



The Incarnation Word

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The man who would later become known as St. Francis of Assisi was born in 1181, the son of a wealthy cloth merchant. His father enjoyed the “finer things” and spent his money lavishly on luxuries. Francis followed in his father’s footsteps, quickly becoming known for buying rounds in the ale-houses, amusing everyone with his wild tales and boisterous singing.

separated people from one another. He was certain that our greed and fears around money kept us from valuing people, animals, and things as precious creations of God, seeing them instead as means to an end.

Francis also came to believe that possessions were the root cause of most of the violence he saw around him. He refused to call anything his own, walking from town to town with nothing but the tunic on his back. When encouraged by the bishop to accept payment for his services so he would no longer need to beg for food, Francis replied that having possessions would mean he also needed weapons with which to defend them. The bishop didn’t mention it again.



But then Francis went to war, was imprisoned, and became gravely ill. He was changed. When faced with the very real possibility of death, Francis realized how empty his lavish life had been. The glitter of gold had blinded him, he said, to the greater beauty of sunsets and hillsides, of animals and fellow human beings of every social caste.

In reading the Gospels, Francis believed that the call of all Christians was to do everything we could to bring about the Kingdom of God, the time when we’ll all live in peace with one another and

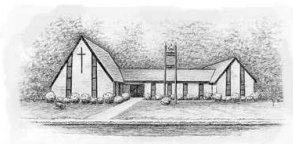


with all creation. He stepped away from wealth and security, from power and advancement, to embrace instead humility

Francis left behind his life of power and prestige and embraced complete poverty. He despised money, he said, because it

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and dependence and quiet. He gave away all he had, not wanting anything to come between him and his fellow men. He went hungry in order to feed others. He was so gentle in spirit that even skittish wild animals would eat from his hands.



Francis believed that everything around us - the earth and all its creatures and people - are gifts from God. We are meant to care for them all as God would, to be stewards

of all creation. There's a lovely prayer attributed to Saint Francis that sums this up:

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.
 Where there is hatred, let us sow love;
 where there is injury, pardon;
 where there is discord, union;
 where there is doubt, faith;
 where there is despair, hope;
 where there is darkness, light;
 where there is sadness, joy.
 Grant that we may not so much seek
 to be consoled as to console;
 to be understood as to understand;
 to be loved as to love.
 For it is in giving that we receive;
 it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
 and it is in dying
 that we are born to eternal life.
 Amen.

May we all be a little more Francis-like as we seek to be good stewards of creation.

God's Peace,
Jenny+

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
	1	2	3 6:00 HE and Healing 7:00 Choir	4	5 Rector's Sabbath	6 9:30 DOK
7 19th Pentecost 8:30 HE I 9:30 Breakfast 10:30 HE II 11:45 Worship Committee 5:00 Blessing of the Animals	8	9	10 6:00 HE and Healing 7:00 Choir	11	12 Rector's Sabbath	13 8:00 Men's Breakfast
14 20th Pentecost 8:30 HE I 9:30 Godly Play & Adult Ed. 10:30 HE II 11:45 Vestry Meeting	15	16	17 6:00 HE and Healing 7:00 Choir	18	Diocesan Convention	
21 21st Pentecost 8:30 HE I 9:30 Godly Play & Adult Ed. 10:30 HE II	22	23	24 6:00 HE and Healing 7:00 Choir	25	26 Rector's Sabbath	27
28 22nd Pentecost 4th for Food 8:30 HE I 9:30 Godly Play & Adult Ed. 10:30 HE II	29	30	31 6:00 HE and Healing 7:00 Choir			

— **Buildings & Grounds** —



Thanks to everyone who came out and weeded and trimmed and sawed and back-hoed on our Parish Clean-Up Day last month. The grounds look wonderful! Another example of good stewardship!



