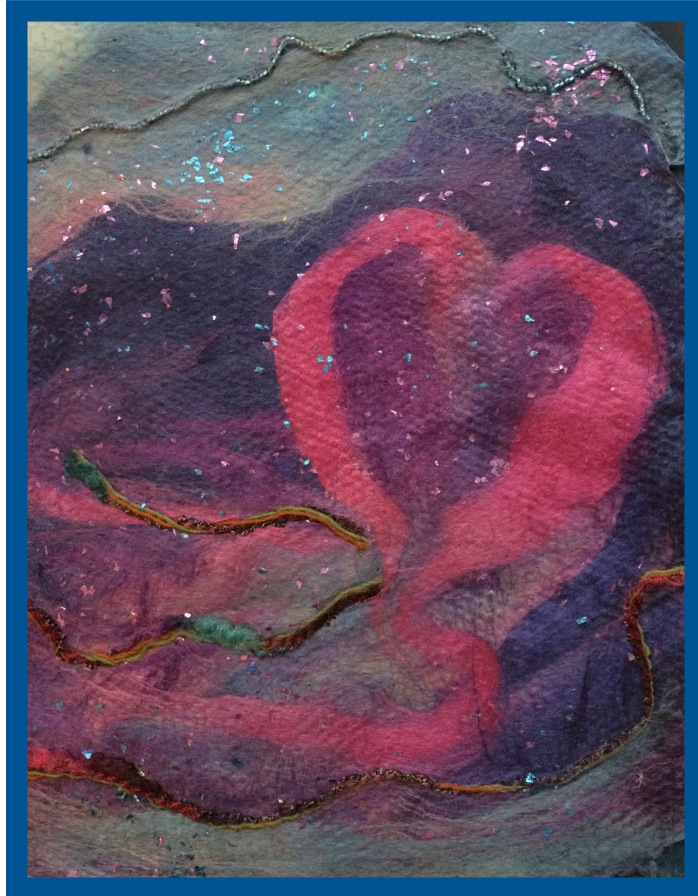


October 12, 2025
The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
10:30 a.m.: Celebration of Holy Eucharist
with Children's Chapel



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Welcome to St. Dunstan's!

*I give thanks for arriving
Safely in a new dawn,
For the gift of eyes
To see the world,
The gift of mind
To feel at home
In my life,
The waves of possibility
Breaking on the shore of dawn,
The harvest of the past
That awaits my hunger,
And all the furtherings
This new day will bring.*

~ John O'Donohue, "On Waking"



Thank you for choosing to worship with St. Dunstan's this morning! We are a community of seekers doing our best to live authentically and faithfully in this challenging and complicated world, and we are delighted that you are sharing the journey with us today.

Children are *always* welcome here; please make yourself and your family at home. There are coloring sheets on the round table between the glass doors, as well as books and soft toys at the back of the church. Rest assured: We are delighted by the "joyful noise" that children inevitably make, *and* don't worry if you feel you need to take your child out of the service for a few minutes.

Babysitting for children **4 and under** is provided **downstairs in the Nursery**. For everyone's safety, **registration is required**: Please scan the QR code to the right to sign up. *To learn more about offerings for children and families, please share your contact information on the clipboard on the Welcome Table.*



Restrooms are located in the hallway by the glass doors.

If you find the wooden pews uncomfortable, feel free to borrow a **cushion** from the rear of the Nave for use during worship.

Please wear a **name tag**! Permanent name tags are on the board in the entry hall. If you don't yet have a permanent tag, please use a stick-on badge until we can make you an official one.

Unless otherwise noted, music for this morning's **hymns** may be found in the blue *Hymnal 1982* or the red and black *Lift Every Voice and Sing* in your pew rack.

The Holy Eucharist

Prelude

Ulysses Squitieri, *organ*

Please stand, as you are able, and join in singing.

Processional Hymn

“Praise to God, immortal praise”

Music: *Hymnal*, 288

Praise to God, immortal praise,
for the love that crowns our days;
bounteous source of every joy,
let thy praise our tongues employ:
all to thee, our God, we owe,
source whence all our blessings flow.

