

CHURCH of the INCARNATION

The Second Sunday of Advent
December 4, 2022

Traditional Service

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The 7:30 am service is spoken with no music.

Organ Voluntary

Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme, BWV 645

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

THE ENTRANCE RITE

Introit: Populus Sion

PEOPLE of Sion, behold, the LORD is nigh at hand to redeem the nations: and in the gladness of your heart the LORD shall cause his glorious voice to be heard. *Ps.* Hear, O thou Shepherd of Israel: thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep.

Hymn 61

"Sleepers, wake!" A voice astounds us

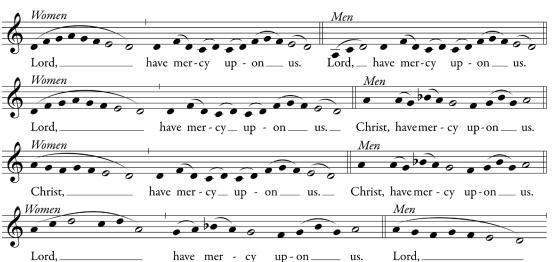
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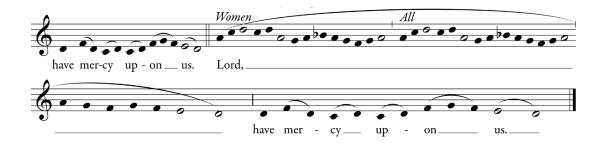
Celebrant ■ Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Celebrant says the Collect for Purity and the Summary of the Law.

Kyrie





The Collects

MERCIFUL God, who sent thy messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*.

ALMIGHTY God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal, through the same Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord. *Amen*.

THE LESSONS

The Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 11:1-10

There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall slay the wicked. Righteousness shall be the girdle of his waist, and faithfulness the girdle of his loins. The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid, and the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall feed; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The sucking child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den. They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. In that day the root of Jesse shall stand as an ensign to the peoples; him shall the nations seek, and his dwellings shall be glorious.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Chant by Edwin G. Monk (1819–1900)

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

GIVE the King thy judgements, O God* and thy righteousness unto the King's son.

Then shall he judge thy people according unto right * and defend the poor.

The mountains also shall bring peace *

and the little hills righteousness unto the people.

He shall keep the simple folk by their right *

defend the children of the poor, and punish the wrong doer.

They shall fear thee, as long as the sun and moon endureth *

from one generation to another.

He shall come down like the rain into a fleece of wool*

even as the drops that water the earth.

In his time shall the righteous flourish *

yea, and abundance of peace, so long as the moon endureth.

Blessed be the LORD God, even the God of Israel*

which only doeth wondrous things;

And blessed be the Name of his Majesty for ever *

and all the earth shall be filled with his Majesty. Amen, Amen.

The Epistle (not read at 9 am)

Romans 15:4-13

HATEVER was written in former days was written for our instruction, that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will praise thee among the Gentiles, and sing to thy name"; and again it is said, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people"; and again, "Praise the Lord, all Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; and further Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, he who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him shall the Gentiles hope." May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Hymn 65

Prepare the way, O Zion

Bereden väg för Herran

The Gospel Matthew 3:1–12

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

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judea, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight." Now John wore a garment of camel's hair, and a leather girdle around his waist; and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then went out to him Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit that befits repentance, and do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. "I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

THE SERMON Fr. Jon Jordan

THE NICENE CREED

I BELIEVE in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church; I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, ₹ and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Deacon says

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Each petition concludes

DeaconLord, in thy mercy.PeopleHear our prayer.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Author God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Celebrant stands and gives the Absolution.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And with thy spirit.

All greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Birthday Prayer

Watch over thy children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be; strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OFFERTORY

The Minister begins the Offertory with a sentence of Scripture.

Anthem

Besançon Carol, arr. Barry Ferguson (b. 1942)

People look East. The time is near Of the crowning of the year. Make your house fair as you are able, Trim the hearth and set the table. People look East, and sing today: Love the Guest is on the way.

Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare,
One more seed is planted there:
Give up your strength the seed to nourish,
That in course the flower may flourish.
People look East, and sing today:
Love the Rose is on the way.

Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim
One more light the bowl shall brim,
Shining beyond the frosty weather,
Bright as sun and moon together.
People look East, and sing today:
Love the Star is on the way.

