



# HOLY INNOCENTS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN PENTECOST  
SEPTEMBER 14, 2025 | 10:15 AM

## Today

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**8:00 AM: WORSHIP** CHRIST CHAPEL

**8:45 AM: BREAKFAST PROVIDED BY THE COVENANT GROUP** BISHOP COMMONS

**9:00 AM: FORMATION** INGLETT HALL

**10:15 AM: WORSHIP** NAVE

**1:00 PM: SPANISH-SPEAKING WORSHIP** NAVE

**4:00 PM: YOUTH GROUP** FROST YOUTH CENTER

**6:00 PM: CELTIC STYLE WORSHIP** CHRIST CHAPEL

## Welcome

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Holy Innocents is a place to gather as a faith community, where we sing and celebrate, think and talk, laugh and cry, and pray. Together we discover that we are all beloved children of God. With open minds and full hearts, we grow closer to God and to one another. We know we do not have all the answers. We are comfortable with the mystery of the Holy Spirit, alive and active in every person and in the world. Join us as we gather to worship God and serve our neighbors.

### Newcomers

If this is your first time with us, we invite you to fill out a newcomer card in the pew rack or online and come by the welcome table near the front door and introduce yourself. No matter your age, gender, orientation, or political or sports team affiliation, you are welcome at communion. Our clergy are always available to answer any questions. We're so glad you're here.

### Giving

Jesus understood the power of gratitude and sharing all that God has gifted to us. Your generosity enables us to continue our programs to follow the way of Jesus and to love God by serving our neighbors. Use this QR code to give.



### Childcare

We love children of all ages in worship. You may prefer to let our attentive professional Nursery staff care for your young ones under four years old. The nursery is available from 8:00 AM through 10:15 AM worship.

*The people stand as they  
are able at the sound of  
the bell.*

*The liturgy is found  
in the red Book of  
Common Prayer.*

## Prelude | Prelude WILLIAM H. HARRIS

## Hymn 388 | O Worship the King HANOVER

## Opening Acclamation | BCP 355

## Gloria | S278 WILLIAM MATHIAS

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his  
peo - ple on earth. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,  
we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus  
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther:  
re - ceive our prayer. For you a - lone are the  
Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ,  
with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of  
God the Fa - ther. A - - - men.

## The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray. O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

# The Word of God

## The First Lesson | Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28

*The people are seated.*

At that time it will be said to this people and to Jerusalem: A hot wind comes from me out of the bare heights in the desert toward my poor people, not to winnow or cleanse-- a wind too strong for that. Now it is I who speak in judgment against them.

"For my people are foolish,  
they do not know me;  
they are stupid children,  
they have no understanding.

They are skilled in doing evil,  
but do not know how to do good."

I looked on the earth, and lo, it was waste and void;  
and to the heavens, and they had no light.

I looked on the mountains, and lo, they were quaking,  
and all the hills moved to and fro.

I looked, and lo, there was no one at all,  
and all the birds of the air had fled.

I looked, and lo, the fruitful land was a desert,  
and all its cities were laid in ruins  
before the Lord, before his fierce anger.

For thus says the Lord: The whole land shall be a desolation; yet I will not make a full end.

Because of this the earth shall mourn,  
and the heavens above grow black;  
for I have spoken, I have purposed;  
I have not relented nor will I turn back.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Sung by the choir.*

## **Psalm 14** | JOHN GOSS

The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God."  
All are corrupt and commit abominable acts;  
there is none who does any good.

The Lord looks down from heaven upon us all,  
to see if there is any who is wise,  
if there is one who seeks after God.

Every one has proved faithless;  
all alike have turned bad;  
there is none who does good; no, not one.

Have they no knowledge, all those evildoers  
who eat up my people like bread  
and do not call upon the Lord?

See how they tremble with fear,  
because God is in the company of the righteous.

Their aim is to confound the plans of the afflicted,  
but the Lord is their refuge.

Oh, that Israel's deliverance would come out of Zion!  
when the Lord restores the fortunes of his people,  
Jacob will rejoice and Israel be glad.

