



THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD

February 2, 2020
10 am

ST. DUNSTAN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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 *Picardy* and *Brother James' Air* *Patricia Bird; Harold Darke*

Procession Hymn 497 How brightly shines the Morning Star *Wie schon leuchtet*

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

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Priest 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.**

Canticle 9 Arise, shine, for your light has come *Third Song of Isaiah*
Sung three times

A - rise, shine, for your light has come, and the
glo - ry of the Lord has dawned up - on you. A

The Collect of the Day

Priest The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Priest Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we humbly pray that, as your only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple, so we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts by Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Malachi 3:1-4

The prophet promises that, as the day of the Lord's judgment nears, God will send a messenger to make ready the way. The priests and temple servants who say they are waiting for the Lord need cleansing and purifying most of all. Suddenly the refiner will come to the temple, and then the offerings of the people will be pleasing to the Lord. On this day Christians recognize that with the bringing of the child Jesus to the temple, the time of purifying judgment has begun.

Thus says the Lord, See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 84 *Quam dilecta!*

A song of the pilgrims' happiness as they come to worship in the house of the Lord.

- 1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts! *
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
- 2 The sparrow has found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; *
by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts,
my King and my God.
- 3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! *
they will always be praising you.
- 4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! *
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.
- 5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, *
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.
- 6 They will climb from height to height, *
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.
- 7 LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; *
hearken, O God of Jacob.
- 8 Behold our defender, O God; *
and look upon the face of your Anointed.
- 9 For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room, *
and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God
than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.
- 10 For the LORD God is both sun and shield; *
he will give grace and glory;
- 11 No good thing will the LORD withhold *
from those who walk with integrity.
- 12 O LORD of hosts, *
happy are they who put their trust in you!

Hebrews 2:14-18

We are reminded that Jesus has now shared in all aspects of human life. By himself experiencing death, he has broken the power of death over humankind. This was not done for angels but for the human descendants of Abraham. Made of flesh and blood, participating in our sufferings and temptations, our brother Jesus has become the perfect and merciful High Priest so that sins may be forgiven.

Since God's children share flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn 25 O gracious Light, Lord Jesus Christ

*The Eighth Tune;
Thomas Tallis, text 3rd c.*

Luke 2:22-40

The infant Jesus is brought to the temple to be presented to the Lord in accordance with the law. The time of Mary's purification is over, and the holy family comes to offer thanksgiving. Guided by the Spirit, a devout man named Simeon perceives that this is the hoped-for Messiah. In words which we have come to know as the Nunc dimittis ("Now let depart"), Simeon foresees that this child will become the promised light to the Gentiles for the glory of Israel. But he also prophesies that Jesus will be a cause of division, sorrow, and judgment. The ancient prophetess Anna then adds her testimony.

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, the parents of Jesus brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."

Continued

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

“Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,
according to your word;
for my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,
a light for revelation to the Gentiles
and for glory to your people Israel.”

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, “This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.”

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

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

The Sermon

After the sermon a brief silence is kept

The Rev. John Saville

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,
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 *Standing or kneeling.*

Leader Made like us in every respect, our high priest knows our suffering and intercedes for us before the throne of mercy.
Let us pray through Christ, saying: “Lord, have mercy.”

For our church, that it be a light to all the nations and a beacon for all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Leader For God’s people Israel, first to hear the word of God, let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Leader For enlightened minds and hearts among those who act and work for the public good, let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Leader For God’s reign of peace, that no people need live in the fear of death, let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Leader For those who speak and those who hear the prophetic word today, let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Leader For wisdom in old age and for fidelity in youth, let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Leader For those who suffer from winter’s cold, let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Leader For all who walk in darkness, facing illness, death, and misfortune, let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Leader Let us, silently or aloud, add the names, prayers and thanksgivings on our hearts today.

Priest **G**od of mercy, be our light in times of darkness and our comfort in times of affliction. May we be as light in a darkened world, proclaiming your faithful love. We ask this through Christ, our one high priest, who lives and reigns with you and the Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

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.**

Confession of Sin *Standing or kneeling. Silence may be kept.*

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

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.**

Children's Entrance Song This little light of mine

This little light of mine,
I'm going to let it shine. *Repeat twice*
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Hide it under a bushel? No!
I'm going to let it shine. *Repeat twice*
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Don't let Satan blow it out!
I'm going to let it shine. *Repeat twice*
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

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

○ God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant *N.* as he/she begins another year. Grant that he/she may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen his/her trust in your goodness all the days of his/her 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.

