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# FIVE MOVEMENTS

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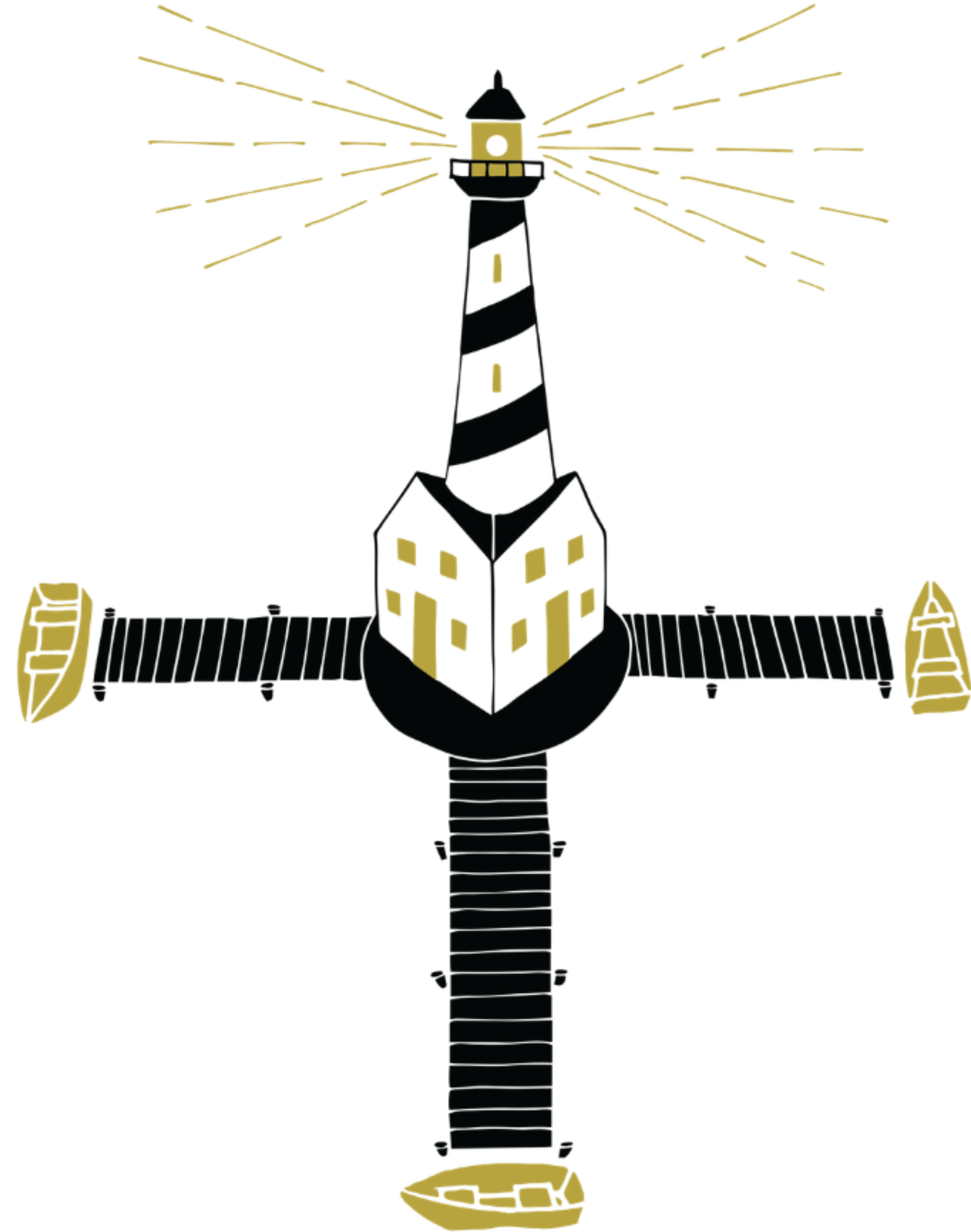


# INCARNATION

*The Way of God*

way of love

path of presence



Jesus, is the reflection of God's glory and the *exact imprint* of God's very being

– Hebrews 1:3

He is the *image* of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation

– Colossians 1:15

For in him, *you see, all the full measure of divinity* has taken up bodily residence

– Colossians 2:9





Incarnation demonstrates God's commitment to humanity.

