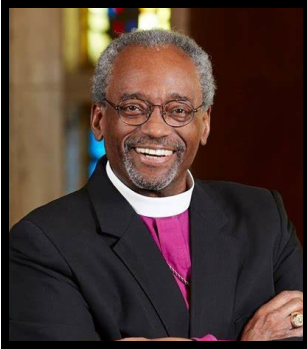




The Incarnation Word

January 2021



*Joy to the world!
The Lord is
come: let earth
receive her
King; let every
heart prepare
him room, and
heaven and na-
ture sing.*

Perhaps like
me, you've sung

this hymn for years – in church, at home with your family, gathered with friends and neighbors. Perhaps you've sung it to yourself – in your car, on a walk, or quietly in the dark of night.

Joy to the world!

While we may not feel joyful this year – as the pandemic of disease continues to bring sickness and death, when fear and mistrust – a darkness – threatens to overcome the light – we, as followers of Jesus Christ must bear joy to this aching world. We must shine light into the darkness. *Joy to the world!*

Like much in our lives, proclaiming joy is difficult work – also *good* and *essential* work – especially now. Though we mourn that which is lost in our lives, our families, and our communities – *Joy to the world!*

While we strive to pull up the twisted and thorny vines of hatred and bigotry and an-

ger – *Joy to the world!*

Through streaming tears and gritted teeth – *Joy to the world!* – because God is breaking into our lives and into this world anew.

While this is a strange year, the ministry He gives us remains the same. We will prepare him room in our hearts by taking on the ministry Jesus demands of us: feed those who are hungry; welcome the stranger; clothe those who are naked; heal those who are sick; visit the prisoner. Love God. Love your neighbor. Sing joy into this old world. Prepare him room.

St. Luke writes of the first Christmas, “[Mary] gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.” There, in the simplest bed, in the cool of the night, in a trough, in bands of cloth, lies the One for whom no room was made. And yet strangely, there lies the One whom not even the universe can contain.

Joy to the world! The Lord is come. In your hearts, in your homes, in your lives, prepare him room.

God love you; God bless you; and may God hold us all in those almighty hands of love.

**The Most Rev. Michael B. Curry
Presiding Bishop and Primate
The Episcopal Church**

Administration

Annual Parish Meeting Sunday, January 3 at 10:00am On Zoom

While so much is different about parish life now, some things remain the same, and it's time for our annual parish meeting. We'll elect vestry who will guide the church through whatever 2021 brings us - our two candidates for two spots are Nancy Fowler and Jennie Hamrick. And we'll elect delegates to Diocesan Convention, who in 2021 will also help elect our next bishop. And, of course, we'll vote on the budget that will take us through the coming year (it's on the following pages for you). Plus we'll get to see one another's smiling faces! Join us on Zoom at <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/72896162353?pwd=ZkdqazhHeTBQRjk4dzJseXArdWRtZz09>



Vestry Meeting Sunday, January 10 at 10:30 On Zoom

Your vestry will gather virtually to discuss the business of Incarnation and make decisions on your behalf. Meetings are always open; just click this link to join the

conversation:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86890577881?pwd=Sm5vY3VNdGU3SGtQZ1BHYjhYTmFaZz09>



Donations

We're so grateful for all of you who've kept your pledges current during this time. We've made sure there are a variety of easy ways for you to make contributions:

- You can always mail a check to us:
Church of the Incarnation
308 College Drive
Gaffney, SC 29340
- Online contributions are easy. Just go to our web site www.Incarnation-Gaffney.org and click the "Donate Now" button or click [here](#). To cover the fees associated with this method of giving, check the "cover fees" box.
- You can also text "Give" to (833)-537-0569 to donate by text message. This method also has a fee and a handy "cover fees" box you can check.

Thank you for giving!

Proposed Budget

INCOME		2020 Annualized	2021 Budget
	Pledged	86,332	89,880
	Unpledged	49,694	33,500
	Plate	351	0
	Unpledged	9231	17,500
	Oyster Roast	2,959	0
	Breakfast	410	0
	Sewcialize	284	0
	Fundraising or Transfers	13,391	0
	Altar Flowers	1,035	2,000
	PPP Loan	10,118	0
	Campbell Trust Interest	11,915	14,000
	Designated Income	16,684	6,520
Total Income		152,710	129,000

EXPENSES		2020 Annualized	2021 Budget
Administration			
	Diocesan Assessment	6,545	7,200
	Salaries		
	Supply Clergy	0	0
	Rector Stipend	30,000	30,000
	Rector Housing	22,899	22,899
	Rector Travel	0	949
	Rector Cont. Ed.	0	660
	Rector Pension	9,156	10,475
	Deacon Travel	922	1,240
	Organist / Choir Director	9,969	9,750
	Parish Sec / Bookkeeper	5,920	5,843
Insurance			
	Church	7,439	5,731
	Workers' Compensation	394	582
	FICA	1,012	970
	Medicare	230	227
	Bank Charges	0	100
	Convention Fees	151	100