All the plenty summer pours;
autumn’s rich o’erflowing stores;
flocks that whiten all the plain;
yellow sheaves of ripened grain:
Lord, for these our souls shall raise
grateful vows and solemn praise.

As thy prospering hand hath blessed,
may we give thee of our best;
and by deeds of kindly love
for thy mercies grateful prove;
singing thus through all our days
praise to God, immortal praise.

The Liturgy of the Word

Opening Acclamation

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

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

The Collect for Purity

Presider and People

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.

Song of Praise

“In the Lord I’ll be ever thankful”

Taizé chant

In the Lord I'll be ev - er thank - ful, in the Lord I will re -
joice! Look to God, do not be a - fraid. Lift up your
voic - es, the Lord is near, lift up your voic - es, the Lord is near.

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Repeat, following the Choir.

The Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray: Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever, **Amen.**

Please be seated.

Children are invited to attend Children's Chapel in the Youth Room.

The Epistle: 2 Timothy 2:8-15

Lector A Reading from the Second Letter to Timothy:

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. The saying is sure:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;
if we endure, we will also reign with him;
if we deny him, he will also deny us;
if we are faithless, he remains faithful—
for he cannot deny himself.

Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please join in reciting the psalm responsively.

Psalm 111

Alleluia! I will give thanks to you, O God, with my whole heart, *
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

Great are your deeds, O God; *
they are studied by all who delight in them.

Your work is full of majesty and splendor, *
and your righteousness endures for ever.

You make your marvelous works to be remembered; *
you are gracious and full of compassion.

You give food to those who fear you; *
you are ever mindful of your covenant.

You have shown your people the power of your works *
in giving them the lands of the nations.

The works of your hands are faithfulness and justice; *
all your commandments are sure.

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They stand fast for ever and ever, *
because they are done in truth and equity.

You sent redemption to your people;
you commanded your covenant for ever; *
holy and awesome is your Name.

The fear of God is the beginning of wisdom; *
those who act accordingly have a good understanding;
God's praise endures for ever.

Please stand and join in singing.

Sequence Hymn

“Surely it is God who saves me”

Music: *Hymnal*, 679

Surely it is God who saves me;
trusting him, I shall not fear.
For the Lord defends and shields me
and his saving help is near.
So rejoice as you draw water
from salvation's living spring;
in the day of your deliverance
thank the Lord, his mercies sing.
Make his deeds known to the peoples;
tell out his exalted Name.
Praise the Lord, who has done great things;
all his works his might proclaim.
Zion, lift your voice in singing;
for with you has come to dwell,
in your very midst, the great and
Holy One of Israel.

The Gospel: Luke 17:11-19

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

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

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the

other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you Lord Christ.**

Please be seated at the preacher's invitation.

The Sermon

The Rector

After a moment of silence, please stand.

The Nicene Creed

Presider and People

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 worshiped 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 Intercessor and People pray responsively

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. We lift before you:

Sarah, our Archbishop of Canterbury-designate; *Sean*, our Presiding Bishop; *Mariann*, our Bishop; *Eugene*, our Assisting Bishop; *Hosam*, Archbishop in Jerusalem; and all who minister in the Church.

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Fill us with your hope, O God,
that we may learn to trust in you.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. We remember Federal workers, members of our Armed Forces, Foreign Service, and Emergency Services; the peoples of Gaza, Haiti, Israel, Russia, South Sudan, Sudan, Ukraine, and the United States; and refugees, migrants, and displaced persons;

Fill us with your hope, O God,
that we may learn to trust in you.

Give us a reverence for the earth as your own Creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. We pray for all people, animals, and plants impacted by natural and climate disasters, and we ask for the wisdom and humility to care for your world with reverence.

Fill us with your hope, O God,
that we may learn to trust in you.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Fill us with your hope, O God,
that we may learn to trust in you.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, remembering especially those commended to our Parish Prayer List (*see p. 16*) and those we name now, silently or out loud:

Pause for prayers for petition and intercession

Give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Fill us with your hope, O God,
that we may learn to trust in you.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled. This week we give thanks for the lives of *Kenneth Anders*, and those in whose memory the Altar flowers have been given today: *Monica Dorr Burdeshaw*; *Jo Anne Vigor Fowler*; and *Jane Whittlesy North*. May we share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Fill us with your hope, O God,
that we may learn to trust in you.

