

CHRIST THE KING November 24, 2019 8 am

Welcome to St Dunstan's! We are glad you are here!

If you are new, or would like to update your information, please fill out a pew card. And please join us for coffee and fellowship immediately following the service.

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

The congregation is invited to observe silence during the prelude, out of respect for those who are listening, and as an opportunity for prayer, meditation, and healing.

Prelude Hymn preludes on Coronation and Diademata

T. Tertius Noble,

Gerre Hancock, & Flor Peeters

Priest Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Priest Alm

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

People Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,

we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day The people stand or kneel.

Priest The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Priest Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Jeremiah 23:1-6

The Lord denounces the rulers who have so poorly shepherded the people Israel. God will gather the flock together and give them new shepherds, especially a just ruler in the line of David. Jeremiah prophesied during the year that Babylon was conquering his country, and while Judah's last king Zedekiah (part of whose name meant righteousness) was ruling in Jerusalem. God would now have to act as shepherd to this people and will finally fulfill Israel's dream by raising up a wise and truly righteous ruler.

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 46 Deus noster refugium

The earth may be moved and kingdoms shaken, but God is our refuge. God is exalted among the nations.

- 1 God is our refuge and strength, * a very present help in trouble.
- 2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, * and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea;
- 3 Though its waters rage and foam, * and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.
- 4 The LORD of hosts is with us; * the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
- 5 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, * the holy habitation of the Most High.
- 6 God is in the midst of her; she shall not be overthrown; * God shall help her at the break of day.
- 7 The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken; * God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.
- 8 The LORD of hosts is with us; * the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
- 9 Come now and look upon the works of the LORD, * what awesome things he has done on earth.
- 10 It is he who makes war to cease in all the world; * he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.
- 11 "Be still, then, and know that I am God; *
 I will be exalted among the nations;
 I will be exalted in the earth."
- 12 The LORD of hosts is with us; * the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Colossians 1:11-20

Paul prays that the Colossians may be strengthened to meet whatever is to come, and he praises the Son as the visible likeness of the invisible God, through whom all things were created. He is the head of his body, the church, and the source of its life. There were some new disciples at Colossae who wished to worship Jesus as one of several lords. Paul insists that there can be no other divinities. God's full nature is in him. He is before all things and is the unifying principle for all created life. Through him we have been brought out of darkness into his kingdom, and by his sacrifice alone God reconciles all things.

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

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

Luke 23:33-43

Jesus, as he hangs upon the cross, is mocked as the Christ and the King of the Jews. To a thief crucified with him he promises Paradise. The story forces us also to ask, "What kind of ruler is this? What royal power does he have? What sort of God would allow God's chosen one to die like this?" Clearly the strength of God revealed in Christ is very different from the human understanding of kingship. Jesus' words to the thief are words of hope to all who die in every manner of circumstance.

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. The people stood by, watching Jesus on the cross; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Serenity Prayer

God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, The courage to change the things I can, And the wisdom to know the difference. Amen.

The Sermon

The Rev. John Saville

After the sermon a brief silence is kept.

The Nicene Creed All Stand.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Form III

The people stand or kneel.

Leader Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

People That we all may be one.

Leader Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People That your Name may be glorified by all people.

Leader We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

People That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

Leader We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

People That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Leader Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People That our works may find favor in your sight.

Leader Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

People That they may be delivered from their distress.

Leader Give to the departed eternal rest;

People Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Leader We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

People May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Leader Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

The People may add their own petitions.

Priest Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for St. Dunstan's, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask, help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Priest Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

People Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Absolution

Priest Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace All stand.

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The people exchange the peace with one another.

Announcements All are seated.

Prayer for a Birthday

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant *N.* as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Offertory

Priest Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Priest All things come of thee, O Lord.

People And of thine own have we given thee.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

Priest The Lord be with you.

Priest And also with you.

Priest Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Priest It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

People Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel.

Priest

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Priest

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

Priest And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,

thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever.

Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Priest breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept. Priest Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us:

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Priest The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All are welcome to receive the Holy Communion.

The bread is received in the open palm. The wine, if desired, may be taken from the cup by drinking (guide the chalice gently to your lips by the base) or by dipping the bread.

Those who do not wish to receive Communion are welcome to come forward for a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest.

If you have a wheat sensitivity, you may ask the priest for a gluten-free wafer.

