



# THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 8, 2024  
8 am

ST. DUNSTAN'S  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*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 peace, during this Advent season, keep us from getting caught up in the busyness and chaos of the world around us. Help us to slow down, so that we may find rest in the Prince of Peace, your son, Jesus Christ. As we prepare for his coming, make us instruments of your peace in our homes, in our schools, in our work and in our world. **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.

Lord of the wilderness way, whose word scours our smooth evasions: take us on the unbending road to the raw centre of our world with a cry of invitation and the call of sudden grace; through Jesus Christ, the one who is to come.

**Amen.**

*The people are seated.*

### **Malachi 3:1–4**

*The prophet promises that, as the day of the Lord's judgment nears, God's messenger will be sent to make ready the Lord's way. The priests and temple servants, who say they are waiting for the Lord, need cleansing and purifying most of all. Suddenly the refiner will come to the temple, and then the offering of the people will be pleasing to the Lord. On this day Christians recognize that, with the bringing of the child Jesus to the temple, the time of purifying judgment has begun.*

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight-- indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

**People Thanks be to God.**

### **Canticle 16 (The Song of Zechariah) *Benedictus Dominus Deus***

*A song of thanksgiving and prophecy. The child will be called the prophet of the Most High and will make a way for the Lord.*

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; \*  
he has come to his people and set them free.

He has raised up for us a mighty savior, \*  
born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old,  
that he would save us from our enemies, \*  
from the hands of all who hate us.

He promised to show mercy to our fathers \*  
and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, \*  
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

Free to worship him without fear, \*  
holy and righteous in his sight  
all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, \*  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

To give his people knowledge of salvation \*  
by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God \*  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, \*  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

### **Philippians 1:3–11**

*Paul greets the new disciples in the town of Philippi, gives thanks for their sharing in the gospel, and prays that they may be found without fault on the judgment day of Christ. It is likely that this message of affection and appreciative joy was written toward the latter part of Paul's ministry, perhaps while he was in prison. He expresses great confidence that the work of grace begun by God in his converts will be brought to fruition.*

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Reader    The Word of the Lord.  
People    **Thanks be to God.**

*All stand*

**Luke 3:1–6**

*Luke sets the prophetic ministry of John the Baptist in the context of its time in history. It was customary during this era to date events with reference to the lives of rulers and well-known public figures. Within this history the word of God comes to John as he preaches his baptism of repentance. His ministry is in fulfillment of the words of Isaiah concerning the one who prepares the way of the Lord.*

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

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

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight.

Every valley shall be filled,  
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,  
and the crooked shall be made straight,  
and the rough ways made smooth;  
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

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

**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 and the Son,  
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,  
and 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 Prayer Shawl Ministry, who pray God's love  
into every stitch so that those who receive the gift of a shawl may be cradled  
in hope, graced with peace and wrapped in love. With hopeful hearts,

**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 are bold to say,

**People Our Father who art in heaven,**

**hallowed be Thy Name,**

**Thy kingdom come,**

**Thy will be done,**

**on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses,**

**as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,**

**but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,**

**for ever and ever. Amen.**

## The Breaking of the Bread

*The Priest breaks the consecrated bread.*

Priest 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 May the Holy eternal Majesty,  
the Holy incarnate Word,  
and the Holy abiding Spirit,  
bless you and keep 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.

## I-HELP

Bring some holiday cheer to our I-Help community! We are 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.



## Christmas Cookie Sale

**TODAY!**

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

**Proceeds to benefit our  
J2A Youth Program**

## 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.





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

### **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

### **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

## Adult Faith Formation

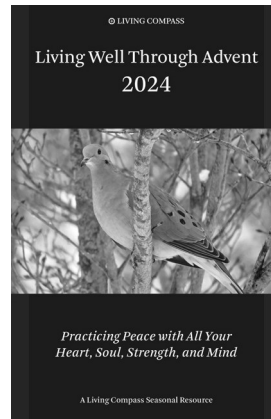
### ***Living Compass Advent Reflection.***

*Pick up your copy on the Welcome Table*

Sunday December 8—9:00am

Tuesday, December 10—6:00pm

Wednesday, December 11—11:00am



## 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. Here are some ways 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 signup 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!**

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

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

### *Help us get to know you by* **Filling out a Pew Card**

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



## Dedicate Altar Flowers



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

Sign up on the Welcome Table.

## Children's schedule



**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 back of the church.

## 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.

## 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.

### **J2A Fall 2024 Schedule**

*Middle School through High School Youth*

**December 7th** Christmas Cookie Baking:

4pm-5:30pm,

J2A Curriculum & Baking Cookies,  
at St. Dunstan's

**December 8th** Cookie Sale:

After 10am Service at St. Dunstan's

**Questions? Contact Cody Voorhees -  
cody.j.voorhees@gmail.com**

### **St. Dunstan's Vestry**

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# THIS WEEK AT ST DUNSTAN'S

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

## 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

## Monday, December 9

Office Closed

## Tuesday, December 10

- 4:30 pm** Zoom Compline
- 5:30 pm** Adult Formation Living Compass  
Advent Reflection
- 7:30 pm** AA

## Wednesday, December 11

- 10:00 am** Conversation and Communion  
Holy Eucharist
- 11:00 am** Prayer Shawl Ministry
- 11:00 am** Adult Formation Living Compass  
Advent Reflection

## Thursday, December 12

- 3:00 pm** Finance Meeting

## Friday, December 13

## Saturday, December 14

- 9:00 am** Choir Rehearsal

## Sunday, December 15

- 8:00 am** Holy Eucharist
- 9:00 am** Choir Rehearsal
- 9:00 am** Creche Coffee Hour in Brock Hall
- 9:00 am** Adult Formation Living Compass  
Advent Reflection
- 10:00 am** Holy Eucharist (live-streamed)
- 11:00 am** Creche Coffee Hour in Brock Hall

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

## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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**