		2019 Annualized	2020 Budget
	Building and Kitchen Supplies	1,469	0
	Utilities		
	Phone and Internet	2,031	2,300
	Gas	1,642	1,800
	Water and Electric	5,200	6,000
	Office Expenses		
	Postage	360	500
	Office Supplies	2,060	2,500
	Copier Rental	4,808	5,200
	Transfer to MM account	10,118	0
	EFT Fees	411	0
	Late Charges	84	0
	Total Administration	123,288	115,375

Buildings and Grounds			
	Maintenance	1,130	1,000
	Security	180	180
	Cleaning	6,844	6,222
	Lawn Care	120	0
	Lawn Buildings and Grounds	12,198	0
	Total Buildings and Grounds	7,464	7,325

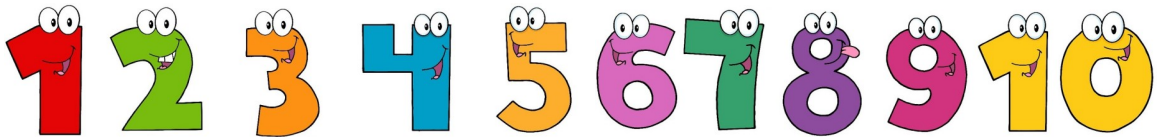
Christian Education			
	Christian Ed	914	500
	Children's Ed	0	0
	Vacation Bible School	198	200
	Total Christian Education	1,112	700

Evangelism and Outreach			
	Mission Donations	1,200	1,200
	Evangelism	85	0
	Total Evangelism and Outreach	1,285	1,200

Hospitality		2020 Annualized	2021 Budget
	Oyster Roast	85	0
	Total Hospitality	85	0

Worship			
	Altar Supplies	23	278
	Music Choir Supplies	200	300
	Altar Flowers	2,125	2,000
	Worship	557	0
	Card Member	18	0
	Total Worship	2,923	2,578

TOTAL DESIGNATED	5,623	4,578
TOTAL EXPENSES	154,618	131,832
Excess (Shortfall)	(1,908)	(1,932)



DESIGNATED INCOME		2020 Annualized	2021 Budget
	Bread from Heaven	5,459	3,500
	Discretionary Fund	1,001	500
	Adult Ed. Books	0	0
	Lawn Care	1,158	2,520
	Shrubbery Care	360	0
	Bishop's Discretionary Fund	0	0
	School Supplies	20	0
	Incarnation Academy	744	0
	Tyler Fund	1,461	0
	Liberia Fund	3,151	0
	Air Conditioner Fund	3,000	0
	Total Designated Income	16,624	6,520

DESIGNATED EXPENSES	2020 Annualized	2021 Budget
Bread from Heaven	2,152	3,000
Discretionary Fund	1,481	500
Adult Ed. Books	500	0
Lawn Care	1,584	2,520
Shrubbery Care	1,272	0
Bishop's Discretionary Fund	0	100
School Supplies	20	0
Incarnation Academy	397	0
Tyler Fund	1,416	0
Liberia Fund	2,901	0
Harding Fund	300	
To Air Conditioner Account	3,000	0
Air Conditioner	5,878	
Total Designated Expenses	15,803	6,120

Hospitality

Virtual Supper Clubs

I'm really missing seeing you all and catching up on the details of your lives. So let's form virtual supper clubs so we can stay connected during these hard winter months. Here's how it would work: once a month (or more, if your group prefers) we'll each prepare our meal and gather in front of a computer so we can log into zoom. We'll be able to see and hear one another and chitchat as we each eat in our own homes. We'll finally share a meal together again!

To see who's in a particular club and to



join yourself, just click on the link after one of the following times or copy and paste it in your web browser:

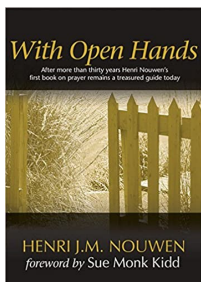
- Fridays at 6:00pm (adults only) <https://signup.com/go/zMJbZde>
- Fridays at 6:00pm (kids included) <https://signup.com/go/KDiXjWP>
- Saturdays at 6:00pm (adults only) <https://signup.com/go/VJeRLjL>
- Sundays at 6:00 pm (adults only) <https://signup.com/go/GaDENsv>
- Wednesdays at noon <https://signup.com/go/NPWCrtz>
- Wednesdays at 4:00pm <https://signup.com/go/EEspinR>

I'm really looking forward to this!

