



ST. DUNSTAN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 30, 2025

8 am

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

St. Dunstan's acknowledges that the land on which we gather, and which we steward, is the historic territory of the Rumsen and Esselen peoples, who cared for this land throughout the generations. We give thanks for their strength and resilience in protecting this land, and aspire to uphold our responsibilities according to their example.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

All stand at the ringing of the bell.

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

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Reader The prophet Isaiah calls to us from the past to imagine the future when God's reign will be fully realized and recognized throughout creation. When that time comes, God "shall judge between the nations and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation; neither shall they learn war any more" (*Isaiah 2:4*).

All Today, we choose to live in hope, believing that the time of God's reign has come and is coming among us.

Reader We light this candle of hope as a sign of our promise to follow the Light as we answer God's call to transform our hope into reality today and in the days to come.

The Collect of the Day *The people stand or kneel.*

Priest God be with you.

People And also with you.

Priest Let us pray.

Holy Thief, stealing away our false securities and idle vanity: awaken us from the dull sleep that clings to empty fear and vacant routine; unfold on us the time of crisis when love of truth floods a thirsty world; through Jesus Christ, the one who is to come. **Amen.**

The people are seated.

Isaiah 2:1–5

The prophet Isaiah sets forth a majestic vision of a time when people throughout the world will worship the Lord and live in peace with one another. The mountain of the city of Jerusalem will be raised up to become a symbol of hope and justice to every nation. Many peoples will look to Jerusalem and to its holy Mount Zion as the place from which God will issue God's word and law, bringing about an end to strife and warfare.

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come
the mountain of the LORD's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be raised above the hills;
all the nations shall stream to it.
Many peoples shall come and say,
'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
to the house of the God of Jacob;
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths.'
For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.
He shall judge between the nations,
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,
and their spears into pruning-hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more.
O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the LORD!

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 122

A pilgrim's song of praise and prayer for the peace of Jerusalem.

- 1 I was glad when they said to me, *
"Let us go to the house of the LORD."
- 2 Now our feet are standing *
within your gates, O Jerusalem.
- 3 Jerusalem is built as a city *
that is at unity with itself;
- 4 To which the tribes go up,
the tribes of the LORD, *
the assembly of Israel,
to praise the Name of the LORD.
- 5 For there are the thrones of judgment, *
the thrones of the house of David.
- 6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: *
"May they prosper who love you.
- 7 Peace be within your walls *
and quietness within your towers.
- 8 For my brethren and companions' sake, *
I pray for your prosperity.
- 9 Because of the house of the LORD our God, *
I will seek to do you good."

Romans 13:11–14

Paul urges a way of life in full awareness of the nearness of salvation. Disciples must recognize that the nighttime of sinfulness is passing. The daylight, the time for new conduct and the following of Jesus, now comes.

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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All Stand.

Matthew 24:36–44

Jesus tells his disciples of the need for readiness because the Son of Man will come at a day and hour which no one knows. People will continue to go about their usual affairs, when suddenly this time of judgment will happen. Disciples are to be ever watchful, imagining themselves like a householder whose alertness could prevent a robbery.

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to the disciples, "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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,
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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who 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 for Advent

The people stand or kneel

From the Standing Committee on Liturgy & Music

Subcommittee on Racial Justice and Reconciliation

Leader The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. *Isaiah 9:2*

You who dwell in darkness and light, in silence and sound, dwell in the hearts of your people. In hope, peace, and joy may we await with anticipation the coming of Christ the Morning Star.

Silence

Leader Christ, be our light

People Shine in our hearts.

Leader You who framed the brightness of the first light in creation, dispel the arrogance, animosity, and anger that shatter the unity of your holy Church. Fill your faithful people with the radiant light of truth.

Silence

Leader Christ, be our light

People Shine in our hearts.

Leader You who delivered your people from the misery of bondage in slavery to the land of promise, set us free from enslavement to division, disunity, and distrust in our public life and labor. Illumine those in authority with the light of vision.

Silence

Leader Christ, be our light

People Shine in our hearts.

Leader You who patterned the stars and called the sun into being, who appointed the moon and chartered the cosmos, pattern the hearts of people everywhere to see in each other the beauty of the universe and the splendor of creation, that divisions of Race, Class, Gender, and Ethnicity may be recreated into one common humanity.

Silence

Leader Christ, be our light
People Shine in our hearts.