Offertory Christ, mighty Savior, Light of all creation (35)

Mighty Savior; David Hurd

Christ, mighty Savior, Light of all creation,
you make the daytime radiant with the sunlight
and to the night give glittering adornment,
stars in the heavens.

Now comes the day's end as the sun is setting:
mirror of daybreak, pledge of resurrection;
while in the heavens choirs of stars appearing
hallow the nightfall.

Therefore we come now evening rites to offer,
joyfully chanting holy hymns to praise you,
with all creation joining hearts and voices
singing your glory.

Give heed, we pray you, to our supplication:
that you may grant us pardon for offenses,
strength for our weak hearts, rest for aching bodies,
soothing the weary.

Offertory Hymn 517 How lovely is thy dwelling place

Brother James' Air

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.
People 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 the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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:

Sanctus S125 Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might *Richard Proulx*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,



heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -



san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



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



san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The people stand or kneel.

Priest **H**oly 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."

Priest 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.

Fraction Anthem Hymn 333 Now the silence Now the peace *Now; Carl Fletge Schalk*

Now the silence	
Now the peace	Now the Blood
Now the empty hands uplifted	Now the joyful celebration
Now the kneeling	Now the wedding
Now the plea	Now the songs
Now the Father's arms in welcome	Now the heart forgiven leaping
Now the hearing	Now the Spirit's visitation
Now the power	Now the Son's epiphany
Now the vessel brimmed for pouring	Now the Father's blessing
Now the Body	Now Now Now

Priest **T**he 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.

During this time a prayer leader will be in the back of the church, by the font, to offer healing prayers.

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

Communion Hymn 324 Let all mortal flesh keep silence *Picardy*

Post—Communion Anthem Lord God, you now have set your servant free *Song I*
Follow text of hymn 499

The Post-Communion Prayer

Priest Let us pray.

People **E**ternal 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 **L**ife 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.**

Procession Hymn 436 Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates

Truro

Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude Toccata in D minor ("The Dorian") BWV 538

J.S. Bach; c. 1738

*The people are invited to listen and observe silence during the postlude.
All are welcome to enjoy fellowship with one another outside the church during coffee hour.*



The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God

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*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.*

Women of St. Dunstan's Retreat & Book Study, May 9

Save the date for a WSD morning retreat with Kelsey Davis, 10—noon, Saturday, May 9. Get your copy of Love Heals by The Rev. Becca Stevens now so you can enjoy it over and over again.



In Love Heals, you'll find principles that have transformed lives. Each chapter brings encouragement and practical steps for anyone going through a difficult season or searching for a deeper faith.

Look for more information in March.

Deadline for eNews, Bulletin

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

common thread

spirit, music, food, drink, community

Usually the first Friday each month,
6 pm in Carlyle Hall

**Friday,
February 7**



You're Welcome on Wednesdays

Come join fellow members for this weekly opportunity to nourish your soul with scripture and prayer, bread and wine. At the very end of the service, for those who wish to stay, there is a brief time for sharing prayer requests and healing prayers. Feast remembrances for the February, Wednesday 10 am services are as follows:

- Feb 5 The Martyrs of Japan
- Feb 12 Thomas Bray (Transferred)
- Feb 19 Martin Luther (Transferred)

Feb 26th is Ash Wednesday. There will be no regular 10 am Eucharist but all are welcome to **come at 12 noon or 6 pm** for the Ash Wednesday Liturgy.

All are welcome. Healing prayers at the end for those who would like to stay.

Rector Search in Full Swing

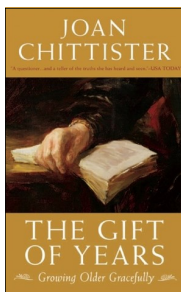
Our search for the next Rector of St. Dunstan's is now in full swing. The Rector Search Website can be accessed through our own stdcv.org. Check it out and see a presentation of our story as well as some of the things we learned about ourselves in the parish survey and parish forums.

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.

Sunday Morning Class

9 am in the Outer Office

Our Sunday group has selected The Gift of Years: Growing Old Gracefully, by Joan Chittister, for our next book discussion. Since this is a subject of interest to many of you, we invited you to join us for discussion on Sunday mornings between services at 9 am in the rector's outer office.



Pledge Envelopes

A number of people have asked why they have not received an assigned number on their pledge envelopes. From now on there is no need to have an assigned number. Simply write your name on the envelope before you submit it to the collection plate.

In our prayers this week. . . .

Andrew, J.J., Richard, Cora, Ross, Ida, Victoria, David, Jan, Cecily, Brad, Jeanne, Yolette, Fran, George, Chuck, Bill, Jack, Lawrence, Joanie, Sarah, Lauren, Michael, Clare, Roz, Maureen, Tom, Kent, Sharon

For the repose of the souls

Dorothy Dodge

Available now!