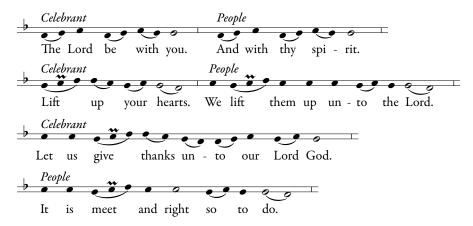
Angels announce to man and beast Him who cometh from the East. Set every peak and valley humming With the Word, the Lord is coming. People look East, and sing today: Love the Lord is on the way.

Eleanor Farjeon (1881–1965)

Doxology

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. Amen.

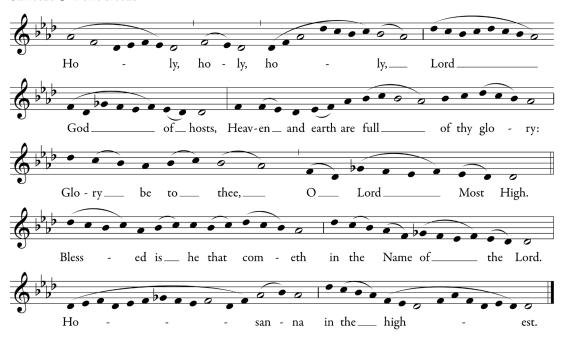
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Celebrant continues with the Preface, which concludes

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Sanctus & Benedictus



THE CANON OF THE EUCHARIST

The Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer on BCP page 334. The prayer concludes

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.



Communion Devotions

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

Celebrant and People

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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread and a period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

People and Celebrant

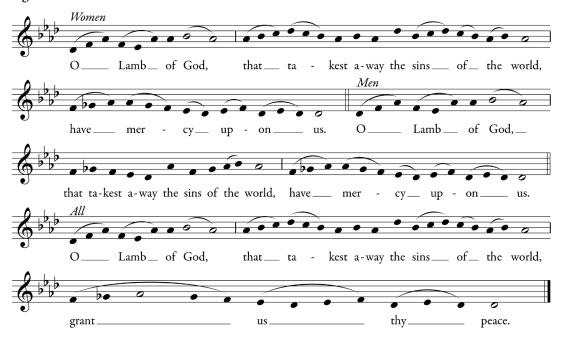
We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Celebrant The Gifts of

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

and may add Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Agnus Dei



Instructions for Holy Communion

All Christians who have been baptized with water and in the Name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, who come forward in faith and are permitted to receive Holy Communion in their own church, are warmly invited to do so on this occasion.

Communion is received in the following way: a priest places the Bread in the palm of your hand, which you then consume; to receive the Wine, hold the base of the chalice and guide it to your lips. The practice of dipping the Bread into the Wine is not permitted. If you do not wish to receive one or both Elements, simply cross your arms over your chest and the priest will give you a blessing.

For those with a medical need, Wine from a dedicated gluten-free chalice is available at the Low Altar.

If one is not able (e.g. because of a medical condition), or prefers not to receive either the Bread or the Wine, the Church has always taught that a person still receives all the benefits of Holy Communion.

Please feel free to consult with a member of the clergy if you have more questions.

Persons who wish to have the Holy Eucharist brought to them in their pew should notify an usher.

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Members of the Intercessory Prayer Ministry are available in the rear of the church after you receive Holy Communion.

Motet Paul Manz (1919–2009)

PEACE be to you and grace from him Who freed us from our sins, Who loved us all and shed his blood That we might saved be.

> Sing Holy, Holy to our Lord, The Lord, Almighty God, Who was and is and is to come Sing Holy, Holy, Lord!

Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein Rejoice on earth, ye saints below For Christ is coming, is coming soon For Christ is coming soon!

E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come And night shall be no more They need no light nor lamp nor sun For Christ will be their All!

Revelation 22; adapt. Ruth Manz

Hymn 67Comfort, comfort ye my people

Psalm 42

CONCLUDING RITES

Celebrant Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

The Celebrant stands and gives the blessing.

Deacon Let us bless the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Hymn 59

Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding

Merton

Organ Voluntary

Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme

Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877–1933)

Altar Arrangements

Are given to the glory of God...

in loving memory of Floyd Ricker and Dr. Wynne M. Snoots

Choral Evensong

Webcast & in-person at 4 pm This evening's music will be:

Voluntary: O Sapientia; O Radix Jesse;

O Emmanuel, Muhly

Responses: Smith

Psalms 113, 115: Tonus Peregrinus (Willcocks), Knight

Canticles: Third Service, Moore

Anthem: Canite tuba in Sion, Guerrero

PATHS TO CONNECT

WORSHIP

Connection with God and one another begins and ends with worship. Discover worship opportunities during the week and at foundational moments in Christian life.

