



**ST. DUNSTAN'S**  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

# THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## December 1, 2024

### 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.*

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## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*The congregation is invited to observe silence before the service begins, as an opportunity for prayer, meditation, and healing.*

*All stand at the ringing of the bell.*

**Priest** Blessed be the one, holy and living God.

**People** **Glory to God forever and ever. Amen.**

### Lighting the Advent Wreath

God of hope, we light this candle as we prepare for the coming of your Son. Awaken our hearts to you this Advent season, so that when Christ arrives, we are ready to receive him with all our hearts, all our minds, and all our strength. **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.

Urgent God, breaking through the static to speak to our hearts: disarm our love of control and shake the silent heavens to reveal your dawning glory, judging all in the light of love; through Jesus Christ, the one who is to come. **Amen.**

*The people are seated.*

### **Jeremiah 33:14–16**

*The Lord's promise to the house of Israel and the house of Judah is reaffirmed, foreseeing the arrival of a messianic figure, a righteous branch who will execute justice and save the people. This passage may have been added to the Book of Jeremiah a century or so later. A sure confidence in God's deliverance sounds forth, and Christians have interpreted the passage as a prophecy regarding Christ.*

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

**Reader** The Word of the Lord.

**People** Thanks be to God.

### **Psalm 25:1–9 *Ad te, Domine, levavi***

*A prayer for forgiveness and guidance and an expression of trust in the Lord.*

- 1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;  
my God, I put my trust in you; \*  
let me not be humiliated,  
nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; \*  
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- 3 Show me your ways, O LORD, \*  
and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, \*  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
in you have I trusted all the day long.
- 5 Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, \*  
for they are from everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; \*  
remember me according to your love  
and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

7 Gracious and upright is the LORD; \*  
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

8 He guides the humble in doing right \*  
and teaches his way to the lowly.

9 All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness \*  
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

### **1 Thessalonians 3:9–13**

*The apostle Paul expresses gratitude to God for his disciples in Thessalonica and tells these followers of his prayers for them. He has heard a good report of their faith and love and their concern for him. He prays that he will soon see them again, and asks that they may grow in love and be established in holiness, in preparation for the coming of the Lord Jesus.*

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

**People Thanks be to God.**

*All stand*

### **Luke 21:25–36**

*Jesus tells his disciples of the awe-inspiring crisis to come, which they may also recognize as the beginning of the time of their redemption. The heavens and earth will bear fearsome witness before the appearance of the heavenly judge, the Son of Man. As the budding fig tree foretells the advance of summer, so can all this calamity be recognized as a preparation for the drawing near of the kingdom of God. The believer is to be alert, fixed on Christ's words and teachings and prepared for the coming of the Lord.*

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

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

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

Priest     The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*All are seated.*

**The Sermon**

*After the sermon a brief silence is kept.*

Rev. Laurel Coote

## **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,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,  
and became truly human.**

**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,  
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

*The people stand or kneel.*

Leader In joy at the nearness of the Christ, let us offer our prayers to God.  
May the power of God's holy presence clear a path through the rubble  
of broken lives and hearts to make our world and each of us a new  
creation. With hopeful hearts,

**People We pray to you, O God.**

Leader May our gracious God always console and comfort us, nourish our  
deepest hungers, and guide us in ways of justice and peace.  
With hopeful hearts,

**People We pray to you, O God.**

Leader May we find in the deserts of our lives a new Jordan, a stream of blessing  
that bears forgiveness, refreshment and joy. With hopeful hearts,

**People We pray to you, O God.**

Leader For the people of St. Dunstan's and St. Andre's, for Lucinda our Bishop,  
and all who do ministry near or far; may the God of John the Baptist raise up  
holy prophets in our midst, voices to challenge us to greater integrity and  
truthfulness. With hopeful hearts,

**People We pray to you, O God.**

Leader May God, who is our comfort, hear the cries of all in need, especially:  
With hopeful hearts,

**People We pray to you, O God.**

Leader May God, who is our future, hold those who have died in the embrace of  
faithful love, especially: Together may we see new heavens and a new earth.  
With hopeful hearts,

**People We pray to you, O God.**

Leader May God, who has blessed each of us with unique gifts and talents continue  
to be active in our lives and inspire us to share them generously. We give  
thanks today, especially for our Office Volunteers, with whose help our  
church office runs smoothly.