Incarnation lifts up the value & dignity of human life.

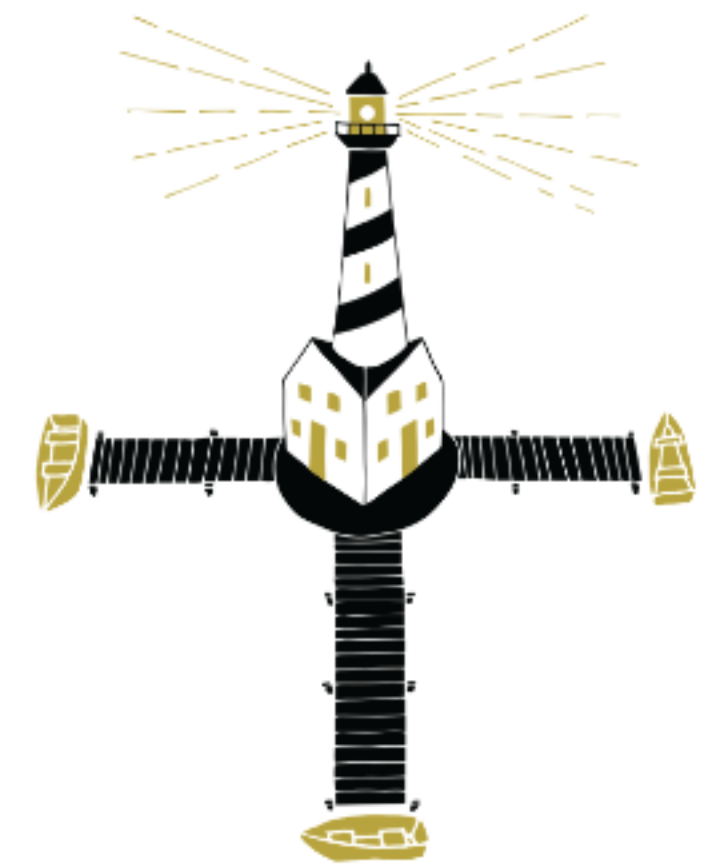
Incarnation tells us that God is intimately involved in the world.

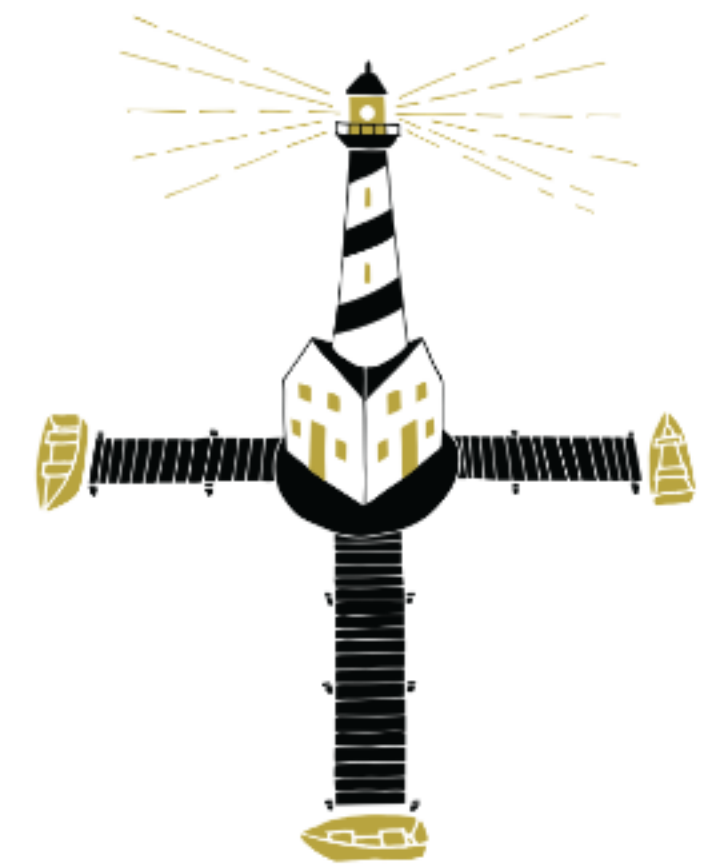
If God experiences our human experience, then our humanity is worth something at a profound level.

