



# THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

January 9, 2022

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.*

*Please silence your phones and wear your mask while indoors.*

## 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** Christ Our Lord to Jordan Came

*J.S. Bach (1685-1750)*

**Processional Hymn 135** Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

*Salzburg*

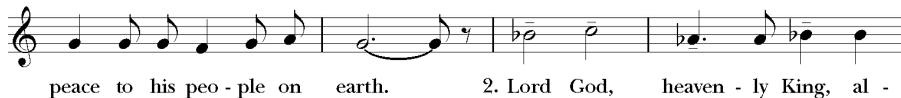
**Priest** Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

**Gloria S278** Glory to God: Gloria in excelsis

*William Mathias*



on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you

take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;

5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -

ceive our prayer. 6. For

you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the

Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of

God the Fa - ther. A - men.

**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.

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

### **Isaiah 43:1–7**

*The Lord assures Israel that they are God's chosen people. They are not to fear; God will save them. It is the time of the end of the exile, and God, who created the servant Israel, now promises to deliver the Lord's own out of all their troubles. Sons and daughters will be summoned from the ends of the earth—everyone called by God's name and formed for God's glory.*

**T**hus says the Lord,  
he who created you, O Jacob,  
he who formed you, O Israel:

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.  
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;  
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;  
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,  
and the flame shall not consume you.

For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.  
I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.  
Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you,  
I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life.

Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east,  
and from the west I will gather you;  
I will say to the north, "Give them up,"  
and to the south, "Do not withhold;  
bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth—  
everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory,  
whom I formed and made."

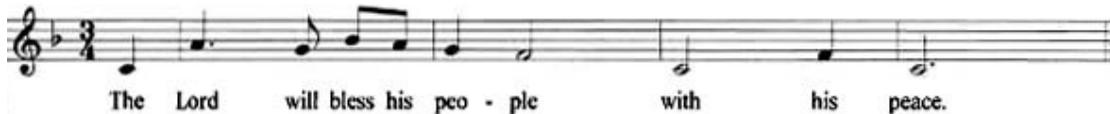
**Reader** The Word of the Lord.

**People** **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 29:1a & 2, 3ac-4, 3b & 9b-10 *Afferte Domino***

*The majesty of God is described in the likeness of a thunderstorm: the Lord is mighty over land and sea.*

*Cantor then the people sing the antiphon*



Ascribe to the LORD, you heavenly powers,  
Ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.  
Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name;  
Bow down before the LORD, majestic in holiness.

*The people sing the antiphon*

The voice of the LORD upon the waters,  
The LORD on the immensity of waters;  
The voice of the LORD full of power;  
The voice of the LORD full of splendor.

*The people sing the antiphon*

The God of glory thunders;  
In his temple they all cry, "Glory!"  
The LORD sat enthroned above the flood;  
The LORD sits as king forever.

*The people sing the antiphon*

### **Acts 8:14–17**

*The spread of the early church as converts are received from among the Samaritans. Many Jews would have felt ethnic tension and even animosity toward Samaritans. Peter and John travel to Samaria and lay their hands upon the converts, that they might receive the Holy Spirit and know the fullness of God's presence and power. The Lord's Spirit continues to work in surprising ways, surmounting cultural barriers and traditional enmities as the gospel continues its progress.*

When the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

### **Gradual Green Hymnal 767 Baptized in Water**

### **Luke 3:15–17, 21–22**

*The story of Jesus' baptism. Some people expected that John the Baptist might be the Christ, but he points to a yet mightier one to come whose baptism will be decisive. The Holy Spirit is then manifest and shows this one to be Jesus. A voice from heaven speaks to him in words that echo ancient oracles concerning the king and the calling of the Lord's chosen servant.*

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

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

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## The Sermon

The Rev. Laurel Coote

*After the sermon a brief silence is kept.*

### Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

Priest        The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Presenters   I present Hana Kathryn to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

*To the Parents and Godparents:*

Priest        Will you be responsible for seeing that Hana is  
                 brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Presenters   I will, with God's help.

Priest        Will you by your prayers and witness help Hana grow  
                 into the full stature of Christ?

Presenters   I will, with God's help.

Question    Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness  
                 that rebel against God?

Answer       I renounce them.

Question    Do you renounce the evil powers of this world  
                 which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer       I renounce them.

Question    Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer       I renounce them.

Question    Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer       I do.

Question    Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer       I do.

Question    Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer       I do.

*To the Church:*

Question    Will you who witness these vows do all in your power  
                 to support these persons in their life in Christ?