Leader You who shower comfort and hope to the lowest, the lost, and the least, shower the light of compassion on the sick, the sorrowful, and the suffering *especially* _____. Help us to be your compassion and hope in the world.

Silence

Leader Christ, be our light
People Shine in our hearts.

Leader You who welcome into the brilliant light of eternity those who have died, welcome those whose lives have been cut short by violence, warfare, and strife *especially* _____. Shine the light of hope.

Silence

Leader Christ, be our light
People Shine in our hearts.

Leader You who delight in the complexity and splendor of creation, help us to delight in the diversity of this earth, our island home. Inspire your people to care for all you have made.

Silence

Leader Christ, be our light
People Shine in our hearts.

Priest May Christ, the Morning Star who knows no setting, find us ever burning with the light of love, the spirit of truth, and the wellspring of hope.

People Amen.

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

Silence

**All 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 our Savior 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 the grace of 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 Christ 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 these your servants, 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 lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

Offertory Sentence

During the setting of the table a collection is taken to support the life and ministry at St. Dunstan's. The people's offerings of bread, wine and money or other gifts will be brought to the priest. The people stand while the offerings are presented. Offerings may also be made online at www.stdcv.org

Priest Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

Priest God 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 our thanks and praise.

Priest It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

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 the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel.

Priest Holy and gracious God: 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 maker of all. Jesus 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 Savior 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 Jesus 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, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's 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 Jesus Christ our Savior.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Priest Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast.

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All who come in faith seeking a deeper knowledge and love of Jesus Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Come forward to receive the bread in your open palm.

If you choose to receive the cup, gently guide the chalice to your lips by touching the base.

We are not able to allow the wafer to be dipped in the chalice.

Those who prefer to receive a blessing, or who choose not to receive the cup, may indicate this by crossing their arms over their chest.

If you have a wheat sensitivity, you may ask the priest for a gluten-free wafer. You may have communion brought to your seat by notifying an usher.

Prayers for yourself or another are available during Communion by a member of the Daughters of the King in the back of the church near the Sacristy door.

The Prayer After Communion

Priest Let us pray.

**People Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the body of Christ,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, send us out to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Savior.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for
ever. Amen.**

The Blessing *All Stand.*

The Dismissal

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God!**

Join us for coffee hour following the service.

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The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God



come. explore. serve. be.

Come walk with us in faith and friendship.
Share our desire to **explore** our relationship with God
and support one another.
Join us to make a difference in our world;
serve all with compassion.
Be yourself among us.

A SEASON OF GIVING HELPING OUR NEIGHBORS OVER THE HOLIDAYS

At St. Dunstan's we are blessed to be able to share our abundance to enhance the holiday season for our neighbors, locally and across the globe.

Beginning THIS SUNDAY, and every week in Advent, ministry leaders will share each week about those they serve and how you can play a part in making their Holidays Brighter!!

Our ministries are:
Friends of Rippling River
Salvation Army
St. Andre's School in Haiti
I-Help Men & Women
Nancy's Project

Today's Featured Ministry

St. Andre's School in Haiti

In the US we take clean water for granted. We turn on the tap and drink the water that comes out. In Haiti not many houses have running water. Usually water is carried home from the rivers where people also do their laundry, water their animals and bathe. Many Haitian children die each year from illnesses such as cholera that come from drinking this polluted water.

At St. Andre's school, in addition to the hot lunch, Pere Noe provides safe, bottled water for the school children to drink every day. And Haiti is hot, so children need this water to replace the fluids that they lose playing and studying. 1500 students drink a lot of water! Help us keep the St. Andre's children safe and healthy by donating for the lunch program—and for clean drinking water!

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION AND GENEROSITY!



JOIN US!!

ONE LOVE, ONE HEART
Hurricane Relief for Jamaica
NEXT Saturday, December 6th
5pm-8pm

Fundraiser & Jamaican dinner to benefit Jamaican Hurricane Relief Efforts

\$30 per meal, Eat-in or Take-Away

Please plan to join us for an authentic Jamaican Dinner / Hurricane Melissa Fundraiser to benefit the people of Jamaica.

Our very own Peter Coote -- Chef and Member of St. Dunstan's is a native of Jamaica. While his own family weathered the storm with little damage, so many others have not, and the need for supplies, food, medical support and more is great. To join with Peter in helping the people of Jamaica, we invite you to partake of an authentic and delicious multi-course traditional Jamaican meal, for dine in or take-away.