**People Lord hear our prayer.**

Priest O Emmanuel, God-with-us, You show us the face of divinity, and reveal the fullness of our humanity. Come: Hear our prayers, renew your creation, restore us in Christ, and empower us to be faithful and loving people. In the name of Jesus, we pray,  
**Amen.**

### **The Confession**

Priest Let us confess our sins to God.

*Silence may be kept.*

**All God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

### **The Absolution**

Priest Through the cross of Christ, God have mercy on you, pardon you, and set you free. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. God strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in life eternal. **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.*

## **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](http://www.stdcv.org)*

Priest Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

*All stand*

## **The Great Thanksgiving**

*Enriching Our Worship, Eucharistic Prayer 2*

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 our thanks and praise.**

Priest We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us.

Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we say:

**People Holy, 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 Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor.



He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Priest Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

Priest Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with blessed Dunstan, Andre, and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

**People Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Priest And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

**People Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

## The Breaking of the Bread

*The Priest breaks the consecrated bread.*

Priest God of promise, you have prepared a banquet for us.

**People Happy are those who are called to the Supper of the Lord.**

Priest The Gifts of God for the People of God.

### 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.

**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. 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.

*All stand or kneel.*

## **The Prayer After Communion**

Priest Let us pray.

**People Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## **The Blessing**

*All Stand*

Priest Holy eternal Majesty,  
Holy incarnate Word,  
Holy abiding Spirit,  
Bless you for evermore, **Amen.**

## **Dismissal**

Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**People Thanks be to God.**

*All are welcome to enjoy fellowship with one another outside the church  
during coffee hour.*

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*The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God  
and in Memory of Irma and Joseph Heston by Joe and Beth Heston*



**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 and **serve**  
those who need compassion and help.  
**Be** yourself among us.



## Salvation Army Adopt-A-Family



The Daughters of the King will be collecting gifts for a single mother and 4 children.

Please sign up on the welcome table to let us know what you would like to purchase and then bring your item(s), **UNWRAPPED**, to the church by **Tuesday, December 7th.**

**THANK YOU!**



**Mark Your Calendar!**

## **Christmas Cookie Sale**

**Sunday, December 8th**

**Pick up your hand selected assortment.  
\$15 per dozen**

**If you would like to contribute cookies to the sale please drop them off at the church Saturday, December 7th 8am-1pm**

**Proceeds to benefit our  
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## Children's schedule



**December 1**—Sunday  
School in Brock Hall

**December 8**—Children in  
church with their parents

**December 15**—Sunday School in Brock  
Hall. Nativity activity after church.

**December 22**—Christmas Pageant!

**December 24th**—Christmas Eve Family  
Service 4pm

Activity clipboards and children's  
books can be found in a basket at the



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## Haiti Giving Tree

For more than 30 years, St. Dunstan's has supported St. Andre's school in Hinche, Haiti. Thanks to St. Dunstan's, generations of school children in Haiti have received a hot lunch every day along with their education. Hungry children don't learn well. Your generosity has filled their tummies and brightened their minds.

Once more this holiday season we are asking for your support so that the 1500 children of St. Andre's know that we continue to hope and pray for them, as they pray for us in thanksgiving every day. Thank you more than we can say for caring for these needy children.



### ***Wonder what's going on at St. Dunstan's?***

*Sign up today to receive*

### **St. Dunstan's weekly eNews**

Getting weekly news, links to sermons, updates, and schedules is as simple as visiting [stdcv.org/subscribe](http://stdcv.org/subscribe) and entering your email address.

### **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.



## **Advent Season at St. Dunstan's**

### **December 1—First Sunday in Advent**

Lighting of Advent Candle & Prayers,  
Advent materials available to pick up on the welcome  
table: *Living Compass Advent Daily Devotional*

### **December 8—Second Sunday in Advent**

Lighting of Advent Candles & Prayers  
Haiti Holiday Greeting Cards on Sale  
*Christmas Cookie Sale!*

Cookies available to purchase by the dozen for \$15 or \$1 each

### **December 15—Third Sunday in Advent**

Lighting of Advent Candles & Prayers  
*Creche Coffee Hour* - after the 8 & 10am Services.

The Nativity Scene (also known as the Creche) is central to our Advent and Christmas celebrations, and there are many different varieties. We invite you to bring your nativity set(s) from home to share during coffee hour. Tables will be set up in Brock Hall where we'll have Coffee, Hot Chocolate, and Hot Cider, Fresh Baked Scones with Jam & Clotted Cream, and a Nativity Scene Activity for kids.

