



**ST. DUNSTAN'S**  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**REIGN OF CHRIST SUNDAY**  
**November 24, 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**

*All stand at the ringing of the bell.*

**Priest** Blessed be Our God.

**People** For ever and 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.

**People** Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

**The Collect of the Day** *The people stand or kneel.*

Priest God be with you.

**People** **And also with you.**

Priest Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*The people are seated.*

**2 Samuel 23:1–7**

*A lyric poem that celebrates the Davidic monarchy. God has established David's throne. David is in turn to make himself a blessing to the people, ruling justly and in the fear of the Lord. The godless will be overturned, and the faithful ruler, it is implied, will be the tool for their unseating. God's covenant with the just ruler, David, is an everlasting covenant.*

These are the last words of David:

The oracle of David, son of Jesse,  
the oracle of the man whom God exalted,  
the anointed of the God of Jacob,  
the favorite of the Strong One of Israel:

The spirit of the LORD speaks through me,  
his word is upon my tongue.

The God of Israel has spoken,  
the Rock of Israel has said to me:

One who rules over people justly,  
ruling in the fear of God,

is like the light of morning,  
like the sun rising on a cloudless morning,  
gleaming from the rain on the grassy land.

Is not my house like this with God?

For he has made with me an everlasting covenant,  
ordered in all things and secure.

Will he not cause to prosper  
all my help and my desire?  
But the godless are all like thorns that are thrown away;  
for they cannot be picked up with the hand;  
to touch them one uses an iron bar  
or the shaft of a spear.  
And they are entirely consumed in fire on the spot.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

**People Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 132:1–13**

*A petition to the Lord to remember the promise to David of a son to reign after him and for a lasting kingdom.*

- 1 LORD, remember David, \*  
and all the hardships he endured;
- 2 How he swore an oath to the LORD \*  
and vowed a vow to the Mighty One of Jacob:
- 3 "I will not come under the roof of my house," \*  
nor climb up into my bed;
- 4 I will not allow my eyes to sleep, \*  
nor let my eyelids slumber;
- 5 Until I find a place for the LORD, \*  
a dwelling for the Mighty One of Jacob."
- 6 "The ark! We heard it was in Ephratah; \*  
we found it in the fields of Jearim.
- 7 Let us go to God's dwelling place; \*  
let us fall upon our knees before his footstool."
- 8 Arise, O LORD, into your resting-place, \*  
you and the ark of your strength.
- 9 Let your priests be clothed with righteousness; \*  
let your faithful people sing with joy.
- 10 For your servant David's sake, \*  
do not turn away the face of your Anointed.

11 The LORD has sworn an oath to David; \*  
in truth, he will not break it:

12 "A son, the fruit of your body \*  
will I set upon your throne.

13 If your children keep my covenant  
and my testimonies that I shall teach them, \*  
their children will sit upon your throne for evermore."

### **Revelation 1:4b–8**

*The revelation made known to a disciple named John begins with a greeting from the everlasting God, from the seven spirits which worship God, and from Jesus Christ, the firstborn from the dead. Jesus, who continues to love his disciples, is praised as the faithful witness whose sacrifice has formed a royal household, a new priestly people to serve God. Soon he will come, like the one foreseen by the prophet Daniel, on the clouds of heaven. He now rules over all earthly kings, and God, the Alpha and Omega, the first and the last, is sovereign over all.*

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds;  
every eye will see him,  
even those who pierced him;  
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

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

## **John 18:33–37**

*As his passion draws near, Jesus comes face to face with the Roman governor, and seeks to explain the nature of his kingship. It has been suggested to Pilate that Jesus pretends to be some form of political ruler. But Jesus' kingship does not use the force of this world's weapons. Pilate then realizes that Jesus' kingship must be of a different order. The sovereignty of Jesus is found in his witness to divine truth. He reveals God's purpose and character, and those who share in this truth hear his voice.*

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

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

Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

**Priest**     The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*All are seated.*

## **The Sermon**

Rev. Julie Nelson

*After the sermon a brief silence is kept.*

## **The Nicene Creed** *All Stand.*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is,  
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the  
Virgin Mary, and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified,  
He has spoken through the Prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## The Prayers of the People

*The people stand or kneel*

Leader In peace, and faith, let us offer our prayers, saying “Lord hear our prayer”

*Silence*

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, let us pray;

**People Lord hear our prayer.**

Leader For our Presiding Bishop, Sean, our Bishop, Lucinda; all ministers, and for all of the people of God, let us pray;