**People       We will.**

Priest        Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ  
                 and renew our own baptismal covenant.

## **The Baptismal Covenant** *All Stand.*

Priest Do you believe in God the Father?

**People I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Priest Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**People I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Priest Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**People I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Priest Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship,  
in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers ?

**People I will, with God's help.**

Priest Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin,  
repent and return to the Lord?

**People I will, with God's help.**

Priest Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

**People I will, with God's help.**

Priest Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

**People I will, with God's help.**

Priest Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity  
of every human being?

**People I will, with God's help.**

## Prayers for the Candidates

Leader Let us now pray for Hana, who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

**People Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Open her heart to your grace and truth.

**People Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

**People Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

**People Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.

**People Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Send her into the world in witness to your love.

**People Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.

**People Lord, hear our prayer.**

Priest **G**rant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

## Thanksgiving over the Water

*The Priest blesses the water, first saying*

Priest The Lord be with you.

**People And also with you.**

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Priest **W**e thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **The Baptism**

*Each candidate is presented by name to the Priest who then pours water upon, the candidate, saying*

Priest Hana, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**People Amen.**

*Then the Priest places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross and saying*

Priest Hana, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism  
and marked as Christ's own for ever.

**People Amen.**

*Then the Priest presents a candle representing the light of Christ.*

Priest Hana, receive the light of Christ.

**People Amen.**

*When these actions have been completed for all candidates, the Priest prays over them, saying*

Priest Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon Hana the forgiveness of sin, and have raised Hana to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

*When all have been baptized, the Priest says*

Priest Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**All We receive you into the household of God.**

**Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection,  
and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

## **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.*

## **The Offertory**

Priest **L**et us give to God with generosity and gladness  
the offerings of our lives, our labors and our love.

### **Offertory Anthem** Wade in the Water

*Negro Spiritual*

*Wade in the water, wade in the water, children,  
Wade in the water, God's a-gonna trouble the water.*

See that host all dressed in white, God's a-gonna trouble the water.  
The leader looks like the Israelite, God's a-gonna trouble the water.

*Refrain*

See that band all dressed in red, God's a-gonna trouble the water.  
Looks like the band that Moses led, God's a-gonna trouble the water.

*Refrain*

Look over yonder, what do I see? God's a-gonna trouble the water.  
The Holy Ghost a-coming on me, God's a-gonna trouble the water.

*Refrain*

If you don't believe I've been redeemed, God's a-gonna trouble the water.  
Just follow me down to Jordan's stream, God's a-gonna trouble the water.

*Refrain*

### **Offertory Hymn 121** Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized

*Caithness*

# 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 C*

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 God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.  
**People Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Priest At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, And this fragile earth, our island home.  
**People By your will they were created and have their being.**

Priest From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.  
**People Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Priest Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.  
**People By his blood, he reconciled us.  
By his wounds, we are healed.**

Priest And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus S130 Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

Franz Schubert

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and  
 might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,  
 God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are  
 full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na  
 in the high - est. Bless - ed 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 And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Priest On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

**People We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

Priest Lord God of our Ancestors; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ:  
Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us.  
Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name. Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread. Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **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.*

## Fraction Anthem S164

*Schubert*

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

Priest These are the Gifts of God, given for you, God's beloved. So come and receive. It is the Lord who invites you and His will that those who desire him, should meet him here.

## **ALL ARE WELCOME TO RECEIVE THE HOLY COMMUNION**

All are welcome to receive communion. The table we set is the Lord's. Wherever you find yourself on your spiritual journey, you are welcome to receive the Bread made holy.

When directed by the usher, come forward to the communion station.

Please keep your mask on with your hands extended to receive the Host.

The bread is received in the open palm.

Once you have moved away from the Minister,  
you may remove one side of your mask, consume the Host, and replace your mask.

Those who prefer to receive a blessing 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.

**Communion Hymn 116** "I Come," The Great Redeemer Cries

*This Endris Night*

### **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 **M**ay the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
Who stood with sinners on the river bank,  
Uphold you. **Amen.**

**M**ay the love of God,  
Who calls us beloved children, bless you. **Amen.**

**M**ay the power of the Holy Spirit,  
Who descended upon Jesus as a dove,  
Give you peace. **Amen.**

**Recessional Hymn 120** The Sinless One to Jordan Came

*Solemnis hac festivitas*

Priest **L**et us go forth in the name of Christ.

**People Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude** Christ Our Lord to Jordan Came

*Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)*

*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.*



*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.*

## Bishop's Visitation

**Sunday, February 27**

Plan to be at St.  
Dunstan's on Sunday, February 27, as we  
welcome Bishop Lucinda on her annual  
parish visit.