### **December 22—Fourth Sunday in Advent**

Lighting of Advent Candles & Prayers  
Christmas Pageant at 10am: A Telling of the Christmas Story through the eyes of the animals, featuring our children, their parents and our choir.

### **December 24th—Christmas Eve**

4pm Family Christmas Eve Service  
7pm Christmas Eve Choral Eucharist

### **December 25th—Christmas Day**

9am - An a Capella Christmas Morning Service



## Adult Faith Formation

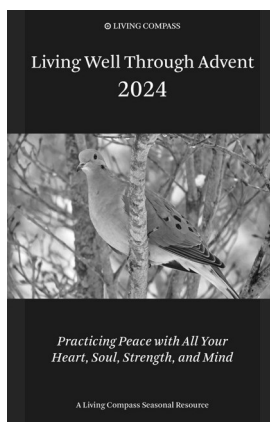
### ***Living Compass Advent Reflection.***

*Pick up your copy on the Welcome Table*

Sunday December 1—9:00am

Tuesday, December 3—6:00pm

Wednesday, December 4—11:00am



### **Christmas Schedule**

December 29—Christmas I  
10am - A Service of Christmas  
Lessons and Carols

January 5—Christmas II  
8am - Holy Eucharist  
10am - 12th Night Kings  
Procession with Holy Eucharist

### **Deadline for eNews, Bulletin**

Items for our eNews and Sunday  
Bulletin should be submitted  
to [stdunstanschurch@gmail.com](mailto:stdunstanschurch@gmail.com)  
by midnight Monday.

### **Christmas Poinsettia Dedications**

Dedicate a Christmas poinsettia in remembrance of a loved one, to mark an anniversary, or simply to give thanks. Recommended donation is \$20 each. Checks should be made out to St. Dunstan's with "Christmas Flowers" in the memo.



Please sign up on the Welcome Table. The deadline for submissions is December 15th.

## The Holiday Season is here!



This Holiday Season there are several ways to share our abundance with others near and far. Four of our St. Dunstan's ministries are offering these opportunities:



- **Daughters of The King** (11/17 - 12/7): collecting gifts The Salvation Army's Adopt-A-Family program. We are sponsoring a local family, single mother of 4, and you can find their needs on a sign-up sheet in the breezeway.
- **Haiti – St. André's School** (11/24 –12/22): setting up a Giving Tree to feed children at St. Andre's school in Hinche. A \$50 donation feeds one child for an entire school year and adds a shiny red ornament to our tree.
- **I-HELP** (12/1 – 12/15) – collecting \$20 cash gifts for the men and women in the program. I-Help supports sobriety and the homeless. Look for the info sheet and donation envelopes on the welcome table 12/8 and 12/15.

**We invite your participation & thank you for blessing our neighbors during the holidays!**

## 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 110.

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 St. Dunstan's, or if your contact information has changed, please fill out a Pew Card and drop it in the collection plate. Thanks!

# THIS WEEK AT ST DUNSTAN'S

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

## Sunday, December 1

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist
- 9:00 am Choir Rehearsal
- 9:00 am Adult Formation Living Compass  
Advent Reflection
- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist (live-streamed)

## Monday, December 2

Office Closed

## Tuesday, December 3

- 3:00 pm Vestry Meeting
- 5:30 pm Adult Formation Living Compass  
Advent Reflection
- 7:30 pm AA

## Wednesday, December 4

- 10:00 am Morning Prayer
- 11:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry
- 11:00 am Adult Formation Living Compass  
Advent Reflection
- 1:30 pm DOK Meeting

## Thursday, December 5

- 9:30 am Bible Study Facilitators Meeting
- 12:00 pm Quilters Group
- 4:00 pm Foundation Meeting

## Friday, December 6

## Saturday, December 7

- 9:00 am Choir Rehearsal

## Sunday, December 8

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist
- 9:00 am Choir Rehearsal
- 9:00 am Christmas Cookie Sale
- 9:00 am Adult Formation Living Compass  
Advent Reflection
- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist (live-streamed)
- 11:00 am Coffee Hour and Christmas  
Cookie Sale

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

## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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|------------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| 1—Cindy Poole    | 20—Charlotte Cabral   | 27—Perry Rosen |
| 10—Gus Hawthorne | 22—Jennifer Lama      | 30—Elin Rosen  |
| 16—Bob Young     | 22—Aleksander Simpson |                |
| 17—Jack Lagier   | 24—Taylor Hawthorne   |                |

**Sermon Notes**