*The people stand as able.*

## **The Second Lesson** | 1 Timothy 1:12-17

*During the Gospel  
processional, children  
ages Pre-K through  
5th grade are invited to  
follow the cross to attend  
Children's Chapel.*

*The children will return  
during the peace.*

*The Gospel Procession  
reminds us that it is our  
responsibility to carry  
the Good News of Jesus  
Christ into all the world.*

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners-- of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

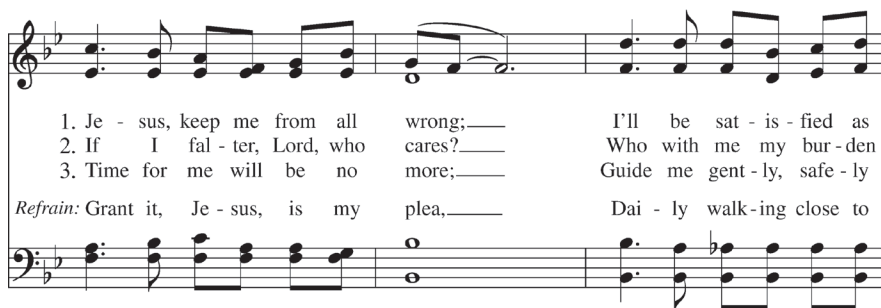
The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## LEVAS 72 | Just a Closer Walk with Thee AMERICAN FOLK SONG

VV.1-2 BEFORE; VS.3 AFTER



1. I am weak but thou art strong;\_\_\_\_\_  
 2. Through this world of toil and snares,\_\_\_\_\_  
 3. When my fee - ble life is o'er,\_\_\_\_\_  
 Refrain: Just a clos - er walk with thee,\_\_\_\_\_



1. Je - sus, keep me from all wrong;\_\_\_\_\_  
 2. If I fal - ter, Lord, who cares?\_\_\_\_\_  
 3. Time for me will be no more;\_\_\_\_\_  
 Refrain: Grant it, Je - sus, is my plea,\_\_\_\_\_  
 Dai - ly walk - ing close to



*D.C. for Refrain*  
 1. long\_\_\_\_\_ As I walk, let me walk close to thee.  
 2. shares?\_\_\_\_\_ None but thee, dear\_\_\_\_ Lord, none but thee.  
 3. o'er\_\_\_\_\_ To Thy king - dom\_\_\_\_ shore, to thy shore.  
 Refrain: thee,\_\_\_\_\_ Let it be, dear\_\_\_\_ Lord, let it be.

## The Gospel | Luke 15:1-10

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
**Glorify to you, Lord Christ.**

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So he told them this parable: "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until

*We stand, as we are able, to listen to this reading. Some will trace a cross with their thumb over their forehead, lips, and heart. This "enacted prayer" asks that the Gospel be inscribed in our minds, spoken with our lips and loved in our hearts.*

he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

"Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*The people are seated.*

**The Sermon** | The Rev. Dr. Bill Murray RECTOR

*The people stand as able.*

**The Nicene Creed** | BCP 358

*The people greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

**The Prayers of the People & Confession** | BCP 392, FORM VI

*The people are seated.*

**The Peace** | BCP 360

**Welcome and Announcements**

## The Holy Communion

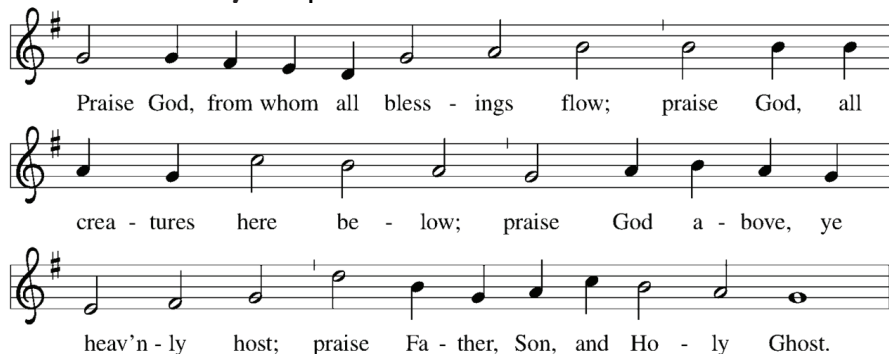
**The Offertory**

*At the offertory, we gratefully offer back to God some of what God has given us, symbolically in the bread and wine, and in the money we give. An offering is received to support Holy Innocents' ministry of sharing God's love. All are invited to make a gift as the plate is passed or online with QR code on page one.*