MORNING PRAYER & HOLY COMMUNION

MONDAY-FRIDAY • 8:30 AM MEMORIAL CHAPEL

EVENING PRAYER

MONDAY-WEDNESDAY • 4:40 PM
MEMORIAL CHAPEL

HOLY EUCHARIST WITH HEALING

WEDNESDAYS • 12 PM MEMORIAL CHAPEL

CHORAL EVENSONG WITH THE CHORISTERS

THURSDAYS • 5 PM CHURCH

BAPTISM FOR ADULTS

Adults who desire to receive the Sacrament of Baptism must attend two of our Deep Roots Discipleship Pathways courses that occur throughout the year: The *Deep Roots: Worship* course offered in the fall and the *Deep Roots: Canterbury* course offered in the spring.

Patrick Webb • pwebb@incarnation.org

ADULT CONFIRMATION

If Baptism is the beginning of life in Christ, Confirmation strengthens us by the Holy Spirit, by incorporating us more deeply into Christ and more closely into his Body the Church. As with adult baptism, adults wishing to be confirmed must complete the Deep Roots Worship and Canterbury courses.

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RECONCILIATION

Confessions may be scheduled with any of the priests by contacting them directly or by contacting their assistant.

Carol Kadel • ckadel@incarnation.org

SMALL GROUPS

Connecting in smaller groups is vital for growing deeper in our relationship with God and one another. See below to learn about how to join a small group.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

WEDNESDAYS • 9:30 AM **ED BLDG, ROOM 205**This small group is open to all women looking for a community in which to dive deeper into the scriptures. The current study is on the Book of Revelation. **pwebb@incarnation.org**

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

THURSDAYS • 7 PM **ED BLDG, ROOM 115**This small group is open to all men who desire meaningful Christian friendship and community. **pwebb@incarnation.org**

GROWTH GROUPS

Growth Groups are small groups of parishioners who regularly meet for prayer, study and fellowship in each other's homes. These groups are meant to cultivate daily rhythms of following Jesus in intimate community. Registration for Growth Groups run throughout the months of August and January. pwebb@incarnation.org

YOUNG ADULTS

Comprised of both married and single adults in their 20's and 30's without children, this small group meets for prayer, fellowship, and study bi-weekly with additional events throughout the year.

Drew Crowson • dcrowson@incarnation.org

PATHS TO CONNECT: Spring Preview

SUNDAY, DEC. 11 • 10:20 AM **ED BLDG**, **ROOM 205** Get a preview of Christian Formation offerings and opportunities this spring, including information about new Sunday School classes, Men's and Women's Bible Studies, and how to join a Growth Group. **pwebb@incarnation.org**

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

CLASSES AT 10:20 AM

ST. AUGUSTINE'S CONFESSIONS EDUCATION BLDG, ROOM 205

DEEP ROOTS: WORSHIP MEMORIAL CHAPEL

SERVICE: A SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINE EDUCATION BLDG, ROOM 115-116

BENEDICTINE SPIRITUALITY EDUCATION BLDG, ROOM 119



ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

INCARNATION.ORG/ADVENT-AND-CHRISTMAS

YOUNG ADULTS CHRISTMAS PARTY

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15 • 7:30 PM Young adults, get together to celebrate the season with wine tasting from the award-winning Crowson Wines, charcuterie boards, music, and games. Please register today for more information and location.

A FESTIVAL OF NINE: LESSONS & CAROLS

SUNDAYS, DEC. 11 & 18 • 4 PM **CHURCH**An Incarnation tradition since 1959, a Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols is one of the most beloved services we present each year. The Incarnation Choir and Incarnation Choristers sing beautiful carols of the season, and scripture lessons are read by community leaders. Each service is preceded by an organ prelude, which begins at 3:30 pm, and concludes with a reception after the service. Friends and family welcome! Childcare is available.

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

INCARNATION.ORG/ADVENT-AND-CHRISTMAS

ADVENTURERS CHRISTMAS EVE LUNCHEON

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24 • 1 PM **GREAT HALL**This annual tradition is now open to
adults who are 55 and older. You and
your friends are invited for a luncheon
celebration with eggnog and music by
Doc Gibbs. Please RSVP online today!

