked up upstairs at the the Passing of the Peace.

Nursery

We provide a staffed nursery for children newborn through age 1. Drop off before the service begins and pick up at the passing of the peace.

On Sunday mornings during the service, the Prayer Chapel is reserved as a private space for mothers and infants.

Toddler

Toddlers ages 2–3 are invited to worship through play, community snacktime, stories, song, and prayer. Drop off before the service begins and pick up at the passing of the peace.

Children's Chapel

Ages 4-6 Children are invited to worship through songs, Bible stories, response time, and prayer.

Ages 7-10 Learn through the Anglican Catechism, *To Be a Christian*, and a curriculum called The New City Catechism. Centered around teaching the core doctrines of Christian faith, the lessons include a reading from Scripture, activity, discussion questions and prayer time.

TITHES & OFFERINGS		
	September	YTD
Received	\$67,153	\$334,446
Budgeted	\$93,333	\$279,999
Variance	\$(26,180)	\$54,447
RDF		
	September	YTD
Received	\$840	\$12,047



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