## Offertory Anthem | Alleluia RANDALL THOMPSON

### Presentation Hymn | OLD 100TH

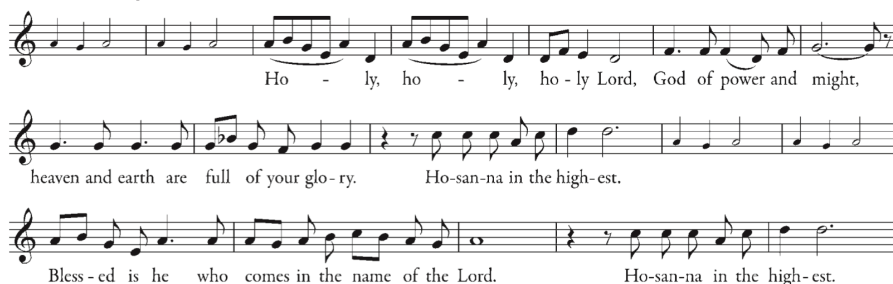
*The people stand as able.*



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise God, all  
crea - tures here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye  
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

### The Great Thanksgiving | BCP 367 EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

#### Sanctus | S128 WILLIAM MATHIAS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

### The Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

### Invitation to Holy Communion

*All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive Communion. Receive the bread in open and outstretched hands and respond by saying "Amen." Gluten-free wafers are available; please notify a minister. Receiving the bread is full participation in the Eucharist. Wine is also available. If you prefer to receive a blessing, rather than the Eucharist, indicate this by placing your hands across your chest. Those who wish to have Communion brought to them at their seat should notify an usher.*

**Hymn 482** | Lord of All Hopefulness SLANE

**Anthem** | Lord, For Thy Tender Mercy's Sake FARRANT

### **Sending forth of Holy Communion**

In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts to our friends, that they may share with us in the sacrament of our Savior Jesus Christ.

**We who are many are One Body, because we all share one Bread, and one Cup.**

*The people stand as able.*

**The Postcommunion Prayer** | BCP 365

### **The Blessing**

**Hymn 423** | Immortal Invisible, God Only Wise ST. DENIO

### **The Dismissal**

Let us go forth into the world,  
Rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude** | Toccata in F PACHELBEL

## **We are here for you.**

If you have a pastoral emergency at any time, please call the church office and follow the prompts. You will immediately be connected to Bill, Stewart or Ruth, who take turns being on-call. The word “pastor” is the Latin word for shepherd. The Community of Hope at Holy Innocents is a community of lay persons in the parish who have been deeply and thoroughly trained in the care and practice of being a pastor. If you would like to talk or pray with a lay pastoral caregiver, please email [CoH@holyinnocents.org](mailto:CoH@holyinnocents.org)



# HI-LIGHTS

Learn more | [holynnocents.org/events](http://holynnocents.org/events)

## **Third Friday: Men of HI**

September 19

Enjoy warm hospitality, engaging discussions, and a fresh breakfast. Come for the conversation and stay for the fellowship—7:30 AM in the Frost Youth Center.

**Contact** Charles Crosby  
[charles@corepm.net](mailto:charles@corepm.net)

## **CAC: Broadway Lights Gala**

September 20, 6:00-10:00 PM

Step into the spotlight! Join our congregational partner, Community Assistance Center, for a dazzling evening under the Broadway lights at their annual benefit gala. Enjoy a seated three-course dinner, drinks, live entertainment by the City Springs Theatre Conservatory, and exciting silent and live auctions — all in support of CAC's mission to help local families stay housed, fed, and financially stable. Learn more | [cacgala.com](http://cacgala.com)

## **Church of the Common Ground**

September 21, 11:30 AM

Help pack 120+ lunches for the unhoused at Parish Hall after the 10:15 AM service. Worship follows at 1:00 PM in Woodruff Park.

**Contact** Robin Hickey  
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## **Young Adults: Puttshack**

September 21, Noon

Join other 20s & 30s somethings for an afternoon of fun at Puttshack! After worship, we'll head over together,

carpooling from the church or meeting there at noon. Cost is \$10. Bring your friends and your best mini-golf skills! Please RSVP on Realm.