**People Lord hear our prayer.**

Leader For peace and tranquility, and the salvation of all, let us pray;

**People Lord hear our prayer.**

Leader For the right use of the riches of creation; that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and suffering, let us pray;

**People Lord hear our prayer.**

Leader For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger, especially victims of natural disaster, discrimination and violence, let us pray;

**People Lord hear our prayer.**

Leader For this congregation, that we may be freed from hardness of heart and be bearers of your glory in all we do. We pray today especially for our Finance Committee, with thanks for their shared wisdom, counsel and dedication to keeping St. Dunstan’s financially healthy, let us pray;

**People Lord hear our prayer.**

Leader For those who are suffering in body, mind or in spirit, and are in need of healing and restoration. We pray *especially* for, and those we name now either silently or aloud:

*Silence*

Leader Let us pray;

**People Lord hear our prayer.**

Leader For all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.  
We pray *especially* for, and those we name now either silently or aloud.  
Let us pray;

**People Lord hear our prayer.**

Priest O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

### **The Confession**

Priest Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

**People Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

### **The Absolution**

Priest Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you your sins, through Jesus Christ our Lord, and strengthen you to live in the power of the Holy spirit all your days. **Amen.**

### **The Peace** *All stand.*

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People And also with you.**

*The people exchange the peace with one another.*

**Announcements** *All are seated.*



## Prayer for a Birthday

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant N. as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## THE 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 Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High.

*Psalm 50:14*

*All stand*

### The Great Thanksgiving

*Eucharistic Prayer B*

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 him thanks and praise.**

Priest It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**People 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 come in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*All stand or kneel.*

**Priest** We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son.

For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world.

In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**People We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory**

**Priest** And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **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** Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**People** **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

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 God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

### The Blessing

*All Stand*

Priest May God grant you the serenity to accept the things you can not change, the courage to change the things you can, and the wisdom to know the difference. And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be upon you and guide you on your way. **Amen.**

## Dismissal

Priest Let us go forth rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

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*



**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 3rd.**

**THANK YOU!**



Join us for a special  
Thanksgiving Coffee Hour

**Today!**

*A special thank you to Mystery and Richard Chastain for once again creating a beautiful way for us to give thanks together!*



**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  
J2A Youth Program



## **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

## 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:

- **Nancy's Project (11/17-11/24) – Thanksgiving food drive** - non-perishable items-- peanut butter, tuna, canned chicken and ham, beans and rice, vegetables, pasta and cereal are good choices. Items may be dropped off in Brock Hall or brought to church on Sunday and placed in the baskets in the breezeway.
- **Daughters of The King (11/17 - 12/1):** 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!**





## Adult Faith Formation

***Luke Bible Study continues this week with Chapter 11***

Sunday November 10—9:00am

Tuesday, November 12—6:00pm

Wednesday, November 13—11:00am



## Children's schedule

**November 24**—Children in church with their families. Thanksgiving Reception Coffee Hour following the service.

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

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

Activity clipboards and children's books can be found in a basket at the back of the church.



## 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

## 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.



## ***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.

## 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.

## St. Dunstan's Vestry

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## 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.

# THIS WEEK AT ST DUNSTAN'S

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

## Sunday, November 24

**8:00 am** Holy Eucharist  
**9:00am** Thanksgiving Reception  
**9:00 am** Choir Rehearsal  
**9:00 am** Luke Bible Study, Ch 11  
**10:00 am** Holy Eucharist (live-streamed)  
**11:30 am** Thanksgiving Reception

## Monday, November 25

Office Closed

## Tuesday, November 26

**3:00 pm** Vestry Meeting  
**5:30 pm** Luke Bible Study, Ch. 11  
**7:30 pm** AA

## Wednesday, November 27

**10:00 am** Conversation & Communion  
Holy Eucharist  
**11:00 am** Prayer Shawl Ministry  
**11:00 am** Luke Bible Study, Ch. 11

## Thursday, November 28

**9:30 am** Bible Study Facilitators Meeting

## Friday, November 29

## Saturday, November 30

**9:00 am** Choir Rehearsal

## Sunday, December 1

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

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

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1—Janel Hornbeck	14—Pam Gallaway	24—Kent Saunders
1—Cynthia Young	14—Chloe Lama	27—Mike Cervi
6—Larry Davidson	18—Nick Leonoff	28—Janet Morse
6—Barbara Greenway	18—Jackie Wendland	30—Pam Lawrence
6—Beth Heston	21—Betty Kasson	
9—Ramona Smith	22—John Tomlin	

**Sermon Notes**