The Post-Communion Prayer

Priest Let us pray.

People Eternal God, heavenly Father,

you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.

Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

Priest Life is short.

Henri-Frédéric Amiel (1821-1881)

And we do not have too much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us.

So be swift to love.

Make haste to be kind.

And may the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Priest In the name of God and this congregation, I send you forth bearing these Holy Gifts, and pray that those to whom you go, may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood. We who are many, are one because we share one Bread and one Cup. In Christ's name. Amen.

Priest Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People Thanks be to God.

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. John Saville

Lay Server: Janel Hornbeck

Lector: Steve Andrews

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The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God in thanksgiving for family members by Bill & Cathy Solms

St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church celebrates God's diverse creation and strives to build an inclusive community that welcomes everyone, no matter age, gender, sexual identity, culture, ethnicity, economic status, or ability. Let us give thanks at coffee hour!

Thanksgiving Celebration
Today following both 8 & 10 am worship



... and sharing our bounty through our

Annual Food Drive

Now through November 25

Be a part of St. Dunstan's Annual Food Drive through November 25. All non-expired canned and non-perishable food items will be accepted. Favorites are oatmeal, tuna, peanut butter, cornmeal, spaghetti and spaghetti sauce and canned chicken. Please place your items in the boxes near the Welcome Table. After the food is blessed, Nancy's Project will take it to Greenfield to be distributed to farm worker families. Thank you on behalf of all the needy people you will feed!

Sign up today to receive

St. Dunstan's weekly eNews

Getting weekly news, links to sermons, updates, and schedules is as simple as visiting stdcv.org/subscribe and entering your email address.

Thanksgiving Services

- This Wednesday, 10 am (St Dunstan's)
 The regular Wednesday 10 am service will be a Thanksgiving Service, complete with hymn singing and the readings and prayers for this national holiday.
- This Tuesday, 7 pm (Carmel Mission)
 Interfaith Outreach of Carmel is having an interfaith Thanksgiving service.

Last chance to order

"Handmade 4 Haiti" Cards

Corliss Kelly is once again offering to make your Christmas cards through "Handmade 4 Haiti". All proceeds go to St. Andre's School. Cards will be delivered at the Madrigal Affair, December 7 & 8.

Contact Corliss to discuss your order: 831-320-3832 <u>corlissakelly(at)gmail.com</u>

In our prayers this week. . . .

Andrew, J.J., Richard, Cora, Ross, Ida, Victoria, David, Jan, Cecily, Brad, Jeanne, Yolette, Fran, Nancy, George, Nate, Chuck, Josh, Bill, Lawrence, Jack, Joanie, Sarah, Ann, Lauren, Michael, Clare, Mel, Bob, Roz, Maureen, Ann, Tom

For the repose of the souls

Steve Austin, Hugh Barton

Rector Search in Full Swing

Our search for the next Rector of St. Dunstan's is now in full swing. The Rector Search Website can be accessed through our own stdcv.org. Check it out and see a presentation of our story as well as some of the things we learned about ourselves in the parish survey and parish forums.

If you know of someone you feel would be a good candidate, please share their information with Don Kirk or anyone on the Rector Search Committee. Absolute confidentiality will be maintained.



Advent Wreath Making Today! Following the 10 am Holy Eucharist

all materials provided sign up on the Welcome Table



December 7 & 8

Please see the exciting new Madrigal announcement coming up with new hours and exciting items for sale and bidding. There will be lots of sign up sheets available for help on set up Friday, December 6, help at the Madrigal Event, Saturday & Sunday, December 7 & 8. We need Silent Auction Items, hand made and baked items packaged to sell, and sweet and savory items to serve.

How can you help?

The last WSD Madrigal Event was able to give \$10,700 in grants to many amazing organizations. We need you whether you are male or female!

This will be a fun event and always a win for all who come and buy. Invite your Community!

Weekly Bulletins available electronically

Whether you want to save the environment by using less paper, like the idea of reading on your device, want to see what's coming up or what is past, our weekly worship bulletins are available as a PDF online at stdcv.org/bulletins



JCM United Launches

Weekly Soup Kitchen

Jews, Christians, Muslims
United (JCMUnited) proudly
announces the launch of a
new weekly soup kitchen
called **Abraham's Tent** to be located in
Seaside. It will be hosted weekly by 15
volunteers, five from each faith tradition,
who will prepare and serve the meal,
supervised by Chef Agha Bilal.