Date	October 7 10:30	October 14 10:30	October 21 10:30	October 28 10:30
Acolyte	Alexis Turner	Ellis Greene	Lori Thompson	Kimberly Guthrie
O.T. Lector	Tonja Blackwell	Frank Barnwell	John Gelok	Bobbi Albert
N.T. Lector	Renée McFalls	Leslie Brown	Michael Darnell	LaDonna White
Intercessor	Leslie Brown	Scott Glidden	Pam Bradburn	Kim Guthrie
Euch Min	LaDonna White	Lori Thompson	Leslie Brown	Cynthia Glidden
Altar Guild	Jackie Hoffman LaDonna White Carla Winter	May Ella Blanton Charlotte Hartman Pam Bradburn Hope Greene, Marty Marett	Dawn Bridges Betty Weaver	Sudie Gelok Cindy Love Lois Beam
Greeters	Bobby & Cindy Love	Leslie & Ron Brown	Mike & Pam Bradburn	Danny & Martha Stacy
Nursery	Marty Marett	Sara Harding	Renée McFalls	Lois Beam
Children's Chapel	Ree Batten	Luke Harding	Volunteer needed	Julie Taylor
Godly Play	None	Lori Thompson Julie Taylor	Cynthia Glidden Carol Pirkey	Marty Marett Lois Beam
Coffee	Breakfast	Nancy Patterson	Dawn Bridges	Sudie Gelok
Counters	John Gelok Michael Darnell	John Gelok David Taylor	Scott Glidden Renée McFalls	Bob Friedman Cynthia Glidden

— Christian Education

Nursery Sundays during 10:30 service



Thank you to all the wonderfully devoted volunteers who have agreed to staff our nursery each Sunday. The children thank you and their parents thank you. But we also know you're sure to receive far more from these precious little ones than you could ever give!

Children's Chapel Sundays during 10:30 service



This month you'll notice that there's one Sunday without a volunteer to lead Children's Chapel. This means that, on that week, our children won't have the chance to hear and respond to the day's gospel lesson at their own level. It also means that they'll be with their families during the sermon, cooing and squirming and making it more difficult for their parents to concentrate on the sermon. But you can rectify the situation! Talk to Ree Batten today about volunteering in Children's Chapel. She'll hand you a complete, easy-to-follow curriculum; all you need to add is love!

Godly Play Sundays, 9:30-10:15

The children will be inspired to deeper faith themselves as they experience the faith of those who went before:

Oct. 14 - The Story of Samuel
Samuel heard God calling when he was still very young. We'll listen for God's call together.

Oct. 21 - The Story of King David
David was able to do great things when he asked God for help. We'll ask God for help together.

Oct. 28 - The Prophets
Propets are people who come so close to God, and God comes so close to them, that they know what God wants them to say or do. We'll wonder together whether anyone we know might be a prophet.



Check out the complete schedule and the stories on the church web site. Just go to the "Children" page, scroll down to Godly Play, and click on the Godly Play Schedule.

**Adult Ed - The Bible Challenge
Sundays, 9:30-10:15**

We're having so much fun on Sunday mornings discussing what we've read that week! And we're learning so much about our Eucharist service, too - like why Jesus said, "this is my blood" and the importance of remembering. Even if you aren't doing the readings, come join us on Sunday mornings for a great discussion.

If you've fallen behind, consider yourself absolved. This month we start the book of Exodus, so it's a great time to pick it back up and give it another try. The schedule and weekly meditations are available on the bulletin board in the hallway. They're also on our web site: just click on the Bible Challenge tab from any page. If you aren't receiving them each week in an email, let Jenny know so she can get you on the list!

The Bishop began the Bible Challenge this month, a few weeks after we did. If you'd like to follow the comments and questions from around the diocese, go to the EDUSC Bible Challenge Facebook page and request to join. The diocese has your names and should let you right in.

October's reading are:

- M 10/1 - Ex 4-6, Ps 18:21-50, Matt 19
- T 10/2 - Exodus 7-9, Psalm 19, Matt 20
- W 10/3 - Exodus 10-12, Ps. 20, Matt 21
- Th 10/4 - Exodus 13-15, Ps. 21, Matt 22
- F 10/5 - Exodus 16-18, Ps. 22, Matt 23
- S 10/6 - Exodus 19-21, Ps. 23, Matt 24

S 10/7 - hear Scriptures read in church



- M 10/8 - Exodus 22-24, Ps. 24, Matt. 25
- T 10/9 - Exodus 25-27, Ps. 25, Matt. 26
- W 10/10 - Exodus 28-30, Ps. 26, Matt. 27
- Th 10/11 - Exodus 31-33, Ps. 27, Matt. 28
- F 10/12 - Exodus 34-36, Ps. 28, Mark 1
- S 10/13 - Exodus 37-39, Ps. 29, Mark 2
- S 10/14 - hear Scriptures read in church