The Presider concludes

Lord, you have helped us glimpse the plans you have for us: With your help, we are indeed doing a new thing. Inspire us to dream beyond our self-perceived limits, and move forward with confidence to fulfill your vision for our future. In Jesus' Name we pray, **Amen.**

The Confession and Absolution

Presider Let us confess our sins against God and one another.

A brief silence

Presider and 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.

Presider Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life, **Amen.**

The Peace

Presider May the peace of Christ be always with you!

People **And also with you!**

Please greet one another in the Name of Christ and then be seated.

Welcome

I will give thanks to you, O God, with my whole heart,
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation. *Psalm 111:1*

At the Offertory

Wash me thoroughly

S. Wesley (1810-1876)

Dashiell Waterbury, *tenor*

*Thank you for supporting the mission and ministry of St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church!
If you would like to make an offering this morning, you may place it in the Offertory bag.
Please also feel free to donate online at <https://stdunstansbethesda.org/support/donate.html>
or mail a check to the Parish Office.*

The Holy Communion

Please stand as the Offering is brought forward and join in singing.

The Doxology

Music: *Hymnal*, 380

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host:
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

The Great Thanksgiving

EOW, Eucharistic Prayer 1

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Presider

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

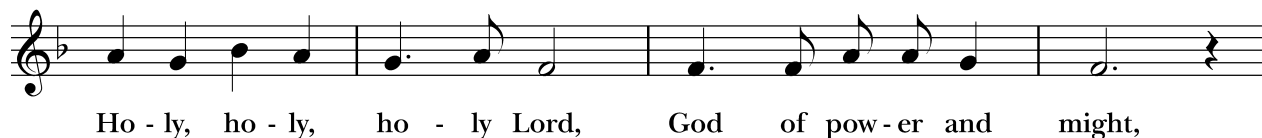
You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body.

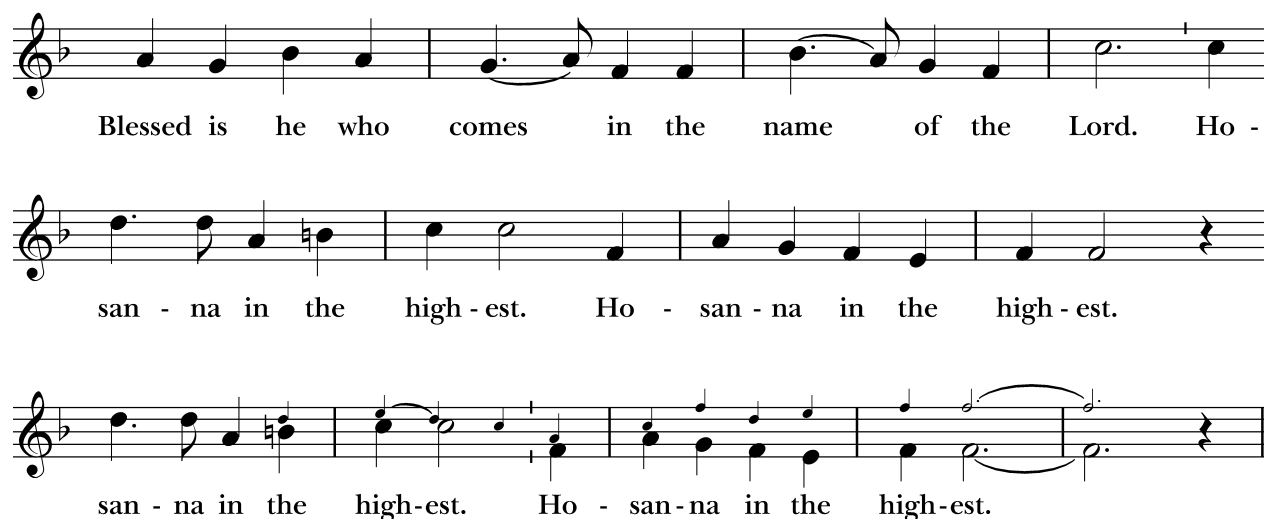
Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Sanctus

Hymnal, S-125





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Please stand, kneel, or sit.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation.

Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, 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.”**

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”**

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Presider and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Dunstan, and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

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, **AMEN.**

And now, as our savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

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

A period of silence is kept.

Presider Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

Presider These are the Gifts of God, for you, the People of God, **Amen.**

Please be seated.

The Communion

All are welcome to receive the Sacrament in one or both kinds. Consecrated wine is available from the chalice or in individual cups; gluten-free Communion bread is also available upon request. Please place used Communion cups in the bowl at the back for reverent disposal. If you would prefer not to receive, you are invited to come forward for a blessing, the signal for which is to cross your arms over your chest when you reach the Altar.

Music during Communion

“As longs the deer for cooling streams”

Hymnal, 658

St. Dunstan’s Chancel Choir

Please join in singing.

“There is a balm in Gilead”

Music: Hymnal, 676

*There is a balm in Gilead,
to make the wounded whole,
there is a balm in Gilead,
to heal the sin-sick soul.*

Sometimes I feel discouraged,
and think my work’s in vain,
but then the Holy Spirit
revives my soul again.

Refrain

If you cannot preach like Peter,
if you cannot pray like Paul,
you can tell the love of Jesus,
and say, “He died for all.”

Refrain

Please stand.

Prayer after Communion

Presider Let us pray:

and People **Eternal 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.**

Closing Litany and Blessing

Presider As we turn to the tasks before us this day,
People **fill us, gracious God.**
Presider In making faithful choices, great and small,
People **guide us, gracious God.**
Presider As we seek to notice and serve those in need,
People **teach us, gracious God.**
Presider As we offer our lives to you,
People **hear us, gracious God.**
Presider With our hearts ready to serve,
People **accompany us, gracious God.**
Presider And may the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you, and all those you love, from this day forth and forevermore, **Amen.**

Please join in singing.

Closing Hymn

“Give thanks for life”

Wonder, Love, and Praise, 775

1. Give thanks for life, the meas - ure of our days,
2. Give thanks for those who made their life a light
3. And for our own, our liv - ing and our dead,
4. Give thanks for hope, that like the wheat, the grain

mor - tal, we pass through beau - ty that de - cays, yet
caught from the Christ flame burst - ing through the night, who
thanks for the love by which our life is fed, a
ly - ing in dark - ness does its life re - tain, in

sing to God our hope, our love, our praise,
 touched the truth, who burned for what is right,
 love not changed by time or death or dread, } Al -
 res - ur - rec - tion to grow green a - gain.

le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

Words: Shirley Erena Murray (b. 1931). Music: *Sine nomine*, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958); arr. Robert Roth (b. 1928).

Please be seated following the hymn.

Announcements (*see pp. 17-19*)

Please stand, as you are able.

The Dismissal

Presider Let us bless the Lord!

People **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

Ulysses Squitieri, *organ*

The flowers adorning the Altar this morning are given by
Trudy Surut, to the Glory of God and in loving memory of
Monica Dorr Burdeshaw, Jo Anne Vigor Fowler, and Jane Whittlesy North.

Welcome, Visitors!

We are delighted that you are here, and we hope you can stay for a few minutes after worship so that we can greet you properly. To learn more about St. Dunstan's, please fill out a **visitor form**, found on the table in the entry hall, and help yourself to a **welcome bag** as a token of our gratitude that you have joined us today.