## **Foyers**

September 21

Looking to make new friends or reconnect? Sign up for Foyers at the table in Bishop's Common. Small groups of 6-8 will be formed, with each member hosting one dinner during the year. Groups decide dates and hosts together.

**Contact** Phyllis Weisser  
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## **Club 45 Kickoff Event**

September 24, 6:00-8:00 PM

4th & 5th graders are invited to a very special Club 45 Kickoff Party. Join us for pizza, an escape room, and a very special time of fun and fellowship as we start an exciting new year at Club 45. Register by September 20th on Realm.

**Contact** Renee Stephens  
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## **FOMA Concert: EarlyBird**

October 5, 4:30 PM

EarlyBird presents Silk & Sequins, an hour-long concert blending sacred music and shimmering sound. Featuring six local professional singers, the program spans Renaissance, Japanese inspired, English romantic, and contemporary works.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Reading Connections

October 6, 6:00 PM

The Women's Reading Connections will meet on Monday, October 6 at 6:00 PM in the Frost Youth Center (a week earlier than usual to accommodate the upcoming holiday on October 13.) We will be discussing *Life and Other Love Songs* by Anissa Gray, author and HIEC member will be leading our discussion. The book chronicles a father's disappearance on his 37th birthday and how his disappearance has a lasting impact on his family. The narrative moves from the Great Migration to 1970s Detroit and 1990s New York as the book follows the hopes, triumphs, losses, and secrets that build up and tear apart an American family.

**Contact** Michelle Driscoll  
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## Bucket List Book Club

October 7, 1:00 PM

Join us in the Parlor on Tuesday, October 7, at 1:00 PM. The book we'll be discussing is *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury. The club is open to men and women.

**Contact** Audrey Sumner  
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## Prayer Shawl

October 7, 7:00-8:30 PM

Join us in the Parlor on Tuesday, October 7, 7:00–8:30 PM. We knit and crochet shawls for those in need, but bring any project—needlepoint, cross-stitch, even mending—and enjoy fellowship while you work.

**Contact** Cammie Ives  
[cammieives@gmail.com](mailto:cammieives@gmail.com)

## Men of HI: Low Country Boil

October 19, 5:30-8:00 PM

Join the Men of Holy Innocents for food, fellowship, and fun at our annual Low Country Boil on the banks of the Chattahoochee! \$30 per person, includes food and beverages.

**Contact** Charles Crosby |  
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## Dollywood

November 7-9

Students in grades 6-12 are invited for a weekend of fun and fellowship at Dollywood on November 7-9! We'll stay in a mountain cabin, enjoy the park, and connect over meals, games, and laughter. This trip is all about building lasting friendships that help students stay engaged in church life. Spots are limited, sign up on Realm.

**Contact** Megan Atkinson | [matkinson@holynnocents.org](mailto:matkinson@holynnocents.org)

## Men's Dinner and a Book

November 11, 6:30-8:30 PM

The next Men's Dinner and a Book is Tuesday, November 11, at 6:30 PM. The book is *The Gunfighters: How Texas Made the West Wild* by Bryan Burrough. Jeremy Webber is hosting. If you would like to attend, please contact him for details. All men at Holy Innocents are included and invited.

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## Parish Retreat

February 13-15, 2026

Mark your calendars for a special weekend of connection, belonging, and spiritual growth at beautiful Kanuga Conference Center! Our parish retreat is a time for all ages to come together, children, youth, and adults, for meaningful activities, worship, and shared experiences. Whether you're seeking quiet reflection or lively conversation, you'll find space for both.

Come away with us to Kanuga and return refreshed in spirit and community. We can't wait to be with you! More details and registration info coming soon!

## Pilgrimage to Germany

April 8-16, 2026

*From Reformation Roots to Musical Heights: A Pilgrimage of Faith and Witness with Luther, Bach, and Bonhoeffer*

Join 20 pilgrims from Holy Innocents and 20 from Holy Trinity Lutheran (Hickory, NC) for a joint pilgrimage through Germany, co-led by Vicar Stewart Lucas and Lutheran Deacon Mitzi Budde. We'll follow in the footsteps of Luther, Bach, and Bonhoeffer, traveling from the printing presses of Mainz to the music halls of Leipzig and the memorials of Berlin, reflecting on faith, justice, creativity, and community. An optional Prague extension is available from April 16 to 19.

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