

October 11, 2026
The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
10:30 a.m.: Holy Eucharist
with Children's Chapel



St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church
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Welcome to St. Dunstan's!

Thought for the Day...

You must never be fearful about what you are doing when it is right.

~ Rosa Parks



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 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.

This morning we welcome **David Palmer** as our **Guest Organist**.

For Your Prayers

For healing, strength, and protection:

Galen Adams; Jim and Karen Besser; Joyce Bleby;
Phil and Patti Carroll; Steve Cooper; Henry Cox; Traci Dean;
Kenny Farnsworth; Katie Beck Fey; Torrey Finck; John Flentje; Nick Gilbert;
Louisa Greene; Terry Haight; Sue Hale; Ben Hull; Michael and Susan Leto;
Patricia Mackenzie; Silvia Mese; Rick Nickles; Meg Adams Pool; Linda Rogers;
Curtis Shively; Jack Tovornik; Sandra Walters; David Wheeler; Charlie Wooters;
Martha Lou Youngblood; Anna; Ben; Bill; Christopher; Griffin; Heather; JW;
Karen; Katherine; Lindsay and William; Luke; Marty; Melanie; Michelle; MT;
Noor; Paola; Patrick; Phyllis; Robert; Sherry; *and* Shiloh

For peace in Bolivia, Haiti, the Holy Land, Iran, Lebanon, Sudan and South
Sudan, Ukraine, and throughout God's world

For refugees and immigrants

For the women and men of our Foreign Service and Armed Forces

For emergency personnel and first responders

For the victims of climate and natural disasters, especially those impacted by
Hurricane Isaias

For missionaries serving throughout the world

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow:

For the marriages this weekend of

Lacy Douglas (*daughter of Nancy and Walter Douglas*) and Micah Sindelar;

Carmen Petruzzi and Karen Riibner; *and*

Jonathan Rice (*son of Rosi Sweeney and Ed Rice*) and Mackenzie Covington

Please observe quiet before the service to enable others to pray and prepare for worship.

The Holy Eucharist

Prelude

David Palmer, *organ*

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

Processional Hymn

“Lord, we have come at your own invitation”

Music: *Hymnal*, 348

Lord, we have come at your own invitation,
chosen by you, to be counted as friends:
yours is the strength that sustains our vocation,
ours a commitment we know never ends.

Here, at your table, confirm our intention
ever to cherish the gifts you provide;
teach us to serve without pride or pretension,
led by your Spirit, defender and guide.

When, at your table, each time of returning,
vows are renewed, and our courage restored:
may we increasingly glory in learning
all that it means to accept you as Lord.

So, in the world where each duty assigned us
gives us the chance to create or destroy,
help us to make those decisions that bind us,
Lord, to yourself, in obedience and joy.

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.**

Song of Praise

“All glory be to God on high,” v. 1

Hymnal, 421

1 All glo - ry be to God on high, and peace on earth from
hea - ven, and God's good will un - fail - ing - ly be
to all peo - ple giv - en. We bless, we wor - ship you, we raise for

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of three staves of music in G major (one sharp). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a '1' indicating the first verse. The lyrics are: '1 All glo - ry be to God on high, and peace on earth from'. The second staff continues: 'hea - ven, and God's good will un - fail - ing - ly be'. The third staff concludes: 'to all peo - ple giv - en. We bless, we wor - ship you, we raise for'.

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 at this time.

The Epistle: Philippians 4:1-9

Lector A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians:

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing

the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please join in reciting the Psalm responsively.

Psalm 106:1-5

Alleluia! Give thanks, for the Holy One is good;*
God's mercy endures for ever.

Who can declare the mighty acts of God*
or show forth rightful praise?

Happy are they who act with justice*
and always do what is right!

Remember me, O God, with the favor you have for your people,*
and visit me with your saving help.

That I may see the prosperity of your elect
and be glad with the gladness of your people,*
that I may glory with your inheritance.

Please stand and join in singing.

Sequence Hymn

"O Jesus, joy of loving hearts"

Music: *Hymnal*, 649

O Jesus, joy of loving hearts,
the fount of life and our true light,
we seek the peace your love imparts,
and stand rejoicing in your sight.

We taste in you our living bread,
and long to feast upon you still;
we drink of you, the fountainhead,
our thirsting souls to quench and fill.

For you our restless spirits yearn
where'er our changing lot is cast;
glad, when your presence we discern,
blest, when our faith can hold you fast.

O Jesus, ever with us stay;
make all our moments calm and bright;
oh, chase the night of sin away,
shed o'er the world your holy light.

The Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.

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

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you Lord Christ.**

Please be seated at the preacher’s invitation.

The Sermon: “Whatever”

The Rector

After a moment of silence, please stand.

The Nicene Creed

Leader 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.

