



ST. DUNSTAN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE 22ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 10, 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 *Dundee*

Richard Warner & Healey Willan

Priest **B**lessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **A**nd blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Priest **A**lmighty 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 **G**lory 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.

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Haggai 1:15b-2:9

The prophet Haggai summons Zerubbabel, the governor of Judah, and Joshua, the high priest, to attend to the reconstruction of the temple in Jerusalem, laid to waste some fifty years earlier. Jerusalem is still ruled from Babylon but is permitted some measure of self-governance. Those who have returned from exile have attended to their own needs but have not taken an interest in the Lord's temple. Because their priorities have not been in order, the prophet tells them, they want for many things. The path to prosperity lies in placing first the things of God.

In the second year of King Darius, in the seventh month, on the twenty-first day of the month, the word of the Lord came by the prophet Haggai, saying: Speak now to Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and to the remnant of the people, and say, Who is left among you that saw this house in its former glory? How does it look to you now? Is it not in your sight as nothing? Yet now take courage, O Zerubbabel, says the Lord; take courage, O Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest; take courage, all you people of the land, says the Lord; work, for I am with you, says the Lord of hosts, according to the promise that I made you when you came out of Egypt. My spirit abides among you; do not fear. For thus says the Lord of hosts: Once again, in a little while, I will shake the heavens and the earth and the sea and the dry land; and I will shake all the nations, so that the treasure of all nations shall come, and I will fill this house with splendor, says the Lord of hosts. The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, says the Lord of hosts. The latter splendor of this house shall be greater than the former, says the Lord of hosts; and in this place I will give prosperity, says the Lord of hosts.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 98 *Cantate Domino*

A song of thanksgiving and praise to the victorious Lord, who has made righteousness known and shown faithfulness to the people of God.

- 1 Sing to the Lord a new song, *
for he has done marvelous things.
- 2 With his right hand and his holy arm *
has he won for himself the victory.
- 3 The Lord has made known his victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
- 5 Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- 6 Sing to the Lord with the harp, *
with the harp and the voice of song.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
shout with joy before the King, the Lord.
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
the lands and those who dwell therein.
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,
when he comes to judge the earth.
- 10 In righteousness shall he judge the world *
and the peoples with equity.

2 Thessalonians 2:1–5, 13–17

A correction to a misunderstanding about the “day of the Lord,” which some in the early Christian community feared had already arrived. The apostle seeks to lay to rest their fears, and to encourage them to a more mature faith, sure of God’s grace and confident of their standing in the Lord. Many signs will precede the final day of judgment, and the Lord Jesus Christ will win a definitive and clear victory over all opposing forces. Prayer is offered for good hope and comfort that will strengthen the Thessalonian disciples in their every word and good work.

As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. Let no one deceive you in any way; for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. For this purpose he called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Luke 20:27–38

The Sadducees ask a question about the resurrection. Jesus replies that resurrection means a different existence from earthly life, and that it depends on a God who has a personal and living relationship with all people. The Sadducees did not believe in resurrection from death, and they attempted to make it seem absurd by asking what would then be the legal situation for a person who had been married several times. Jesus cuts through their apparent cleverness. There is no need for marriage after the resurrection. What is more, the Bible continues to speak of the patriarchs as though they were still alive before God.

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus and asked him a question, “Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man’s brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; then the second and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. Finally the woman also died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her.”

Jesus said to them, “Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. Indeed they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive.”

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

After the sermon a brief silence is kept.

The Rev. Bill Nix

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

Form III

The people stand or kneel.

Leader **F**ather, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

People **T**hat we all may be one.

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

People **T**hat your Name may be glorified by all people.

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

People **T**hat 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 **T**hat 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 this parish, 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.**

O Judge of the nations, we remember before you with grateful hearts the men and women of our country who in the day of decision ventured much for the liberties we now enjoy. Grant that we may not rest until all the people of this land share the benefits of true freedom and gladly accept its disciplines. This we ask in the Name of 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 *A*ll 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 **I**t is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; for you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in 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:

People **H**oly, 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 **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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People **Christ has died.**
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Priest **W**e 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 **O**ur 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 **T**herefore 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 **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 **B**ody and **B**lood.
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.**

Priest **I**n 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 **G**o in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Celebrant: The Rev. John Saville

Preacher: The Rev. Bill Nix

Assisting Priest: The Rev. Marcia M. Lockwood

Lay Server: Steve Andrews

Lector: Anne Proctor



*The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God
in memory of our parents and brothers by Ann & Duncan Clarke*

*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.*

In our prayers this week. . . .

