



THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE EIPHANY

February 19, 2023

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 Cornet Voluntary

William Walond (1725-1770)

Processional Hymn 137 O wondrous type! O vision fair

Wareham

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

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

All 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



1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and



peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -



might - y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we



praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,



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, who before the passion of your only begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Exodus 24:12-18

Moses is called up to Mount Sinai, and the glory of the Lord appears. There he is to receive the commandments written on stone tablets. The Lord's presence is essentially indescribable, but it is known in the cloud and fire. The cloud both hides and reveals the Lord's glory, and the scene suggests the awesome majesty of a volcanic mountain.

The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them."

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 99 *Dominus regnavit*

The holy and mighty Lord reigns on high. God spoke to Israel's leaders from a pillar of cloud and has forgiven them their misdeeds.

- 1 The LORD is King;
let the people tremble; *
he is enthroned upon the cherubim;
let the earth shake.
- 2 The LORD is great in Zion; *
he is high above all peoples.
- 3 Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; *
he is the Holy One.
- 4 "O mighty King, lover of justice,
you have established equity; *
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."
- 5 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God
and fall down before his footstool; *
he is the Holy One.
- 6 Moses and Aaron among his priests,
and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, *
they called upon the LORD, and he answered them.
- 7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; *
they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.
- 8 O LORD our God, you answered them indeed; *
you were a God who forgave them,
yet punished them for their evil deeds.
- 9 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God
and worship him upon his holy hill; *
for the LORD our God is the Holy One.

2 Peter 1:16-21

The apostle Peter as he recalls his vision of Jesus in majesty on the holy mountain and the heavenly voice that announced this was God's beloved Son. Peter was among those who were eyewitnesses to this revelation. It makes more sure the prophetic message that is like a lamp for us. But no one should make this prophecy a matter solely of their own interpretation, for it has come through the Holy Spirit.

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn 295 Sing praise to our Creator

Christus, der ist mein Leben

Matthew 17:1-9

The story of Jesus' transfiguration. The narrative is richly woven with themes and symbols drawn from Israel's past and its hopes for the future. Moses and Elijah represent the law and the prophets, whose promises Jesus fulfills. The chosen disciples see divine glory reflected in Jesus' human person. They hear a voice from the cloud declaring that he is the beloved Son.

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

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

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a

voice said, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!” When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, “Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Gary Commins

After the sermon a brief silence is kept.

Presentation and Examination of the Candidate

Priest The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Godparents We present Sawyer to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

To the Parents and Godparents:

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

Response We will, with God’s help.

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

Response We will, with God’s help.

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

Response We renounce them.

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

Response We renounce them.

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

Response We renounce them.

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

Response We do.

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

Response We do.

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

Response We do.

To the Church:

Priest Will you who witness these vows do all in your power
to support this person 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 Candidate

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

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

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Open his heart to your grace and truth.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

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

People Lord, hear our prayer.

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

People Lord, hear our prayer.

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

People Lord, hear our prayer.

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

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Bring him 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

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

Priest Sawyer, 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 Sawyer, 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 Sawyer, receive the light of Christ.

People Amen.

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

Priest Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon Sawyer the forgiveness of sin, and have raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give him 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.**

The Priest then 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 Let us give to God with generosity and gladness
the offerings of our lives, our labors and our love.

Offertory Voluntary Flute Piece

William Hine (1687-1730)

Offertory Hymn 121 Christ, when for us you were baptized

Caithness

THE HOLY COMMUNION

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.

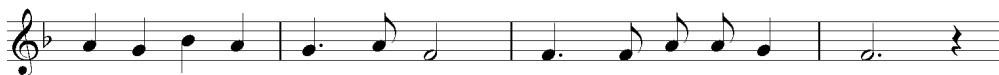
Priest Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

**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 S125 Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

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 **A**nd 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.

People Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Priest 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.**

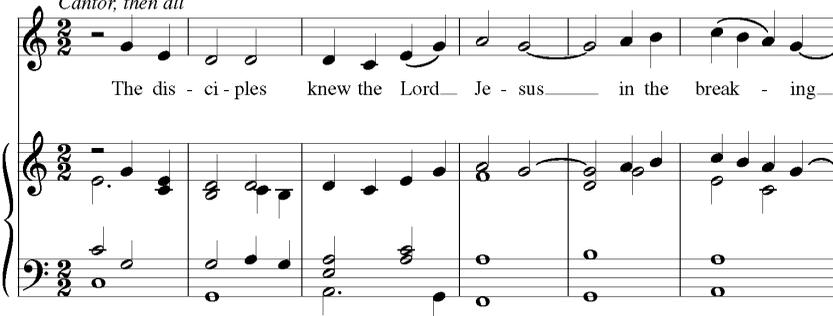
The Breaking of the Bread

The Priest breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem 876 The disciples knew the Lord Jesus

