



# The Incarnation Word

July 2024

We love and serve the Lord by loving and serving others.

The Eucharist, the receiving of Communion, is a major component of our Sunday worship. Those coming to Incarnation from other Protestant denominations often ask me why that is.



What do we receive when we come to Communion? The bread and wine, the body and blood of Christ, impart God's love and forgiveness as revealed in Jesus' death on the cross. Complete forgiveness! Why wouldn't we want to receive that every chance we get?!

But the Eucharist is about more than just what we receive. Eucharistic Prayer C, which we're using at the 10:30 service this month, concludes with this plea:

*Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we*

*may worthily serve the world in his name.*

We receive the Eucharist in order to take the forgiveness we've received out into the world in service of others. Bishop Curry's Revival last month ended with the words, "The worship has ended; now the service begins." We come to the Eucharist to be filled and strengthened in order to go out and lavish Christ's love on all those we meet.

Is your health currently preventing you from receiving the Eucharist? Let me know and I'll gladly bring it to you at home. We all need to be filled so we can serve the world in Christ's name. Let's go serve, and I'll see you at the rail!

God's Peace,  
*Jenny+*



## — Buildings / Grounds

### Weeding

The landscapers got our front flower beds looking really great, but weeds have started popping up in them. We need your help!

Please take a little time one of these cool mornings or evenings and pull some weeds for us. And if you'd like to help with our ongoing grounds work, just make a donation marked "lawn care."



## — Hospitality

### Breakfast Sunday, September 1 at 9:30



This fall we'll return to our tradition of delicious breakfast served between services on the first Sunday of each month. We'll begin with the much-anticipated King of the Casseroles competition. Men will vie for the coveted Golden Spatula award with their delicious interpretations of a breakfast casserole. We'll taste and vote for our favorite.

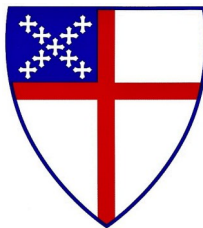
## Christian Education

### Deep Dive into the BCP Sundays at 9:30 Starting September 8

Our Book of Common Prayer is a treasure trove of prayers and liturgies for every occasion. We'll explore it in depth. Who wrote it and when? How can I use it at home? How do I find out what Episcopalians believe? We'll answer these questions and more as we explore the BCP from cover to cover.



### Coffee and Conversations First and Third Tuesdays at 11:00 Starting September 3



This fall we'll once again gather twice a month to explore in more detail the Episcopal Church's stance on a wide variety of issues. We should have a great deal to discuss following this summer's General Convention. Come with all your questions, which will determine our topics.

# Pastoral Care

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## Birthdays

July 2                      Seth Harding  
July 3                      Jenny Gettys  
July 17                     Morgan Johnson  
July 29                     Cora Torres  
July 30                     Dever Smith  
July 31                     Ed Gumphrey



## Anniversaries

July 9                      Kenny and Niccie Dearing

## Prayer List

### The Sick:

Tonja Blackwell  
Vickie Cornmesser

### The Deceased:

Bea Richter

### The Homebound and Those with Long-Term Needs:

Lucille Aldred  
Gail Barzee  
Lauren Bridges  
Alli Buhler  
Claudia Butler  
Tom and Anne Cooper

Billy Corbett  
Kathy Cutler  
Shirley Davidson  
Mary Fleming  
Ida May Glidden  
Ed and Kathy Gumphrey  
Deloris Livingston  
Peter McAllister  
Renée McFalls  
Vincent Moore  
June Oman  
Gary Pope, Sr.  
Greg Power  
Sloane Power  
Sarah Gumphrey Ramsey  
Dever and Carolyn Smith  
Linda Wilkins  
Tim Wood

### Those Expecting Children:

Katie and Darren Lueptow  
Marie and Dave Feroli  
Kylie McAllister and Noah Ferreira  
Isaiah and Marley Goodling

### Those whose Jobs Place them in Harm's Way:

Eliav Choney  
Jamie Greene  
John Gelok  
Mimi McCully  
Kyle & Ann Meade

## Summer Concerts



Bubbles really bring out the joy in folks, and we're all about sharing the joy of Christ with others. Want to

help us? Sign up on the bulletin board in the hallway to take a shift at one or more of this summer's concerts in Jolly Park. Remaining concerts are:

### Tuesday, August 6 – National Night Out

Set-up and shift, 5-7pm

Shift and take-down, 7-9pm

Sign up on the bulletin board in the hallway to spread the word about the most loving, joyful, welcoming church in Gaffney.

