



# The Incarnation Word

April 2024

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

Twenty-something years ago my life changed forever. My sister had her first baby. I never babysat others' children and never really got excited about kids. But God had a big surprise in store for me. The minute I saw little Thames, something in me changed forever. I was connected to her, bonded to her, devoted to her in a way that defied all logic. In a way that only God could forge.



And now that little baby has had a baby of her own. And again, I expected to think he was cute, but I never expected to feel any real bond with him. But God surprises us time after time.



There have been so many times in my life when I've thought I've met my capacity to love: with Thames and then her brother Miller, with my puppies Toby and then Tucker, with Miles. But it turns out that with God love is limitless.

The more we lavish it, the more there is to give, the more there is to share. With God, love is infinite.

So may God help us find love's source in the Almighty. May God help us receive all the love God has to give us and then inspire us to share that love with all we meet. May we lavish it on those too young to deserve it and those too old to earn it. May we lavish it on strangers we'll never see again and those with whom we are forever entwined. May it spill out on all God's creatures and all God's creation. May that love be what defines us and what directs our path.

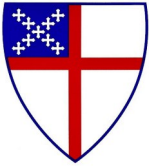


God's Peace,  
Jenny+



# — Christian Education

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## Episcopalians 201 First & Third Tuesdays 11:00 am

We're having so much fun exploring the whys and hows of our faith and worship! Our topics this month are:

### April 2 - Sources of Authority

Episcopalians are often accused of not having any real authority and of believing whatever we want. That's not the case – come find out what is authoritative for us!

### April 16 - Sexuality Issues

This week we'll discuss an array of issues regarding sexuality and family life. We'll examine the Episcopal Church's position on homosexuality, divorce, birth control, and abortion.

Join us and plan to go to lunch together afterwards.

## Episcopalians 101 Sundays at 9:30

On August 25th Bishop Richards will be at Incarnation to confirm and receive new members. Are you interested in learning more about the Episcopal Church or in becoming an official mem-

ber? These fun, interactive classes run most Sundays through the end of April. Our topics for this month are:

### April 14 - Episcopal Polity

What's a Diocese? What does a Bishop do? We'll look at how our denomination is organized and who's in charge.



### April 21 - Baptism and Confirmation

Why do we baptize babies instead of adults? And what does God do at our Confirmation?

### April 28 - Other Sacraments

Why get married by a priest instead of a judge? And is burial a sacrament?

## Youth Group Sunday, April 28 11:45-1:30

We'll grill up some burgers and 'dogs and feast together. Then we'll make plans for some summer fun and service. Be sure to bring a list of dates you're either out of town or at camp so we can work around them.

## — Evangelism —

### Prom Bash

Gaffney High School has asked for our help with their event to keep students safe on prom night. Sign-up sheets will be available soon!

### Summer Concerts

Again this year we'll share the joy of bubbles with concert-goers. Watch the bulletin board for sign-up sheets and help us love folks!

## — Outreach —

### Bread from Heaven

Set-Up Thursday, April 18 at 10  
Shopping Sat., April 20 at 8:30



Some of our most reliable food sources have gone in another direction recently and we're re-grouping. If you

have ideas of sources for donations, let Scott know. And if you can spare extra financial donations in the meantime, you'll help us purchase much-needed food. We're certain new avenues are opening to us, but in God's time not ours.

Our outreach crew has put together a "Top 10 List" for Bread from Heaven needs. Please make a note and keep an eye out for these products, as they are

always in need for our food pantry:

1. Canned collard greens
2. Canned green beans
3. Canned tuna fish or chicken
4. Rice
5. Vienna sausages
6. Peanut butter
7. Canned fruit
8. Cereal
9. Macaroni & Cheese
10. Canned or dried beans

### Souper Bowl of Caring



To date, our youth participated in collecting over 4 million dollars worldwide to combat hunger in our communities!

# Hospitality

## Breakfast Sunday, March 31st at 9:00 am

Bring a delicious breakfast dish to share before church on Easter Sunday! There will be coffee hour only on April 7.



spring day with delicious food and fun games. We'll play cornhole and other fun lawn games - sign up on the bulletin board in the hallway for what you can bring.

And we'll have all kinds of delicious tacos and snacks - sign up if you'd like to bring something. And plan to bring what you and your family would like to drink. Let's celebrate together!

## Cinco de Mayo Picnic Sunday, May 5 at 11:45



Mark your calendars for this fun celebration in Jenny and Miles' back yard! We'll celebrate a (hopefully) beautiful



# April Readings

| Date                   | 1st Reading     | Psalm             | 2nd Reading       | Gospel Reading    |
|------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| April 7<br>2nd Easter  | Acts<br>4:32-35 | Psalm<br>133      | 1 John<br>1:1-2:2 | John<br>20:19-31  |
| April 14<br>3rd Easter | Acts<br>3:12-19 | Psalm<br>4        | 1 John<br>3:1-7   | Luke<br>24:36b-48 |
| April 21<br>4th Easter | Acts<br>4:5-12  | Psalm<br>23       | 1 John<br>3:16-24 | John<br>10:11-18  |
| April 28<br>5th Easter | Acts<br>8:26-40 | Psalm<br>22:24-30 | 1 John<br>4:7-21  | John<br>15:1-8    |

# Pastoral Care

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## Birthdays

|          |                  |
|----------|------------------|
| April 3  | John Gelok       |
| April 7  | David Cornmesser |
| April 12 | Reneé McFalls    |
| April 13 | Julia Johnson    |
| April 17 | Hal Tyson        |
| April 17 | Gena Poovey      |
| April 23 | Becky Vassy      |
| April 24 | Ellen Cubberley  |
| April 27 | Reuben Harding   |