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24

12 NOON Traditional Holy Eucharist in the Church with the Incarnation Choir

2 PM Traditional Family Service with Holy Eucharist with the Choristers

Contemporary Holy Eucharist in Ascension Chapel with the Uptown Worship Band

5 PM Traditional Holy Eucharist in the Church with the Incarnation Choir and

Brass

Contemporary Holy Eucharist in Ascension Chapel with the Uptown

Worship Band*

10:30 PM Traditional Holy Eucharist in the Church with Incense, the Incarnation

Choir and Brass*

*Online Livestream via Facebook Live

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICES

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25

11:15 AM Traditional Service in the Church

Contemporary Service in Ascension Chapel

CHILDREN & FAMILY

INCARNATION.ORG/CHILDREN-FAMILY Ashley Hensel • ahensel@incarnation.org

Stop by the Education Building on Sunday morning to check out nursery care and classes for your children.

NURSERY

DISCIPLESHIP 9 & 11:15 am

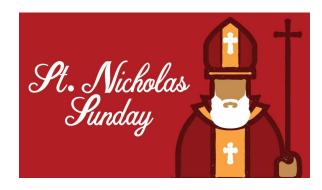
8:45 am–12:30 pm *Infants to Age 2*

Pre-K to 2nd Grade

SUNDAY SCHOOL: PAGEANT PRACTICE

10:20 am

- Pre-K to 1st Grade
- 2nd Grade
- 3rd-5th Grade



ST. NICHOLAS SUNDAY

TODAY • 9 & 11:15 AM

CHILDREN'S DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES

Children will place their shoes outside of their classrooms while St. Nicholas visits for a special treat!

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18 • 10:20 AM **GREAT HALL** All are invited to attend and watch this adorable retelling of the Nativity Story by children aged 3-11. A cookie and hot cocoa reception to follow.

STUDENT MINISTRY

INCARNATION.ORG/GROW/STUDENTS

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GRADES 6-12

What is Student Ministry and how do I get plugged in? Student Ministry disciples teenagers by teaching them the bible and biblical truths and creating life changing experiences that help them grow in their faith and connect with God.

CHRISTMAS CARE PACKAGE WRAP PARTY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11 • 5 PM

EDUCATION BLDG BASEMENT, YOUTH AREA

Come for fun and fellowship as we wrap packages and make cards for homebound parishioners. This is a beautiful opportunity to serve members of the parish and students can also earn service hours!

MISSION & OUTREACH

INCARNATION.ORG/SERVE outreach@incarnation.org

ANGEL TREE

Angel Tree is Incarnation's longest-running outreach ministry. Parishioners have shared the joy of celebrating Jesus' birth with thousands of our neighbors and their children. This year's goal is to provide Christmas gifts for 156 families and an additional 150 children who will be in the care of Child Protective Services in November and December.

ANGEL TREE DROP-OFF PARTY

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 7 • 6-8 PM **WELCOME CENTER** As a thank you to all those who have sponsored Angel Tree gift wishes, please join us for fellowship in celebration of this ministry. You can anticipate both a convenient process to drop off your gifts, along with seasonal snacks, activities, and entertainment for adults and children alike. Registration for this event is not necessary and we look forward to seeing you there.

WELCOME Have any questions?

Visiting for the first time or need assistance? Stop by the Welcome Desk in the Welcome Center between services to get support, discover ways to connect, and pick up a new visitor gift.

WEEKLY ENEWS

Receive announcements and up-to-date information about events each week. Sign up today at incarnation.org/enews.



WEEKLY READINGS

This week's readings may be found in the Book of Common Prayer, pg. 936, Advent 2.



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One of the longest and loveliest traditions at Incarnation is to honor and remember your loved ones with hundreds of poinsettias that adorn our altars during the Christmas season through your generous donations.

INCARNATION.ORG/POINSETTIAS

Deadline to donate is today.

FINANCIAL UPDATE-

As of 11/27/2022

The church is a family, and every family needs to know its financial status. Review the numbers below regarding the income and expenses remaining for 2022 as well as the commitments received thus far for 2023. Thank you for your continued generosity. Feel free to contact Jen LeBlanc, COO, with any questions at 214-521-5101.

2022 REVENUE Annual Expense Bud

Annual Expense Budget: \$6,815,600

Revenue received to date:

\$5,442,233

* based on preliminary November numbers

Amount needed before end of year:

\$1,373,367

2023 COMMITMENT

Households Committed to Date: 346 pledged

Total Amt. Committed to Date:

\$4,067,348 <mark>(\$6.5 million pledge goal)</mark>

Note: Total operating budget for 2023: \$7.9 million

PLEDGES