In the words of Bob Marley:

One Love, One Heart
Let's Get together and Feel Alright!
Thank you in advance for your support
and generosity!



*Thanks to all who have submitted their pledges for our 2026 Stewardship Campaign. Pledges help the Vestry to prepare an accurate budget for the coming year, and are appreciated! Our Stewardship Season comes to a close **Today!***

*To make your pledge online, you can call the office for assistance or click “give” on our website, **stdcv.org***



**Family Advent
Wreath Making
TODAY**
following the 10am service

Grab your coffee and a snack and then join us in Brock Hall create your own Family Advent Candle Holder.

Help us get to know you by
Filling out a Pew Card
If you are visiting us, are new to St. Dunstan’s, or if your contact information has changed, please fill out a Pew Card and drop it in the collection plate. Thanks!

Dedicate Altar Flowers



This is a lovely and meaningful way to give Glory to God in celebration of a birthday, or in thanksgiving, or in memory of a loved one. The suggested donation is \$30. Checks should be made out to St. Dunstan's with "Altar Flowers" in the memo.

Sign up on the Welcome Table.

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St. Dunstan's Vestry

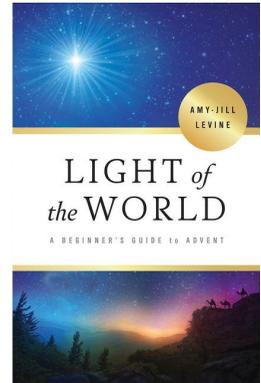


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Sheila Hiebert
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George Lockwood
Perry Rosen

Adult Faith Formation Advent Discussion Groups

Adult formation groups will begin a new four week study starting *TODAY*, November 30. Our text will be “Light of the World: A Beginner’s Guide to Advent” by seminary professor and New Testament scholar, Amy-Jill Levine.

Copies of “Light of the World” have been ordered and will be distributed by the group facilitators. Participants are invited to read the introduction and Chapter 1 of the book by the first meeting.



“Come join with us in faith and friendship.”
“Share our desire to explore our relationship with
God and support one another” during Advent.



Join us in Brock Hall at 10am

December Schedule

December 7th

December 21st—Christmas Pageant

*Children's books and activity
clipboards are
available in the back of the church.*

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Pastoral Care & Prayer Requests

For pastoral concerns, contact Rev. Laurel at rector@saintdunstanschurch.org or on her cell 310-562-5746. Or you can leave a message on the Pastoral Care line at church [831-624-6646](tel:831-624-6646) ext 110.

Our Daughters of the King chapter welcomes your prayer requests. Prayer requests may be sent to stdcvdok@gmail.com. The Daughters pray for members of our parish as well as many others daily.



THIS WEEK AT ST DUNSTAN'S

PARISH OFFICE IS OPEN TUESDAY - THURSDAY 9AM –1PM

Sunday, November 30

- 8:00am** Holy Eucharist
9:00am Choir Rehearsal
9:00am Advent Book Study—
The Light of the world.
10:00am Holy Eucharist (live-streamed)
11:30am Coffee Hour and Advent candle
holder making.

Monday, December 1

Office Closed

Tuesday, December 2

- 4:30pm** Zoom Compline
5:30pm Advent Book Study—
The Light of the world
7:30pm AA

Wednesday, December 3

- 10:00am** Conversation and Communion
Holy Eucharist
11:00am Prayer Shawl Ministry

Thursday, December 4

- 12:00pm** Quilters Group

Friday, December 5

Saturday, December 6

- 9:00am** Choir Rehearsal
5:00pm Jamaican Fundraiser & Dinner

Sunday, December 7

- 8:00am** Holy Eucharist
9:00am Choir Rehearsal
9:00am Advent Book Study—
The Light of the world
10:00am Holy Eucharist (live-streamed)
11:30am Coffee Hour

View the entire parish calendar stdcv.org/calendar

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Nov 30—Pam Lawrence
Dec 1—Cindy Poole
Dec 10—Gus Hawthorne
Dec 16—Bob Young
Dec 17—Jack Lagier
Dec 20—Charlotte Cabral

Dec 22—Jennifer Lama
Dec 24—Taylor Hawthorne
Dec 27—Perry Rosen
Dec 30—Elin Rosen

Sermon Notes

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