## Anniversaries

|      |                              |
|------|------------------------------|
| 4/5  | Noah Lindemann & Gena Poovey |
| 4/25 | Ben and Angharad Torres      |
| 4/28 | David and Vickie Cornmesser  |
| 4/29 | Jamie and Hope Greene        |

## Prayer List

### The Sick:

The Dougherty Family  
Scott Glidden  
Jim and Karen Eising  
Mary Fleming

### The Deceased:

Ann Sims Dudley, daughter of Jimmie  
and Fannie Sims

### The Homebound and Those with Long-

### Term Needs:

Lucille Aldred  
Jake Blackwell  
Lauren Bridges  
Alli Buhler  
Tom and Anne Cooper  
Billy Corbett  
Kathy Cutler  
Shirley Davidson  
Ida May Glidden  
Ed and Kathy Gumphrey  
Deloris Livingston  
Peter McAllister  
Renée McFalls  
Vincent Moore  
June Oman  
Gary Pope, Sr.  
Greg Power  
Dever and Carolyn Smith  
Linda Wilkins  
Tim Wood

### Those Whose Jobs Place Them in Harm's Way:

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

### Those Expecting Children:

Katie and Darren Lueptow  
Mary Rives and Chris Evans

# April Servers

| Date        | April 7<br>2nd Easter          | April 14<br>3rd Easter           | April 21<br>4th Easter         | April 28<br>5th Easter                       |
|-------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| Altar Guild | Carla Winter<br>Jackie Hoffman | Hope Greene<br>Marty Marett      | Dawn Bridges<br>Jennie Hamrick | Becky Vassy<br>Cathy Roberts<br>Nancy Fowler |
| Coffee Hr   | Ellie Bird                     | Marty Marett                     | Robin Childers                 | Joette Johnson                               |
| Greeters    | Ed and Jackie Hoffman          | Jennie Hamrick<br>Robin Childers | Gena Poovey<br>Noah Lindemann  | Ben, Cora, and Asher Torres                  |
| Dig. Greet. | Morgan Johnson                 | Angharad Torres                  | Cora Torres                    | Lainey McAllister                            |
| Camera      | Max Hyde                       | Asher Torres                     | Ellie Bird                     | Don Bird                                     |
| Nursery     | Carla Winter                   | Marty Marett                     | Cathy Roberts                  | Becky Zinko                                  |
| Euch Min    | Cynthia Glidden                | Don Bird                         | David Cornmesser               | Niccie Dearing                               |
| Crucifer    | Niccie Dearing                 | Lainey McAllister                | Cora Torres                    | Angharad Torres                              |
| 1st Lector  | Don Bird                       | Joette Johnson                   | Ellie Bird                     | David Cornmesser                             |
| 2nd Lector  | Bobbi Albert                   | Amanda McAllister                | Noah Lindemann                 | John Gelok                                   |
| Intercessor | Scott Glidden                  | Angharad Torres                  | Gena Poovey                    | Ben Torres                                   |
| Flowers     | Available                      | Available                        | Available                      | Available                                    |
| Counters    | Ed Hoffman<br>Niccie Dearing   | Ellie Bird<br>Robin Childers     | David Cornmesser<br>Ben Torres | John Gelok<br>Cynthia Glidden                |
| Pew Racks   | Mimi McCully                   | Available                        | Asher Torres                   | Amanda McAllister                            |

# April Calendar

| Sunday  | Mon                 | Tues   | Weds  | Thurs                                       | Fri                 | Sat                                |
|---|---------------------|--|---|---|---------------------|------------------------------------|
| <b>31 Easter Sunday</b><br>9:00 Covered Dish Breakfast<br>10:00 Eucharist                           | 1<br>8:00 MP on FB  | 2<br>8:00 MP on FB<br><br>11:00 Episcopalians 201  | 3<br>8:00 MP on FB<br><br>9:00 Worship Com- | 4<br>8:00 MP on FB                          | 5<br>8:00 MP on FB  | 6                                  |
| <b>7 2nd Easter</b><br>8:30 Eucharist<br>9:30 Coffee Hour<br>10:30 Eucharist                        | 8<br>8:00 MP on FB  | 9<br>8:00 MP on FB                                 | 10<br>8:00 MP on FB                         | 11<br>8:00 MP on FB                         | 12<br>8:00 MP on FB | 13<br>9:00 DOK                     |
| <b>14 3rd Easter</b><br>8:30 Eucharist<br>9:30 Episcopalians 101<br>10:30 Eucharist<br>11:45 Vestry | 15<br>8:00 MP on FB | 16<br>8:00 MP on FB<br><br>11:00 Episcopalians 201 | 17<br>8:00 MP on FB                         | 18<br>8:00 MP on FB<br><br>10:00 BfH Set-Up | 19<br>8:00 MP on FB | 20<br>8:30-12:00 Bread from Heaven |
| <b>21 4th Easter</b><br>8:30 Eucharist<br>9:30 Episcopalians 101<br>10:30 Eucharist                 | 22<br>8:00 MP on FB | 23<br>8:00 MP on FB                                | 24<br>8:00 MP on FB                         | 25<br>8:00 MP on FB                         | 26<br>8:00 MP on FB | 27                                 |
| <b>28 5th Easter</b><br>8:30 Eucharist<br>9:30 Episcopalians 101<br>10:30 Eucharist<br>11:45 Youth  | 29<br>8:00 MP on FB | 30<br>8:00 MP on FB                                | 1<br>8:00 MP on FB                          | 2<br>8:00 MP on FB                          | 3<br>8:00 MP on FB  | 4                                  |