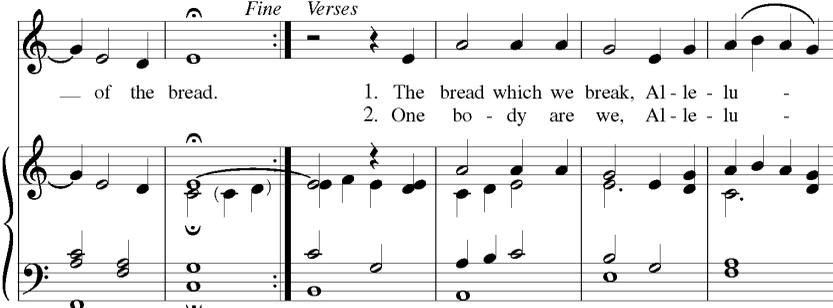
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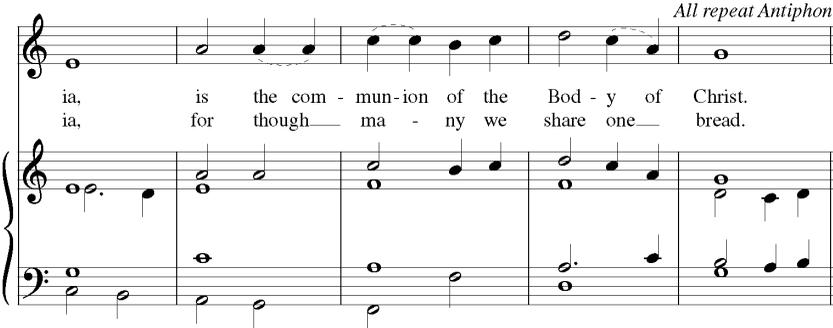
The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing

Fine Verses



— of the bread. 1. The bread which we break, Al - le - lu -
2. One bo - dy are we, Al - le - lu -

All repeat Antiphon



ia, is the com - mun - ion of the Bod - y of Christ.
ia, for though ma - ny we share one bread.

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 Holy Communion.

The bread is received in the open palm.

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

At this time, we are not able to allow dipping the wafer into 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.

Communion Hymn 488 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart

Slane

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 The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn 372 Praise to the living God!

Leoni

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Trumpet Voluntary

Thomas Sanders Dupuis (1733-1796)

*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



*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.*

Welcome this week

Rev. Gary Commins. Welcome to St. Dunstan's and thank you for being here to lead us in worship!

St. Dunstan's Staff

The Rev. Laurel Coote, Rector
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Elizabeth Buche, Parish Administrator
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Mardi Gras Party!

This Tuesday!
5 pm Happy Hour
Dinner at 6 pm



Happy Hour with activities for the children begins at 5 pm, followed by dinner at 6 pm complete with Gumbo, macaroni and cheese, salads, bread and Kings cake for dessert! Help us make this a great event by signing up to help in some way: Set up, clean up, decorate, bring food, donate wine.

Sign up on the Welcome Table!

Pastoral Care & Prayer Requests



For pastoral concerns, contact Rev. Laurel 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. 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!

Holy Land Pilgrimage

Follow our fellow parishioners on their Holy Land journey on our St. Dunstan's Instagram and Facebook pages, OR if you are not on social media, simply visit our website at STDCV.org. Right there on the home page, you'll find the posts from the social media feed. Rev Laurel will post a few photos and a few words about their experience each day. And pray for them! For the group, for their safety and for God's blessing and wonder to be revealed.



***Lent is almost here, and that means it is time once again for . . .
Lent Madness!***

Produced by the Forward Press, Lent Madness is a light-hearted way to learn about Saints large and small, old and new, during Lent and have fun doing it. The Saints are arranged in a bracket, and each day you read about two and vote on line for your favorite to win The Golden Halo. lentmadness.org. Or, you can pick up one of the booklets on the table in Brock Hall and just read about the two Saints every day...a great Lenten discipline. Learn about the Saints of God this Lent!

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 \$30, 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



Beginning March 1 at 6pm

Help cook soup or
bring a salad or bread

Sign up on the Welcome Table

THIS WEEK AT ST DUNSTAN'S
PARISH OFFICE OPEN MONDAY—THURSDAY, 9 AM—1 PM

Sunday, February 19

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
12:00 pm J2A at St. Dunstan's

Monday, February 20

Tuesday, February 21

5:00 pm Mardi Gras Party

Wednesday, February 22

11:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry
12:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service
7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service

Thursday, February 23

Friday, February 24

Saturday, February 25

8:00 am Choir Rehearsal
11:00 am Bob Priestley Memorial

Sunday, February 26

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

View the entire parish calendar stdcv.org/calendar

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

1 Ansley Scherer	11 Kim Murray	26 Sarah Hawthorne
5 Dominic Gregorio	12 Sue Masters	27 Joseph Talley
7 Beverly Klinger	14 Tom Logan	28 Crosby Hawthorne
10 Tammy Hawkins	21 Kaitlyn Scherer	

Sermon Notes