Volunteer sign-ups are being taken now!

People are asked to serve from 3:00 to about 6:00 p.m. Children must be at least 14 years old and under a parent's supervision. Please use the link below to sign up for future dates.

Questions? Contact:

Rev. Holly Hudson-Louis (831)277-3366 or <u>JCMUMonterey(at)gmail.com</u>



Have Your Picture Taken Today

(We promise to give it back. . . .)
Rev. Marcia will be in the breezeway
after church today to take pictures for our
parish directory. If you are not already
pictured there or if you need an updated
picture, stop by for a quick snap.

Youth-in-Action, Nancy's Project Bringing Christmas to

the Salinas Valley

Would you like to help make a farm worker family's Christmas a little merrier?



YOUTH IN ACTION

The Youth in Action Group will be purchasing and wrapping Christmas gifts for farm worker children served by Nancy's Project, and

every dollar you can contribute will make a huge difference!

Please make checks out to St. Dunstan's Church and be sure to specify "YIA XMAS GIFTS" somewhere on the check and get them to the church office, Aleksander Simpson or Elizabeth Buche by Thursday December 12th.

If your child would like to participate, email sarahcgreco(at)gmail.com

Deadline for eNews, Bulletin

Items for our eNews and Sunday Bulletin should be submitted to office(at)stdcv.org by midnight Monday.

Any items to be published in the bulletin Dec 29 & Jan 5 are due Dec 16. There will be a special edition of the eNews on Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

Sunday Morning Class 9 am in the Outer Office



The Sunday group has selected <u>The Gift of Years:</u> <u>Growing Old Gracefully</u>, by Joan Chittister, for our next book discussion.

We invite you to join us for discussion on Sunday mornings between services

at 9 am in the rector's outer office.

Help us know you by Filling out a Pew Card

If you are visiting us, are new to Saint Dunstan's, or if your contact information has changed, please fill out a Pew Card and drop it in the collection plate. Thanks!

Great Stewardship Success!!

Last Sunday was Commitment Sunday at St. Dunstan's where we had pledge cards for every member to sign. We received 54 signed pledges and are most appreciative. That is approximately one-half of the total pledges we expect to receive for 2020. Thank you very much for your generosity and thanks be to God!

Since some folks were away and others were not quite prepared, we will again have your pledge cards available after each service today, Sunday, November 24. If you have not yet pledged, please make yoour financial commitment tpdau to return to God a portion of what God has abundantly provided to you for doing his work at St. Dunstan's in 2020. Your pledge, regardless of the amount, is most gratefully received and considered a major gift.

- George Lockwood, Stewardship Chair





Featuring

Ladies & Gentlemen's Upscale Clothing & Accessories from Madrigal of Carmel, Creations by Local Artists for Sale, Silent Auction & Refreshments!

> Saturday, December 7 10:00am-1:00pm

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Sunday, December 8 9:00am-Noon

St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church 28005 Robinson Canyon Rd. Carmel Valley

Free Admission

Sponsored by the Women of St. Dunstan's Proceeds provide grants to non-profit organizations & ministries of St. Dunstan's

For more information: saintdunstanschurch.org 831.624.6646

Youth and Family Programs at St. Dunstan's

There are many opportunities for kids and families at St. Dunstan's! If you'd like to learn more about these programs or become a volunteer, let us know!

Nursery: (infant—early preschool)

Located inside the church hall, our Light and Love program is a space where infants and younger children can participate in songs and

stories and engage in creative activities while their parents experience the 10 am service. (Infants and children of any age are also welcomed to join their parents in the service if their families prefer it.)

Sunday School: (Preschool—5th Grade)



Using the Godly Play curriculum which is based on Montessori principles, Godly Play allows children to explore their own innate

spirituality through engagement with stories from the bible. Following the story children are invited to explore their thoughts and ideas through expressive art. A light snack is offered. Following clean up the children rejoin their parents in church to participate in communion together. Sundays 10 am in Carlyle Hall.

Youth Group: (6th—12th Grade)

Nov 24: Meeting (Carlyle Hall) 5—7 pm Dinner included

Dec 8: Christmas Pageant at 10 o'clock Holy Eucharist

Dec 22: Meeting (Carlyle Hall) 5—7 pm

Dinner included

Acolytes: (Tweens and Teens)
Acolytes have the opportunity to play an important role in Sundays services and learn about church liturgy in the process.