WSD Grant Applications

The Women of St. Dunstan's will be accepting completed Grant Applications from Jan 28th until Feb 28th at 2:00PM. We have \$10,000 to give. The Grant Applications will be in the WSD Folder in the Church office. They can be returned there or emailed to Pam Austin or Elizabeth Pasquinelli.

Listen to the Grant Applicant Speakers and Vote on March 24th!

The Women of St. Dunstan's will hear from each of the Grant Applicants at their Meeting on Sunday, March 22nd at 11:30 AM. The Priority Voting will be done at the end of that meeting only. So, please put that date on your calendar as it is so heartwarming to hear how our WSD funds will be put to good use.

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!

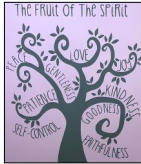
Youth and Family Programs at St. Dunstan's

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)

Sunday, February 2
with dinner in Carlyle Hall
5 o'clock

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
[elizabeth\(at\)stdcv.org](mailto:elizabeth(at)stdcv.org)

THIS WEEK AT ST DUNSTAN'S

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

Sunday, February 2

8:00 am Holy Eucharist
 8:30 am Choir Rehearsal
 9:00 am Sunday Morning Class
 10:00 am Holy Eucharist
 11:30 am Holy Week Liturgy Planning
 5:00 pm Youth Group

Monday, February 3

Tuesday, February 4

11:00 am Staff Meeting
 7:30 pm AA

Wednesday, February 5

10:00 am Holy Eucharist with Healing
 11:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry
 12:30 am Daughters of the King
 2:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 6

12:00 pm Quilters
 4:00 pm I-Help (meal provided by others)

Friday, February 7

6:00 pm Common Thread

Saturday, February 8

9:00 am Rector Search Committee

Sunday, February 9

8:00 am Holy Eucharist
 8:30 am Choir Rehearsal
 9:00 am Sunday Morning Class
 10:00 am Holy Eucharist
 11:30 am Finance Committee

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

2 Nick Hovick	10 Tammy Hawkins	26 Sarah Hawthorne
5 Dominic Gregorio	11 Kim Murray	27 Lawrence Reiersen
7 Beverly Klinger	12 Sue Masters	27 Joseph Talley
8 Jill Lewis	22 Courtney Shevelson	28 Crosby Hawthorne

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





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!

Originally written by the people of St. Bartholomen's, New York, this statement has been modified for our use with their permission.

This Pew Reserved for Families with Children

Trying out something new to see how it works:

Front Row Seating for Families with Children

Imagine a parade. The street is lined with people of all ages. . . where are the children? They are sitting on the curb, standing in front of adults, sitting on shoulders, maybe even climbing up in the trees, all so they can see, of course!

There are many reasons people cite for NOT sitting in the front pews — conscientious parents who don't want to be a distraction, and easy exits in case of a meltdown. Yet often sitting in the front — where they can actually see what's going on — means children's attention is more focused and they can more fully participate. Might that even develop in them a love for liturgy and worship that continues into adulthood?

And dear parents, if you don't know it already, St. Dunstan's is a place that loves children going all the way back to Fr. Jim Brock who was, quite literally, a big clown! We appreciate that your child may need a few moments outside now and again, but there is a lot of space between those times and being quiet as a church mouse. Could there be a better sound in church than a reminder or two that there are children in the House of God? Maybe if we keep them up front and visible, they will teach us a thing or two about the uncomplicated unconditional love of God for us all.

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. John Saville
Officiant: The Rev. Marcia M. Lockwood

Altar Guild
TBD

Readers: Hannah Priestley & George Lockwood
Prayers of the People: Kelsey Davis
Chalice Bearers: Kelsey Davis & Gigi McWilliams

Acolytes
Crucifer: Libby Lambert
Clergy Cross: Madison Snellgrose
Ushers: June & Norman Parris
Greeter: Melanie & Mike Cervi
Name Tags: Georgia Byrne
Coffee Hour Host: Grace Merrill
Welcome Table: Michelle Wildson

Music
Organist & Director of Music Ministries: Steve Denmark
Choir Director: Arthur Wu

St. Dunstan's Choir
Pam Austin, Melanie Cervi, Stephanie Cervi, Bobby Clampett, Marianna Clampett,
Phil Clarkson, Margo Fuselier, Chantal Grybas, Betty Kasson, Otto Neely, Art Pasquinelli,
Elizabeth Pasquinelli, Sarah Pease, Louis Powell, Bob Priestley, and Arthur Wu

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Shelby Lambert & Tracy Haack

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