- M 10/15 - Exodus 40, Ps. 30, Mark 3
- T 10/16 - Lev. 1-3, Psalm 31, Mark 4
- W 10/17 - Lev. 4-6, Psalm 32, Mark 5
- Th 10/18 - Lev. 7-9, Psalm 33, Mark 6
- F 10/19 - Lev. 10-12, Psalm 34, Mark 7
- S 10/20 - Lev. 13-15, Psalm 35, Mark 8
- S 10/21 - hear Scriptures read in church

- M 10/22 - Lev. 6-18, Ps 36, Mark 9
- T 10/23 - Lev. 19-21, Ps 37:1-18, Mark 10
- W 10/24 - Lev. 22-24, Ps 37:19-42, Mk 11
- Th 10/25 - Lev. 25-27, Psalm 38, Mark 12
- F 10/26 - Catch up, Psalm 39, Mark 13
- S 10/27 - Num. 1-3, Psalm 40, Mark 14
- S 10/28 - hear Scriptures read in church

- M 10/29 - Num. 4-5 Psalm 41, Mark 15
- T 10/30 - Num. 6-8, Psalm 42, Mark 16
- W 10/31 - Num. 9-11, Psalm 43, Luke 1

Prayer List



Those participating in the Bible Challenge

The Sick:

- Tim Beatty
- Erica LaGarde
- Those on the confidential DOK prayer list

The Homebound and Those with Long-Term Illnesses:

- May Ella Blanton
- Mary Bolinger
- Bill Bradley
- Linda Caggiano
- Lori Crook
- David Fort
- Peggy Fort
- Beth Gettys
- Barbara Gupton
- Matthew Hall
- Rae Hammett
- Dave Hewey
- Francis Higgins
- Billie Kajma
- Jim Kennedy
- Bobby Parris
- J. L. Peake
- Marcia Peake
- Rev. Charles Smith
- Keith Smith
- Mary Threadgill

The Deceased:

- Rev. Larry Sanders



Birthdays

Savannah White	Oct. 1
Connor Cothran	Oct. 3
Jim Beam	Oct. 4
Frank Barnwell, Jr.	Oct. 6
Carol Pirkey	Oct. 9
Olivia Spigner	Oct. 9
Johnathan Gelok	Oct. 11
Liam Hendrix	Oct. 11
Ann Meade	Oct. 12
Max Hyde	Oct. 13
Scott Glidden	Oct. 14
Gwen Hart	Oct. 16
Sarah Meade	Oct. 18
Cecily Boggs	Oct. 19
Chuck Earl	Oct. 27
Danny Stacy	Oct. 27
Angharad Torres	Oct. 30

Anniversaries

Kyle & Ann Meade	Oct. 11
Steven & Kelly Lewis	Oct. 12
Dever & Carolyn Smith	Oct. 26

Attendance

Sunday, Sept. 2	58
Wednesday, Sept. 5	7
Sunday, Sept. 9	66
Wednesday, Sept. 12	8
Sunday, Sept. 16	46
Wednesday, Sept. 19	4
Sunday, Sept. 23	56
Wednesday, Sept. 26	6
Sunday, Sept. 30	67

Just for Fun



How does Moses make his tea? He brews it.

I changed my iPod's name to Titanic. It's syncing now.

When chemists die, they barium.

Jokes about German sausage are the wurst.

I stayed up all night to see where the sun went. Then it dawned on me.

This girl said she recognized me from the vegetarian club, but I'd never met herbi-vore.

I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. I just can't put it down.

I did a theatrical performance about puns. It was a play on words.

They told me I had type-A blood, but it was a Type-O.

I didn't like my beard at first. Then it grew on me.

Did you hear about the cross-eyed teacher who lost her job because she couldn't control her pupils?

Broken pencils are pointless.

I tried to catch some fog, but I mist.

I used to be a banker, but then I lost interest.

I got a job at a bakery because I kneaded dough.

Velcro - what a rip off!

A cartoonist was found dead in his home. Details are sketchy.

Venison for dinner again? Oh deer!

