

On the mind of the Rev. Adrian Dannhauser

“The more genuine and the deeper our community becomes, the more will everything else between us recede, the more clearly and purely will Jesus Christ and His work become the one and only thing that is vital between us.”

These words from theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer point to the profound reality that Christian community is a means of grace. Our life together is the outward and visible sign of our inward spiritual journeys. This sign grows bigger and brighter as we move more deeply into our shared life of ministry and mission, accepting the wonder of being God’s beloved and the call to be God’s disciples.

This Sunday’s Annual Parish Meeting is an opportunity for deepening and strengthening Christian community here at Incarnation. We will gather by Zoom at 6:00 p.m. to attend to a necessary part of discipleship—considering the state of the parish, electing representative leadership, and celebrating the many grace-filled moments of our life together.

We hope you will participate in reflecting on our common life at the Annual Meeting and that it becomes a source of inspiration for continuing God’s work in the world and at Incarnation. You will see that the converse of Bonhoeffer’s words also rings true. The more we make Jesus Christ and his work the most vital thing in our lives, the more genuine and the deeper will our community become.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING TONIGHT!

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held tonight from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Zoom. This meeting features brief reports from parish leadership as well as voting for the 2022 Vestry Election. All parishioners are invited and encouraged to attend. To receive Zoom access information and meeting materials, join our email distribution list by filling out the yellow Connect Card found in your pew.

ZOOM FILM SCREENING - *THE MOST RELUCTANT CONVERT*

Join us on Zoom this **Tuesday, January 25, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.** for a screening of *The Most Reluctant Convert*, a film about C.S. Lewis’ journey from staunch atheist to becoming one of the greatest Christian apologists of the 20th century. The film will run approximately 1 hour and 15 minutes. After a brief break, you are invited to stick around for a time of group discussion. To receive Zoom access information, join our email distribution list by filling out the yellow Connect Card found in your pew.

NEW SMALL GROUP SERIES COMING UP!

Our winter small group series begins **February 1** and will focus on *Being Christian* by Rowan Williams, former Archbishop of Canterbury. This book is a simple, beautiful reflection on the heart of Christian belief and practice.

Small groups will meet weekly for four consecutive weeks. There are already three small groups to choose from:

- Tuesdays, 7:00-8:00 p.m. on Zoom
- Wednesdays, 4:00-5:00 p.m. on Zoom
- Thursdays, 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the Parish House

Email the Rev. Dr. Nate Lee at nlee@churchoftheincarnation.org to sign up for one of these groups or indicate your preference for another time and/or day of the week.

THE PRAYERFUL PLIE

The Rev. Adrian Dannhauser is joining Faith on Pointe as a guest teacher for “The Prayerful Plié.” This 6 week series blends ballet and spiritual direction. Each themed week pairs selected theological readings with a customized ballet class which concludes with a period of journaling and reflection, using movement from class as the basis for our conversation. “The Prayerful Plié” will be held on Zoom from **7:30 to 9:00 p.m. on Thursdays starting February 17**. Go to faithonpointe.com/classes to learn more and register.

HOW DO I JOIN?

To become a member of the Church of the Incarnation, you may transfer from another Episcopal parish or a Lutheran church. Or you may take our Spring Confirmation and Inquirers’ Class, a five-week series that will help you explore the basics of Christian faith as experienced in the Episcopal tradition. The next Confirmation and Inquirers’ Class will begin Ash Wednesday, March 2. Contact the Rev. Adrian Dannhauser at adannhauser@churchoftheincarnation.org for more information.

EVERY WEEK AT INCARNATION

Sunday Bible Study: Bible Study is held in the Parish House on Sundays from 10:00 to 10:30 a.m. (Masks are required.) We generally follow the Yale Bible Study program, which offers course materials on select books of the Bible, deepened by insights from Yale Divinity School professors.

Sunday School for Children: During the 11:00 a.m. service, children ages 3 to 10 depart the service with their teachers for Sunday School in the Parish House. (Masks are required, and all teachers have been vaccinated.) They return before the end of worship. See our website, churchoftheincarnation.org, for more information on Children and Family Ministries.

Wednesday Holy Eucharist: Join us each Wednesday at 12:15 p.m. for this Rite I spoken service of Holy Eucharist, which includes a brief homily and organ music.

Thursday Candlelight Communion: Join us each Thursday at 6:15 p.m. for Candlelight Communion, a service of Holy Eucharist that incorporates chant and silence as well as elements of contemporary worship. This service is informal and contemplative, with music led by a Cantor and a brief reflection by one of the clergy. You can also stream this service on our YouTube channel, youtube.com/churchoftheincarnation.

Daily Office: Services of Morning Prayer, Noonday Prayer and Compline are held via Zoom. To receive Zoom access information and view the weekly schedule, join our email distribution list by filling out the yellow Connect Card found in your pew.