Please remember in prayer:

Julie Anderson; Jeff Boesch; Rebecca Bryant; Phil and Patti Carroll;
Austin Cox; Henry Cox; Donna Embry; Kenny Farnsworth; Katie Beck Fey;
Jon Michael Gaudioso; Ben Hull; David Hull; Frank Libutti; Patricia Mackenzie;
John Meeker; Cathy Nerantzis; Rick Nickles; Joyce Nugent; Linda Rogers;
Shannon Rose; Curtis Shively; Jack Tovornik; Peggy Vaughn; Sandra Walters;
Jim Ward; Amy; Ben; Bill; Bob; Christopher; Claire; David; Farid; Gerald; Grace;
Henry; Karen; Katherine; Marty; Melanie; Phyllis; Sherry; *and* Shiloh



Celebrating More Contemporary Saints

Part of our rich Anglican tradition is the commemoration of significant figures in the history of The Episcopal Church who have set an example of “saintly living” for the rest of us. This week we remember and give thanks for two such noteworthy individuals:

Edith Cavell (1865–1915), a British nurse and Anglican, is revered in the Episcopal Church for her compassion and sacrificial courage in World War I. Cavell treated wounded soldiers from all sides without discrimination, embodying Christ's command to love even one's enemies. She helped hundreds of Allied troops escape German-occupied Belgium, an act of mercy that led to her arrest and execution by firing squad after a court-martial. Her refusal to harbor bitterness, even toward those who condemned her, inspired generations; her famous last words — “Patriotism is not enough. I must have no hatred or bitterness toward anyone.” — reflect a profound Gospel ethic. Cavell also advanced nursing in Belgium, founding pioneering schools and raising standards for the profession. She exemplified the call to heal, to reconcile, and to courageously confront injustice for the sake of love. She is commemorated in the Episcopal Church because her sacrificial service and uncompromising faith in the face of death mirror the Church's highest values: mercy, courage, and reconciliation. She is remembered on the liturgical calendar today, **October 12**.

Samuel Isaac Joseph Schereschewsky (1831–1906) is remembered in the Episcopal Church for his extraordinary life as a missionary, Bishop, and Bible translator in China. Born in Lithuania to Jewish parents and originally trained for the rabbinate, Schereschewsky's conversion to Christianity was marked by searching intellect and spiritual courage. After coming to America, he joined the Episcopal Church and responded to a call to mission in China. He translated the Bible and Book of Common Prayer into Mandarin, making the Christian message accessible to millions. A gifted linguist, he did translation work even after becoming paralyzed, typing thousands of pages with one finger. Schereschewsky also founded St. John's College in Shanghai, expanding opportunities for Chinese youth and church leaders. He became Bishop of Shanghai but resigned due to ill health, continuing his work quietly. His perseverance, inclusivity, and dedication to sharing the Gospel in the language and culture of the people he served and His witness to steadfast service amidst adversity illustrates the Church's commitment to mission, translation, and cross-cultural understanding. Samuel Schereschewsky's feast day is **October 14**. ~ Curated by Ray Donnelly

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Announcements

Today at St. Dunstan's:

- + **Fellowship Time:** Come share a cup of coffee or tea, a snack, and good conversation in the **Parish Hall** immediately following this service!
- + **Adult Formation Hour:** As part of our "saints" project this fall we are identifying the individuals who are saints in our eyes...and we're going to make "icons" of our saints to display in the Nave Gallery. Today Liturgical Artist-in-Residence **Sue Carroll** will lead us in a "**Saint Icons Assembly Festival**" at **12 Noon** in the **Parish Hall**. Come join the fun – and/or pick up a "Saint Icon Assembly Kit" from Sue to assemble at home.
- + **The Chancel Choir** rehearses at **12 Noon**. New members are welcome!

The Week Ahead:

- + **Monday, October 13:**
 - **Parish Office closed in observance of Federal Holiday**
- + **Tuesday, October 14:**
 - **No Prayers for Peace and Healing (Rector at Professional Development Event)**
- + **Wednesday, October 15:**
 - **10:30 a.m.: Bible Study on The Gospel of Luke (Zoom)**

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+ **Next Sunday, October 19:**

- **10:30 a.m.: Capital Campaign Pledge Card Ingathering**
- **12 Noon: Adult Formation Forum ~ “Passionate about Trees: Because Oxygen is a Tough Habit to Break”** (*Parish Hall*). The St. Dunstan’s Green Team invites you to this special presentation by **Hank Dearden**, Executive Director of **ForestPlanet**, a small tree planting nonprofit organization. Hank will talk about reforestation as a meaningful act of service and benefit for all people. Please plan to join us and invite your friends to this important community event. *Special thanks to David Repka for organizing!*