Christian Education

Adult Ed: With Open Hands Sundays beginning January 10 At 10:00 on Zoom

Henri J. M. Nouwen was a Dutch Catholic priest, psychologist, and professor at both Yale Divinity School and Harvard Divinity School. In his later years, he lived and worked with people with intellectual and developmental disabilities at the L'Arche Daybreak Community in Ontario.



We'll read and discuss his inspiring book about prayer, *With Open Hands*. His words, accompanied by moving photographs, will take us from praying with clenched fists to praying with open hands. This will be a different sort of book study,

one in which you'll want to slow down and spend some time with the words and photographs in each chapter, so we're discussing very few pages each week.

Here's the schedule:

Jan 10 - Forward and Introduction, "With Clenched Fists"

Jan 17 - Chapter 1, "Prayer and Silence"

Jan 24 - Chapter 2, "Prayer and Acceptance"

Jan 31 - Chapter 3, "Prayer and Hope"

Feb 7 - Chapter 4, "Prayer and Compassion"

Feb 14 - Chapter 5, "Prayer and Revolution" and Conclusion, "With Open Hands"

Order yourself a copy of the book (available on Amazon.com, among other places) and join us! Join the meeting here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87447035787?pwd=UTg3SmwwTDVsNWVlUjFKQ0NhRiRldTZz09>

Outreach

Bread from Heaven Saturday, January 16 8:00 - 10:30

We'll continue with our contact-free food distribution this month. If you feel it's safe for you to do so, we'd love your help. To volunteer, email Scott. Volunteers will work in masks at all times. You can volunteer to:

- Pack a bag of food per shopper



some time the week of January 11.

- Take appointments at 8:00 Thursday, January 14.
- Serve on the 8:00-9:00 crew on Saturday, January 16, bringing bags out so shoppers can load them
 - Serve on the 9:00-10:30 crew on Saturday, January 16, bringing bags out so shoppers can load them

And, of course, we can always use donations of food or funds!

Pastoral Care

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Jan 1	Ben Torres
Jan 2	David Taylor
Jan 4	Hannah Green
Jan 4	Trip Hartman
Jan 8	Bobbi Albert
Jan 12	Patterson Greene
Jan 12	Pat Throneburg
Jan 13	Jayci Blanton
Jan 17	Colton Wallace
Jan 19	Zoe Dearing
Jan 22	Miles and Jenny Gettys
Jan 23	Teresa Rhymer



Prayer List

The Sick:

Mason Gray

The Wallace Family
Those with Long-Term Needs:
Lucille Aldred
Jake Blackwell
Melissa Bridgwood
Bill Brown
Steve and Claudia Butler
Renee Carmes
Jonah Delang
Ann Ellison
Steve Glidden
Melissa Gray
Fergie Horvath
Wayne Johnson
Haile LeMaster
Vincent Moore
Dee Dee Porter
Johnny Raines
Debra Rich
Elizabeth Roberts
Angharad Torres
Jane Waters
Tim Wood

Worship

Morning Prayer

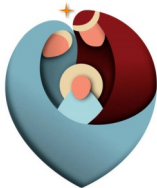
Mondays through Fridays at 8:00am
Live on our Facebook page

Join us weekday mornings at 8:00 on our [Facebook page](#) for a service of scripture and prayers. Let folks know you're there by typing a greeting in the Comments. And be sure to list your prayer concerns so we can all pray them together. If you miss

the service, you can always watch it on our [Facebook page](#) later. All the materials for you to follow the service are on our [web-site](#). You can also download the [service booklet](#) and [lection-ary readings](#) directly. Can't wait to begin the days in prayer with you!



The Twelve Hymns of Christmas On Facebook



This year we have a special way to celebrate the entire season of Christmas. Each morning we'll share a special video on [Facebook](#); pictures of past Christmases will accompany the

sounds of our choir singing a beloved Christmas hymn. Each day will bring a new video to continue the joy of the season.



Sunday Morning Services Sundays at 9:00 Live on our Facebook Page

In December, we had a scary moment when a (as we all later discovered) Covid-positive person accompanied a lector at our livestreamed Sunday Service. Because of the masking and social distancing we observed, nobody who participated that day was infected. So what we're doing is working!

So for Epiphany, we'll continue to livestream our services from the sanctuary with lectors, intercessor, deacon, priest, and camera operator.

It means so much for us to greet one another when the service starts and to share the peace in the comments section. And we'll continue to have a time for you to add your prayers of intercession and thanksgiving so we can pray them together.

Tune in on our [Facebook page](#) at 9:00 Sunday mornings or watch it at any point after that.