Incarnation proves God is not sealed off from human birth, human hurt, human life, human death.

The incarnation is God sharing himself with humanity so we can enjoy the presence of God and be in union with God.

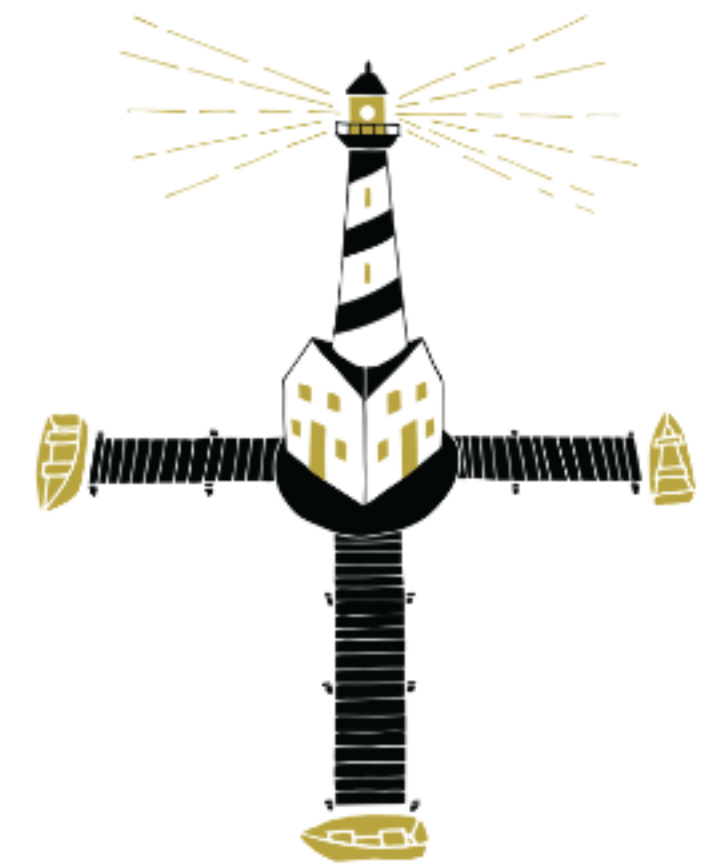
God became physical because we are creatures of the senses who, need a God with some skin. God takes on flesh, present to humanity is a visible, tangible way.