## Grief Support Group Thursdays at 5:30 pm Restarting July 25

Are you or someone you know experiencing grief? Carnell Wilkins, a counselor with Cherokee County Mental Health, is leading a grief support group in our parish hall. The group meets at 5:30 on Thursdays and is open to anyone experiencing grief. Join any time.

## Servers Needed

Would you be interested in helping lead worship? We're looking for folks to serve in all capacities:

Greeters

Camera Operators

Digital Greeters

Crucifers

Lectors

Intercessors

Eucharistic Ministers

If you'd like to serve in any of these areas, talk to Angharad or Jenny+ today. We'll get you trained and ready to serve!

## Blessing of the Backpacks Sunday, August 4 8:30 and 10:30

School starts really early in Cherokee County this year, and we want to be sure teachers, students, and administrators start the school year with a blessing. So come to church on August 4 with the bag you carry to school. We'll ask God to bless your school year and you'll receive a tag to put on your bag so



you're reminded that God goes with you to school.

## Confirmation Sunday, August 25 at 10:30

Confirmation is the sacrament in which we receive the laying on of hands by the bishop and the gift of the Holy Spirit which empowers us to live into the fullness of our baptismal promises. It's also the way to become an Episcopalian and join Incarnation from another denomi-

nation. Is this a step you'd like to take? It's not too late! Talk to Jenny+ right away and we'll find time to get you prepared before the bishop is here in August. He won't be here for Confirmations again for another year and a half or more.

If you've completed Episcopalians 101, please let Jenny+ know whether you plan to be Confirmed or not.



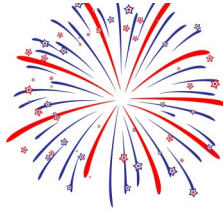
## July Readings

Date	1st Reading	Psalm	2nd Reading	Gospel Reading
July 7 7th Pentecost (Proper 9)	Ezekiel 2:1-5	Psalm 123	2 Corinthians 12:2-10	Mark 6:1-13
July 14 8th Pentecost (Proper 10)	Amos 7:7-15	Psalm 85:8-13	Ephesians 1:3-14	Mark 6:14-29
July 21 9th Pentecost (Proper 11)	Jeremiah 23:1-6	Psalm 23	Ephesians 2:11-22	Mark 6:30-34, 53-56
July 28 10th Pentecost (Proper 12)	2 Kings 4:42-44	Psalm 145:10-19	Ephesians 3:14-21	John 6:1-21

## July Servers

Date	July 7 7th Pentecost 10:30	July 14 8th Pentecost 10:30	July 21 9th Pentecost 10:30	July 28 10th Pentecost 10:30
Altar Guild	Carla Winter Jackie Hoffman	Carla Winter Jackie Hoffman	Dawn Bridges Jennie Hamrick	Becky Vassy Cathy Roberts Nancy Fowler
Coffee Hour	Ellie Bird	Marty Marett	Robin Childers	Joette Johnson
Greeters	Ed and Jackie Hoffman	Noah Lindemann Gena Poovey	Jennie Hamrick Carla Winter	Charlie Zinko Miles Gettys
Dig. Greet.	Morgan Johnson	Angharad Torres	Morgan Johnson	Cora Torres
Camera	Max Hyde	Don Bird	Ellie Bird	Asher Torres
Nursery	Cathy Roberts	Becky Zinko	Carla Winter	Angharad Torres
Euch Min	Niccie Dearing	Cynthia Glidden	Don Bird	Robin Childers
Crucifer	Niccie Dearing	Cora Torres	Don Bird	Robin Childers
1st Lector	Bobbi Albert	David Cornmesser	Cynthia Glidden	Niccie Dearing
2nd Lector	Don Bird	John Gelok	Joette Johnson	Ben Torres
Intercessor	Ellie Bird	Gena Poovey	Scott Glidden	Don Bird
Flowers	Available	Available	Available	Torres
Counters	Ed Hoffman Robin Childers	Ellie Bird Joette Johnson	Nancy Fowler Scott Glidden	Ben Torres Niccie Dearing
Pew Racks	Available	Asher Torres	Mimi McCully	Angharad Torres

# July Calendar



Sunday	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri	Sat
30 <b>6th Pentecost</b> 8:30 Eucharist 9:30 Coffee Hour 10:30 Eucharist	1 8:00 MP on FB	2 8:00 MP on FB	3 8:00 MP on FB  9:00 Worship Comm.	4 8:00 MP on FB	5 8:00 MP on FB	6
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21 <b>9th Pentecost</b> 8:30 Eucharist 9:30 Coffee Hour 10:30 Eucharist	22 8:00 MP on FB	23 8:00 MP on FB	24 8:00 MP on FB	25 8:00 MP on FB 5:30 Grief Gp.	26 8:00 MP on FB	27
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