Youth in Action: (Tweens and Teens)
This kid-driven youth service organization initiated and sponsored by St. Dunstan's is open to any local children who want to make their community a better place. The youth steering committee chooses their own monthly service projects, which have included activities addressing food insecurity with I-Help, Ag Against Hunger, Nancy's Project and Rise Against Hunger; the comfort of rescue animals with the SPCA; and literacy with Read to Me Project. About once per month; sites vary.

For more information, contact our Family Ministry Coordinator at <u>elizabeth(at)stdcv.org</u>

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1	Janel Hornbeck	14 Pam Gallaway	25 Corliss Kelly
1	Cynthia Young	14 Danielle Gregorio	25 Hal Snellgrose
1	Shelley Franklin	15 Anne Healey	25 Brynn Bohlman
3	Betty Holmgren	16 Laine Rethmeier	25 Trudie McEwen
6	Barbara Greenway	18 Nick Leonoff	26 Phyllis Elson
6	Beth Heston	21 Betty Kasson	27 Barbara Brooks
7	Holly Pease	22 John Tomlin	27 Mike Cervi
9	Val Parsel	23 Katie Murray	28 Janet Morse
9	Ramona Smith	24 Kent Saunders	

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1	Cindy Poole	16 Bob Young	24	Taylor Hawthorne
2	Gigi McWilliams	19 Chandler Clark	25	Joanie Webb
4	Mel Blevens	20 Linda Keill	28	Reed Cripe
4	Charlie Rose Talley	22 Jennifer Lama	30	Sylvia Shattuck
5	Nancy Green	22 Jeanne Polaschek		
10	Gus Hawthorne	22 Aleksander Simpson		

THIS WEEK AT ST DUNSTAN'S

PARISH OFFICE OPEN TUESDAY—FRIDAY, 9 AM—1 PM

Sunday, November 24

8:00 am Holy Eucharist 8:30 am Choir Rehearsal

9:00 am Sunday Morning Class

10:00 am Sunday School & Holy Eucharist

5:00 pm Youth Group

7:00 pm AA

Friday, November 29

Saturday, November 30

Thursday, November 28

Office Closed

~ Thanksgiving Day ~

Office Closed

Monday, November 25

Tuesday, November 26

11:00 am Staff Meeting

7:30 pm AA

Sunday, December 1

8:00 am Holy Eucharist 8:30 am Choir Rehearsal

9:00 am Sunday Morning Class

10:00 am Sunday School & Holy Eucharist

7:00 pm AA

Wednesday, November 27

10:00 am Thanksgiving Holy Eucharist

11:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry

2:30 pm Choir Rehearsal



WE HOPE YOU FIND YOURS HERE

Here is a place that is ancient and new, a faith that we hold going back to Jesus, back to his spiritual ancestors, back to those who walked the earth and found holy ground. And what we do is often based on really ancient patterns—worship and music; loving service to the poor, the hurting, the lonely; working for justice and peace; lively, fearless education and formation of minds and souls. And that faith is also completely contemporary, engaged in the culture and the needs of the moment.

WHAT WE ARE FOR

The dignity and worth of every person. An open minded, passionate commitment to truth. The importance of everyone's own spiritual journey. God's friends wherever we find them. Seeking Christ in every person who comes through the door. The sacredness of life's rites of passage. The value of community. The hard work necessary to make sure that all are welcomed. Telling the truth about life's challenges. A "user-friendly" church experience. Children, youth and families. We believe that God is love, and we pray that God will use us to spread that love.

WHAT WE ARE AGAINST

Claiming to have all the answers. Elitism and exclusivism, especially in church. Bigotry for any reason. Authoritarianism. Indifference to injustice and suffering. Certitude in the face of ambiguity and superficial answers to hard questions. Boring sermons, bad music and general cluelessness. (So, God help us, because we don't always avoid these!)

WHAT WE VALUE

Community, open hearts, open minds, open arms. Faith. Fortitude. Staying current, but equally staying rooted in tradition. Reason and honesty. Civic responsibility. Debate that allows for mutual respect. Music and beauty for their own sake. Joy in God's creation. Anyone who makes an effort to get to know and follow Jesus.

WELCOME!

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