If you are interested in being baptized or  
confirmed, speak with Rev. Laurel.



## Ministry Reports Due Tomorrow!

If you have not yet submitted your annual  
ministry report, please do so by the end  
of the day tomorrow. If you need help,  
please contact the church office Tuesday  
9 am—noon. Reports should be emailed  
as editable text to [office@stdcv.org](mailto:office@stdcv.org).



## Pastoral Care & Prayer Requests

For pastoral concerns, contact Rev. Laurel [revlaurel@stdcv.org](mailto:revlaurel@stdcv.org) or on her cell 310-562-5746. And you can always leave a message on the Pastoral Care line at church [831-624-6646](tel:831-624-6646) ext 5.

Our Daughters of the King chapter welcomes your prayer requests. Prayer requests may be sent to [dok@stdcv.org](mailto:dok@stdcv.org). The Daughters pray for members of our parish as well as many others daily.

### Help us get to 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!

### Deadline for eNews, Bulletin

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

## "The Baker's Dozen" concert January 9, 4 pm

The Baker's Dozen, one of Yale's oldest *a cappella* groups founded in 1947, will be performing at St. Dunstan's Sunday January 9 at 4 pm.

Tickets are \$25 adults, \$20 seniors and military, free for students and children.



### Curious about church polity? Run for a Delegate's Seat

Have you ever wanted to learn more about the Episcopal Church? Are you curious about how decisions get made or do you wonder about the work being done by and across our diocese? Consider running for one of our parish's five seats at Diocesan Convention in the fall. We will elect our delegation at the annual meeting on January 30. Contact the church office to get on the ballot.

## 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](http://stdcv.org/bulletins)





## Confirmation Class Begins January 20

If you would like to be confirmed, received or to reaffirm your faith when Bishop Lucinda visits on February 27th, let me know by January 14th. We will begin our 6-week preparation course Thursday, January 20th at 6:30 pm, and it is a welcoming and safe environment to explore and learn about the Episcopal Church and your faith.

## 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 cost of the flowers is \$20, but some give more. Checks should be made out to St. Dunstan’s with “Altar Flowers” in the memo.

Sign up on the Welcome Table

## 2022 Annual Parish Meeting Sunday, January 30; 11:30 am

It is time once again to gather and look at the year that has past and to begin the work of the year to come.

Now, you might think "a meeting doesn't sound fun," but this is really more of a celebration. We do need to take care of some important parish business — electing some new vestry members, and delegates to convention, for example — but we also hear about all the work we have accomplished; to see how far we have come and how we have adapted to the challenges that 2021 offered us, and to present the **Scalloped Potato** and **Broken Hammer** awards. You certainly don't want to miss THAT!

*Sign up today to receive*

## St. Dunstan’s weekly eNews

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# THIS WEEK AT ST DUNSTAN'S

PARISH OFFICE OPEN TUESDAY—THURSDAY, 9 AM—12 NOON

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## Sunday, January 9

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist
- 8:30 am Choir Rehearsal
- 9:00 am Discussion Group
- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist (live-streamed)
- 11:00 am Coffee Hour
- 4:00 pm Baker's Dozen concert

## Monday, January 10

- 4:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting
- 5:30 pm Zoom Compline

## Tuesday, January 11

- 11:00 am Staff Meeting
- 3:30 pm St. Dunstan's Foundation Mtg
- 7:30 pm AA

## Wednesday, January 12

- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist
- 11:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry

## Thursday, January 13

## Friday, January 14

- 4:00 pm I-Help Men

## Saturday, January 15

- 9:00 am Choir Rehearsal
- 4:00 pm I-Help Women

## Sunday, January 16

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist
- 8:30 am Choir Rehearsal
- 9:00 am Discussion Group
- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist (live-streamed)
- 11:00 am Coffee Hour

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View the entire parish calendar [stdcv.org/calendar](http://stdcv.org/calendar)

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

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|------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| 2 Bob Priestley  | 17 Joe Heston    | 26 Norman Parris  |
| 9 Dug Stewart    | 22 Duncan Clarke | 27 Ashley Blacow  |
| 11 Remy Ryan     | 22 Ollie Collins | 27 Jack Enbom     |
| 15 John Greenway | 22 Judy Kirk     | 29 Helena Miller  |
| 17 Mary Clarkson | 22 Cathy Solms   | 30 Lincoln Talley |



## **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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