Andrew, J.J., Richard, Cora, Ross,
Victoria, Ida, 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

Nancy Costello

Welcome Guest Preacher

Rev. Bill Nix

Bill twice served as our interim rector. The now retired Dean of All Saints' Cathedral in Fort Worth, he and his wife Puddin live on their ranch in Texas. Bill will also be our keynote speaker at today's stewardship luncheon.



Today is the Annual Autumn Stewardship Lunch Event

Today is our Annual Autumn Stewardship Lunch Event immediately following our 10 AM worship. It is held at the former Rancho Canada Golf Club — now the Palo Corona Regional Park. From St. Dunstan's, you need to travel west on the Carmel Valley road for 5.8 miles and it is on the left or south side of the road. It is next to the Community Church of the Monterey Peninsula. This event will start at 11:30.

If you have told us that you will attend, but cannot, please let us know immediately after each service. If you have not signed up and are able to attend, we would like to welcome you so please let us know so that we can accommodate you. So far we have around 120 people who plan to attend.

The Rev. Bill Nix will be our speaker. I am sure that you will find Bill and this annual event to be very worthwhile.

George Lockwood, Stewardship Chair

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!



A MADRIGAL Affair

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.

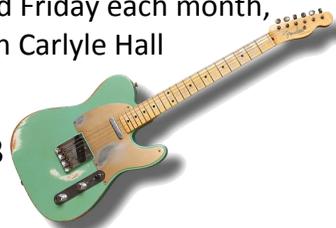
Invite your Community!

common thread

spirit, music, food, drink, community

Now the Second Friday each month,
6 pm in Carlyle Hall

**Friday,
December 13**



Advent Wreath Making Sunday November 24th Following the 10 am Holy Eucharist

all materials provided
sign up on the Welcome Table

Martinmas Lantern Walk This evening, 5 - 7 pm

In the spirit of St. Martin, and to honor the beauty of the fall season, we present a Martinmas lantern walk from 5-7 pm on Sunday, November 10th. We will begin with a potluck to share as a community.

As dusk falls we will sing and walk by candlelight, concluding with a gentle puppet story with Audrienne Taylor. The children of St Dunstan's will be making lanterns during Sunday School on November 3rd. We will also have lanterns available to borrow!

Sharing Warmth with Nancy's Project

We also invite you to bring gently used or new coats, jackets or blankets (all sizes) that will be donated to Nancy's Project.



Full Moon Labyrinth Walks

Peace Calm Restore

On the date of the full moon, walking the labyrinth is a natural time for contemplation. To enrich your walk, Elizabeth Ashton Blackman, Certified Labyrinth Facilitator and Healing Touch Specialist, will give a brief talk about walking the labyrinth and gather again after the walk to close the event.

November 12, 5 pm | All are WELCOME!

Order now for Dec 7 delivery of your "Handmade" Christmas 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 [corlissakelly\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:corlissakelly(at)gmail.com)

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



Let us give thanks at coffee hour!

Thanksgiving Celebration

Sunday, November 24th

following both 8 & 10 am worship

Join in the preparation!

Saturday, Nov 23; 2 - 4 pm

All ingredients provided

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



. . . 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!

Youth & Family Programs

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 creative activities while their parents experience the 10 am service.



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.

The children rejoin their parents in church to participate in communion together. Sundays 10 am in Carlyle Hall.

Youth Group: (6th—12th Grade)

Nov 10: Meeting (Carlyle Hall)

11:30 am—12:30 pm

Nov 17: No meeting

Nov 24: Meeting (Carlyle Hall) 5—7 pm

Dinner included

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, November 10

8:00 am Holy Eucharist
 8:30 am Choir Rehearsal
 9:00 am Sunday Morning Class
 10:00 am Sunday School & Holy Eucharist
 11:30 am Stewardship Luncheon-Palo Corona
 Youth Group
 5:00 pm Martinmas Lantern Walk
 7:00 pm AA

Monday, November 11 ~ Veteran's Day

Tuesday, November 12

11:00 am Staff Meeting
 5:00 pm Full Moon Labyrinth Walk
 7:30 pm AA

Wednesday, November 13

10:00 am Holy Eucharist with Healing
 11:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry
 11:15 am Holy Eucharist (CV Manor)
 2:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 14

Friday, November 15

Saturday, November 16

4:00 pm I-Help Women (meal: St. Dunstan's)

Sunday, November 17

8:00 am Holy Eucharist
 8:30 am Choir Rehearsal
 9:00 am Sunday Morning Class
 10:00 am Sunday School & Holy Eucharist
 11:30 am Finance Committee Meeting
 7:00 pm AA

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	



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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