

Today's spiritual reflection is a song composed by parishioner Philip Jones, who danced with the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater. The lyrics to "Dance of Joy" are meant to be sung to same tune as Hymn 460, "Alleluia! sing to Jesus!"

1. Bend and sway, let your spirit flow,
Feel the rhythm, let your joy show.
In this moment, we embrace the sound,
With each motion, our hearts are unbound.

Chorus:

Dance with joy, let your body sing,
In this movement, our souls take wing.
From the earth to the sky, we rise and play,
In the dance of life, we find our way.

2. Stretch your arms, reach out to the light,
Embrace the grace that feels so right.
In the turning, let your spirit twirl,
With every step, let your dreams unfurl. **Chorus**

3. Rise up high, let your heart take flight,
In the jump, feel the pure delight.
Darting forward, quick as a breeze,
In this dance, we move with ease. **Chorus**

4. Glide along, let your spirit soar,
In the rhythm, we'll dance evermore.
With each movement, we celebrate,
In this joyful dance, we elevate. **Chorus**

Outro:

So let us dance, with hearts aligned,
In the joy of movement, our spirits bind.
Together we'll twirl, together we'll shine,
In this dance of joy, our souls entwine.

We will sing "Dance of Joy" at the **Renewal Reception on Friday, November 1**, right before learning a line dance together! Read more below.

TODAY AFTER CHURCH

Visitors are invited to pick up a welcome bag at the back of the church. All are invited to Coffee Hour in the Parish House after the 11:00 a.m. service. For those interested in a brief tour of the church's art and architecture, please meet one of our volunteer tour guides at the Chapel of the Resurrection near the back of the church.

Today we start building our All Souls Memorial Altar in the Chapel of the Resurrection. We welcome you to write the names of your departed loved ones on the slips of paper provided on the altar, and to add your photos and mementos as well. We will celebrate All Souls Day at Candlelight Communion on **Thursday, October 31**. The memorial will remain in place through **All Saints Sunday, November 3**.

Remember to email office@churchoftheincarnation.org or call 212-689-6350 ext. 4 if you wish for the names of your departed loved ones to be read during our services of Holy Eucharist on All Saints Sunday.

12:30 to 1:15 p.m. Join us for a forum, "Annual and Legacy Giving: How your generosity will help sustain mission and ministry at Incarnation for future generations." Our speaker, capital campaign consultant Maurice Seaton, will discuss the following topics:

- The spirituality of financial giving: Looking at our gifts, talents and resources from the perspective of the Gospel.
- Your will and other key documents: Why you need a will, health care proxy etc., and other key estate planning questions you should not put off.
- Other types of legacy gifts: Additional options for leaving a legacy gift.
- Practical steps: Key considerations when making an annual, capital and legacy gift.

This presentation is part of our 2025 Stewardship Campaign: *Renewal*. Come learn how the future of Church of the Incarnation will benefit from our collective generosity of time, talent, and treasure.

SPOOKY SINGER'S SALON

7:30 to 8:30 p.m. All are invited to a lively concert in the church! Revel in the season with members of the Voice

Studio of Katy Wolfe, including our very own and beloved Incarnation Choir member Jamilyn Manning-White, at the Spooky Singer's Salon with songs that will thrill, delight, and move you. Singers on the program are all voice students, storytellers and artists invested in using their voices to connect with others. It's a FREE concert open to all...and costumes are welcome if you feel moved by the spirit of the Spooky season!

“RENEWAL” SERIES

Our Christian Formation series on the five vows of the Baptismal Covenant continues. All are welcome to join one or both of the last two sessions. The last session – “Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?” – will take place in the Parish Dining Room this **Thursday, October 31, at 7:15 p.m.** and again next **Sunday, November 3, at 10:00 a.m.**

RENEWAL RECEPTION



Friday, November 1, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Join us for this special reception that is part of our 2025 Stewardship Campaign: *Renewal*. We will be joined by the Rev. Ryan Fleenor, Rector of St. Luke's Parish in Darien, CT, and our guest preacher for Commitment Sunday, November 17. Ryan will offer some remarks on our theme of renewal, and we'll enjoy drinks, heavy hors d'oeuvres, and plenty of fun and fellowship as a parish family. There is no cost to attend. Scan the QR code or call the church to RSVP. **The festivities will include (optional) line dancing!**

MORAVIAN OPEN DOOR BINGO

Saturday, November 2, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Parishioners are invited to Moravian Open Door (347 E. 18th St.) for a Halloween bingo party with the residents. We are seeking donations of \$10 gift cards to serve as bingo prizes. Speak to Lenore Ritter to learn more, RSVP, and/or make a donation for this event. *Suggested gift cards: CVS, Starbucks, Chipotle, Subway, Trader Joe's and Whole Foods*

INCARNATE JAZZ



Friday, November 8, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Incarnate Jazz returns for another captivating concert, blending medieval and modern music in a reflection of the natural world. Join us for *Medieval Radiance and Incarnate Jazz - Light Gathering*. Tickets are \$30 in advance; \$40 at the door. Tickets can be purchased at [EventBrite.com](https://www.EventBrite.com). Or through [REALM](https://www.REALM.com) (by scanning the QR code) for those wishing to pre-pay using cash or check.

COMMITMENT SUNDAY

Sunday, November 17, marks the culmination of our stewardship season. It's Commitment Sunday and the day that all individuals, couples, and families are asked to make a financial pledge for 2024. Parishioners will be invited to offer their 2024 Commitment Cards as an act of worship at the end of the services. By doing so, we acknowledge before God and each other our intentions to set apart a percentage of our income to help build God's kingdom through the work of the church. Our guest preacher on Commitment Sunday is the Rev. Ryan Fleenor, Rector of St. Luke's Parish in Darien, CT.

COMMON CHORD CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

We reached our \$800,000 goal in the Common Chord capital campaign. Now let's shoot for our \$900,000 “stretch” goal!

- Number of pledgers/donors: **120**
- Total amount pledged: **\$812,381**
- Total amount received: **\$528,424**

Will you help keep the momentum going? Pick up a campaign brochure and pledge card at the back of the church or go to [givingsites.com/commonchord](https://www.givingsites.com/commonchord) to learn more.