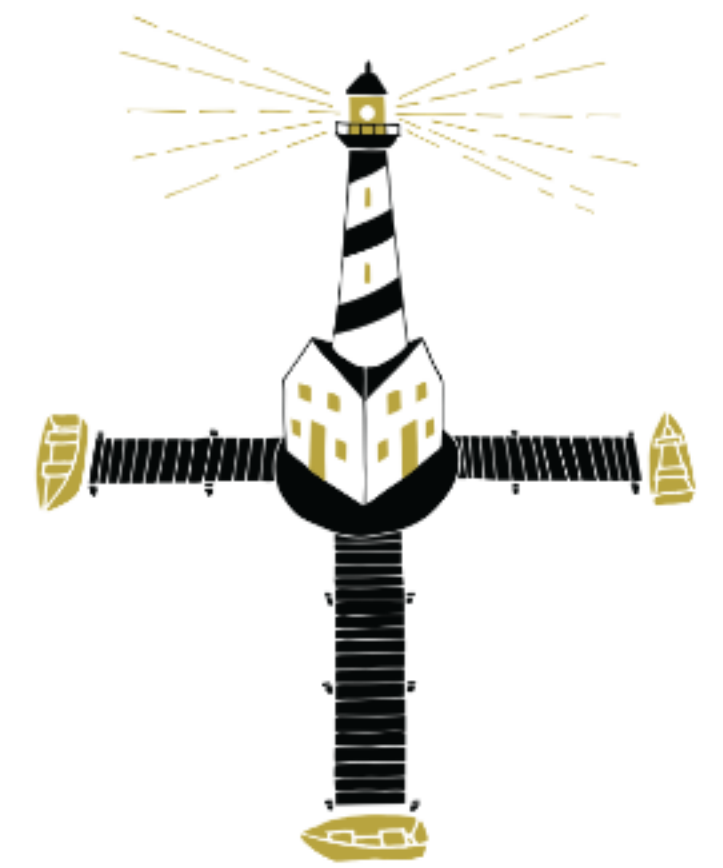
the Word became flesh and lived among us - NRSV

the Word became flesh and blood and moved into the neighborhood - MSG

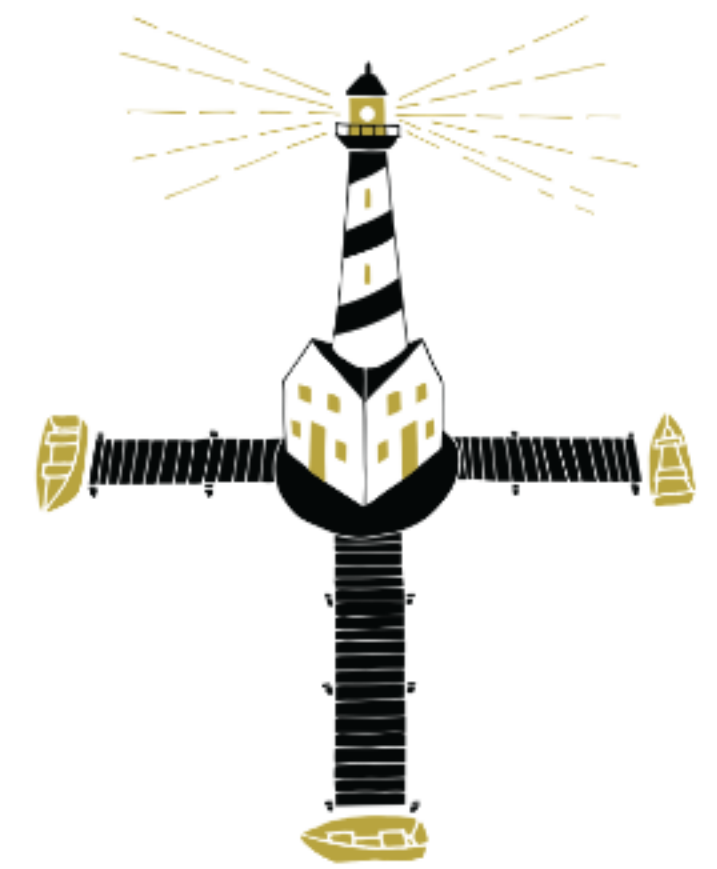


There was a man **sent** from God, whose name was John. He came as **a witness** to **testify** to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to **testify** to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