Fall Festival 2025 CANCELLED

We have made the difficult decision to **cancel** this year’s Fall Festival, scheduled for October 25. The Festival requires the participation of *many* people, as it’s more work than the leadership team can (or should) handle on their own. This is a challenging time for everyone, and we just haven’t had sufficient volunteer support this year – which is absolutely understandable. We will look forward with hope to the return of the Fall Festival in October 2026! Please join me in thanking **Julie Anderson**, **Doug McManus**, and **Pam Ostuw** for their willingness to organize this year’s extravaganza on behalf of the community.

In the meantime: Please stay tuned for the **Online Auction**, our annual fundraiser, coming in November...Let St. Dunstan’s help with your Christmas shopping! Special thanks to **Dani Kauffman** and **Leo Bouma** for agreeing to co-chair this year’s auction! ~ Patty+

“Buy a Pumpkin, Save the World”! For over 30 years, parishioners at **Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill** (3606 Seminary Road, Alexandria) have sponsored **The Pumpkin Patch**, a signature fundraiser for Outreach. One hundred percent of Pumpkin Patch proceeds go to more than 25 local, national, and international organizations that directly support feeding, housing, educating, and caring for the most vulnerable. The Patch offers all sizes of pumpkins grown by Navajo farmers; also for sale are beautiful gourds, delicious home-made soups and baked goods, and autumn- and Halloween-themed crafts. The Patch is open every day through Friday, October 31:



Weekdays: 12 Noon–6 p.m.

Weekends/October 14 Federal Holiday: 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

St. Dunstan's Capital Campaign Update

"For I know the plans I have for you...plans to give you hope and a future."

~ Jeremiah 29:11

On behalf of the Rector, Wardens, and Vestry, **thank you** to the following individuals and households who have pledged* their support to the 2025 St. Dunstan's Capital Campaign, ***Growing in Faith, Building the Future!*** Your support is essential to the future thriving of this parish, as we prepare to embark on significant work to ensure the safe functioning of our buildings for years to come. We are so grateful. If you have not yet completed a pledge card, we hope that you will consider making an official commitment to this campaign before next Sunday, **October 19**; you may spread your gift out over (up to) the next five years. Copies of the campaign brochure, along with pledge cards, are available on the table in Founders' Hall. Just look for the crane! Please hand your completed card to one of us, and do not hesitate to ask us any questions about the mechanics of pledging.



Faithfully,

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Carmen Petruzzi (carmenpet05@gmail.com)

Rosemarie Sweeney (rosievergreen@gmail.com)

Pledges received to date (as of October 11, 2025):

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Donna Alvarez

Julie Anderson

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Presider and Preacher:	The Rev. Patricia Phaneuf Alexander
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Altar Guild:	Augusta Cox, Ann Johnson, and Michelle Mesen
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Greeter:	Kiska Williams
Livestream Minister:	Karen Edwards
Acolyte:	Connelly Anderson Gomez
Crucifer:	Cami Caudill
Children's Chapel:	Julie Anderson and Leo Bouma
Lector:	Teresa Lee
Psalm Leader:	Fred Atwood
Intercessor:	Cami Caudill
Lay Eucharistic Ministers:	Cami Caudill and Michelle Mesen
Ushers:	David and Janet Repka
Barista:	Fred Smoak
Vestry Member of the Day:	Leo Bouma
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Artist's Reflection: *"I will give thanks to God with my whole heart."* Yes, this is the same one you saw back in July. However, it is NOT from the same Psalm: that was 138, this is 111. It is a recurring theme in the Psalms, probably for very good reason. When I remember to slow down — pay attention to the things around me that are lovely (or smell good, or taste good, or just make me smile for whatever reason) — and lift my whole heart to God in gratitude...well, that puts me in a different frame of mind for the rest of the day. It would be good for me to do it more often. Thank you, Psalmist, for the reminder.

~ Sue Carroll, *Liturgical Artist-in-Residence*

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