Sunday Readings

	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
Oct. 7 Proper 22	Genesis 2:18-24	Psalm 8	Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12	Mark 10:2-16
Oct. 14 Proper 23	Amos 5:6-7, 10-15	Psalm 90:12-17	Hebrews 4:12-16	Mark 10:17-31
Oct. 21 Proper 24	Isaiah 53:4-12	Psalm 91:9-16	Hebrews 5:1-10	Mark 10:35-45
Oct. 28 Proper 25	Jeremiah 31:7-9	Psalm 126	Hebrews 7:23-28	Mark 10:46-52

York Place

York Place is opening their hearts to Cherokee County at their new Counseling Center location at Church of the Incarnation. They offer help with:

- family therapy
- individual therapy
- crisis management
- diagnostic assessments
- couples' counseling
- grief therapy

For more information or to make an appointment, contact York Place at
800-939-4445 ext. 1000
fax 803-818-5101
www.yorkplace.org

Please help us spread the word about this valuable resource now available in our community!



Hospitality



Parish Photos
Sunday, October 7
at 9:30 and 11:45

If you haven't had your picture taken yet, be sure to be here Sunday, October 7. Miles Gettys will be available after each service to take a quick shot of your family for our picture directory. And be sure to pick up your copy of the directory later this month.

Stewardship

In the beginning, God created everything that is: light and dark, the earth, the plants and animals, and, finally, humankind. And God charged us to be stewards of all creation: “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth” (Genesis 1:28). It’s our God-given responsibility to take care of the earth and one another as carefully as God would.

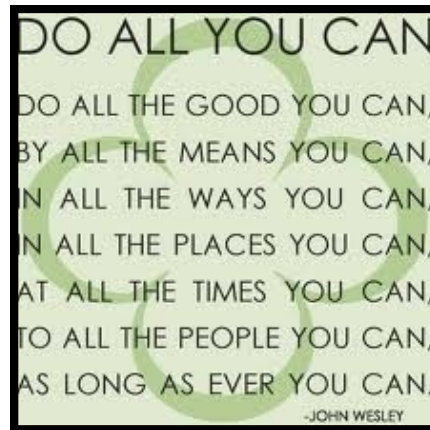


Everything we are, everything we have, and everything around us comes from God and belongs to God. But God gives us all these gifts to use while we’re on earth. And God expects that we’ll treat them with kindness, respect, and love. He trusts that we’ll tend the garden of the world in his place. And he trusts that we’ll use our time and talents to love and serve others. And he trusts that whatever blessings he gives us, we’ll share with others.

This month we’ll celebrate the joys of stewardship. In church each week, a parishioner will share a brief story about their

own personal stewardship, how they lavish their time and talent and treasure on others. We’ll all be challenged to give more, to care more, to love more.

Near the end of the month, you’ll receive a stewardship packet in the mail. It will include a Time and Talent Pledge form, which is an opportunity for you to volunteer your God-given abilities at Incarnation. The packet will also include a Financial Pledge card, a chance for you to make a promise to God to give a certain portion of your financial resources back to God at Incarnation. Why do we give of our time, talent, and treasure? It isn’t to meet the church budget and get tasks done, although those needs are there. It’s because God gives us everything we need. And it’s important that we share that blessing with others and use God’s gifts to do God’s work in God’s world.



Let’s celebrate stewardship!

Worship



Blessing of the Animals Sunday, October 7 5:00 pm

In honor of St. Francis’ feast day, we’ll hold a service celebrating the love of Christ which we experience in our animal friends. So bring friends with fur, friends with scales, and friends with feathers. Bring friends that walk on four legs, friends that scamper and hop, friends that fly and swim. And bring your human friends as well! All of God’s creatures will gather in Trinity Garden to celebrate the fullness of life and love. Each pet gathered will receive a blessing and a St. Francis medal to wear. But, of course, we’re the ones



who will really be blessed, because we get to share our lives with our pets.

Bishop’s Visitation Sunday, January 20



In January, Bishop Waldo will be at Incarnation to celebrate the ways God continues to bless us here. He will also confirm and baptize those prepared to receive these sacraments.

Are you considering joining the Episcopal Church through Confirmation? In this sacrament, the Bishop lays hands on you and asks the Holy Spirit to empower you for service. Through Confirmation you become an “official” member of Incarnation, able to vote and serve on vestry. If you’d like to begin preparing to receive this sacrament when Bishop Waldo is here, talk to Jenny+ today.