- John 1:6-9



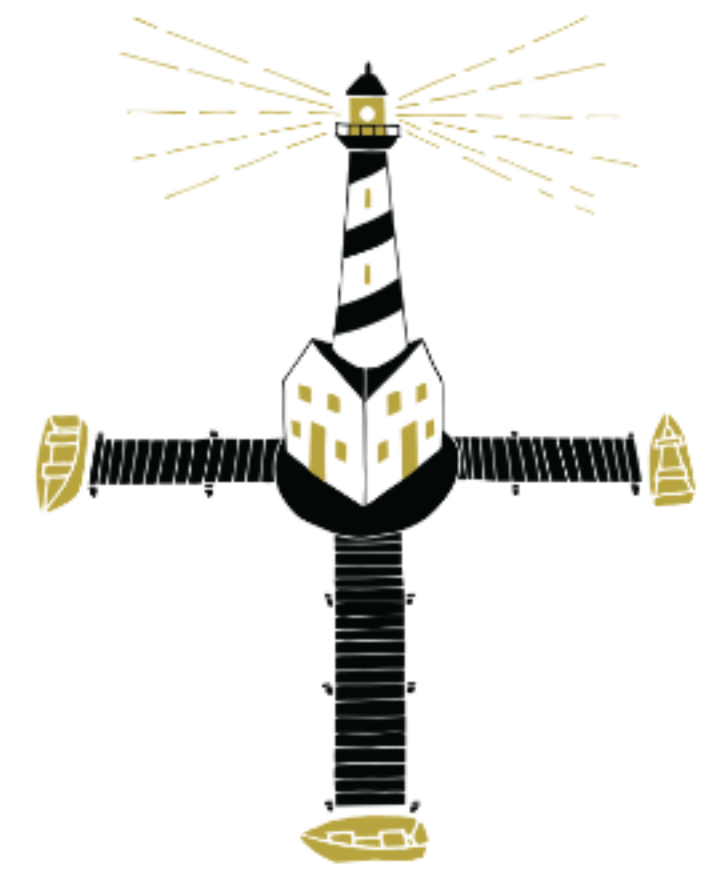
The Greek noun ekklesia (church) is a compound from the preposition **ek**, meaning *out of*, and the verb **kaleo**, meaning *to call*;  
called out ones.



Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make (*form*) disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.

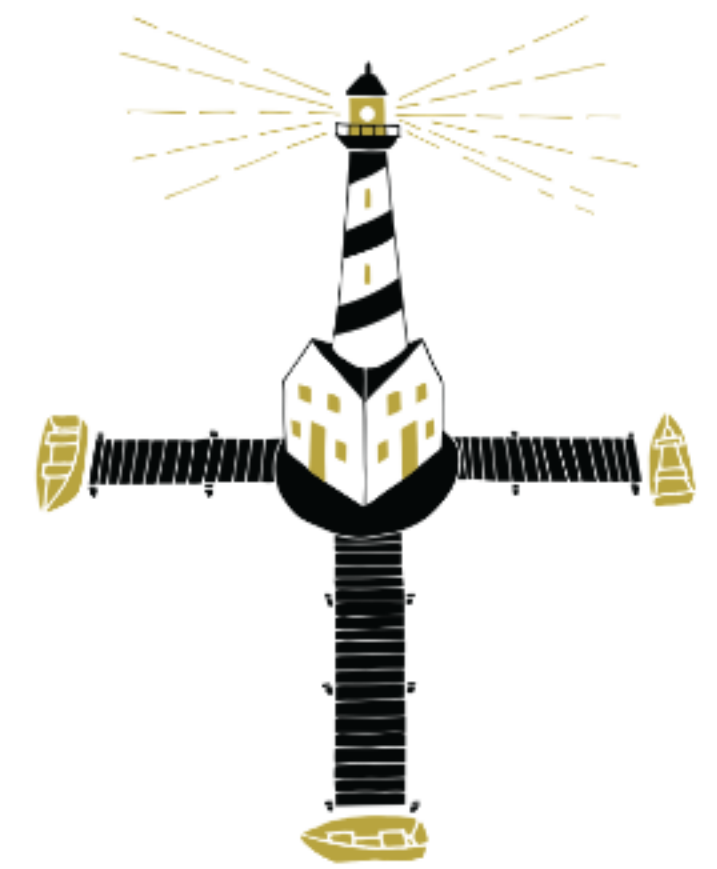
Matthew 28:18-20





Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.

Matthew 28:18-20



Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. 10 In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son

– 1 John 4:7-10a

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