Each week the service booklet and children's bulletins will be available on [this page](#) of our [website](#).

Can't wait to "see" you in church!



Epiphany Compline Wednesdays, January 6 at 8:00pm Live on our Facebook page

We'll remember the visit of the Magi to the toddler Jesus with a few minutes of prayer and reflection livestreamed on [Facebook](#). As we place the Wise Men in the manger scene, we invite you to do the same at home. Follow the service in the booklet [here](#).

January Servers

Date	January 3 2nd Christmas 9:00 am	January 10 1st Epiphany 9:00am	January 17 2nd Epiphany 9:00am	January 24 3rd Epiphany 9:00pm	January 31 4th Epiphany 9:00am
1st Lector	None	Bobbi Albert	Ben Torres	Scott Glidden	Noah Lindemann
2nd Lector	None	Pat Gotautas	Cora Torres	Renée McFalls	Gena Poovey
Intercessor	None	Ellie Bird	Angharad Torres	Cynthia Glidden	Mimi McCully
Counters	Ed Hoffman Mike Johnson	Ellie Bird Morgan Johnson	Brad Johnson Ben Torres	Scott Glidden Mike Johnson	Ellie Bird Mimi McCully
Flowers	Available	Available	Available	Available	Available

January Readings

	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel Reading
January 3 2nd Christmas	Jeremiah 31:7-14	Psalm 84	Ephesians 1:3-6,15-19a	Matthew 2:13-15,19-23
January 10 1st Epiphany	Genesis 1:1-5	Psalm 29	Acts 19:1-7	Mark 1:4-11
January 17 2nd Epiphany	1 Samuel 3:1-20	Psalm 139: 1-5, 12-17	1 Corinthians 6:12-20	John 1:43-51
January 24 3rd Epiphany	Jonah 3:1-5, 10	Psalm 62:6-14	1 Corinthians 7:29-31	Mark 1:14-20
January 31 4th Epiphany	Deuteronomy 18:15-20	Psalm 111	1 Corinthians 8:1-13	Mark 1:21-28

January Calendar

Sunday	Mon	Tues	Wednesday	Thurs	Friday	Sat
27 First Christmas 9:00 Morning Prayer Rite II on Facebook	28 8:00 Morning Prayer on FB	29 8:00 Morning Prayer on FB	30 8:00 MP on FB 8:00pm Compline on FB	31 8:00 Morning Prayer on FB	1 8:00 Morning Prayer on FB	2
3 Second Christmas 9:00 Morning Prayer Rite II on Facebook 10:00 Annual Parish Meeting on Zoom	4 8:00 Morning Prayer on FB	5 8:00 Morning Prayer on FB	6 Epiphany 8:00 MP on FB 8:00pm Compline on FB	7 8:00 Morning Prayer on FB	8 8:00 Morning Prayer on FB	9 9:00 DOK
10 First Epiphany 9:00 Morning Prayer Rite II on Facebook 10:00 Adult Ed on Zoom 10:30 Vestry on Zoom	11 8:00 Morning Prayer on FB	12 8:00 Morning Prayer on FB	13 8:00 Morning Prayer on FB	14 8:00 Morning Prayer on FB	15 8:00 Morning Prayer on FB	16 8:30-10:30 Bread from Heaven
17 Second Epiphany 9:00 Morning Prayer Rite II on Facebook 10:00 Adult Ed on Zoom 10:30 Worship Committee on Zoom	18 8:00 Morning Prayer on FB	19 8:00 Morning Prayer on FB	20 8:00 Morning Prayer on FB	21 8:00 Morning Prayer on FB	22 8:00 Morning Prayer on FB	23 8:00 Morning Prayer on FB
24 Third Epiphany 9:00 Morning Prayer Rite II on Facebook 10:00 Adult Ed on Zoom	25 8:00 Morning Prayer on FB	26 8:00 Morning Prayer on FB	27 8:00 Morning Prayer on FB	28 8:00 Morning Prayer on FB	29 8:00 Morning Prayer on FB	30
31 Fourth Epiphany 9:00 Morning Prayer Rite II on Facebook 10:00 Adult Ed on Zoom	1 8:00 Morning Prayer on FB	2 8:00 Morning Prayer on FB	3 8:00 Morning Prayer on FB	4 8:00 Morning Prayer on FB	5 8:00 Morning Prayer on FB	6

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Parish Sec. / Bookkeeper
Choir Director and Organist

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Niccie Dearing	Evangelism	(803) 280-0441
Ellie Bird	Worship	(864) 490-5641
Scott Glidden	Outreach	(704) 473-7318
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<i>ex officio,</i>	Cynthia Glidden	Clerk (704) 734-7226