**universal*

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 pray for your Church and her leaders, especially *Sarah*, Archbishop of Canterbury; *Sean*, our Presiding Bishop; *Mariann*, our Bishop; *Eugene*, our Assisting Bishop; and *Hosam*, Archbishop in Jerusalem.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

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 pray for an end to conflict in Bolivia, Haiti, the Holy Land, Iran, Lebanon, Sudan and South Sudan, Ukraine, and all those places devastated by war, terrorism, and other violence.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may care for its resources rightly, in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

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.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We remember before you those who have been commended to our prayers (*see p. 3*), and those whom we name now, silently or aloud:

Pause for prayers of petition or intercession

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We give thanks for all the blessings of this life, especially for the marriages this weekend of *Lacy Douglas and Micah Sindelar; Carmen Petruzzi and Karen Riibner; and Jonathan Rice and Mackenzie Covington*. May they walk in your love all their days, and may their lives together show forth your joy and abundant grace.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

The Presider concludes

Merciful God, your strength and courage pour forth to sustain the witness of your faithful people: Awaken in us the humility to serve wherever creation is broken and needy, that we may follow in the way of our brother, Jesus, die as he did to all that separates us from you, and be raised, as he was, to new life, **Amen**.

The Confession and Absolution

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

Please stand or kneel, as your piety dictates.

Deacon 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.

The Offertory

Presider

Alleluia! Give thanks, for the Holy One is good;
God's mercy endures for ever.

Psalm 106:1

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.*

Please stand and join in singing.

Offertory Hymn

"Rejoice, ye pure in heart!," vv. 1-3

Music: *Hymnal*, 556

Rejoice, ye pure in heart!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!
Your glorious banner wave on high,
the cross of Christ your King.

*Rejoice, rejoice,
rejoice, give thanks, and sing.*

With all the angel choirs,
with all the saints of earth,
pour out the strains of joy and bliss,
true rapture, noblest mirth.

Refrain

Your clear hosannas raise,
and alleluias loud;
while answering echoes upward float,
like wreaths of incense cloud.

Refrain

The Holy Communion

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

Eucharistic Prayer A

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.**

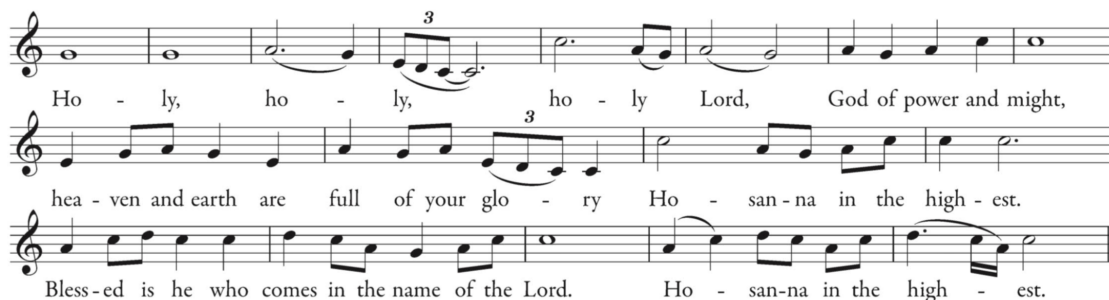
Presider

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

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:

Sanctus

Lift Every Voice and Sing, 252



Please stand or sit.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 many 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.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Dunstan, and all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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.**

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 by sipping directly from the silver chalice or by dipping your bread gently into the blue chalice; gluten-free Communion bread is available upon request. If you would prefer not to receive, you are invited to come forward for a blessing, the signal for which is to place your hand over your heart when you reach the Altar.

Music during Communion

Jesus, all my gladness

Text: J. Franck (1618-1677);

trans. A. W. Wotherspoon (1853-1936)

Tune: *Jesu, Meine Freude*, J. Crüger (1598-1662)

St. Dunstan's Chancel Choir

Remaining seated, please join in singing.

“My God, thy table now is spread”

Music: *Hymnal*, 321

My God, thy table now is spread,
thy cup with love doth overflow;
be all thy children thither led,
and let them thy sweet mercies know.

O let thy table honored be,
and furnished well with joyful guests;
and may each soul salvation see,
that here its sacred pledges tastes.

Drawn by thy quickening grace, O Lord,
in countless number let them come
and gather from their Father's board
the Bread that lives beyond the tomb.

Nor let thy spreading Gospel rest
till through the world thy truth has run,
till with this Bread shall all be blessed
who see the light or feel the sun.

Please stand.

The 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.**

The Blessing

Presider

May God bless you with a restless discomfort at easy answers, half truths, and superficial relationships, so that you may live deep within your heart;
May God bless you with anger at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people, so that you may work for justice, freedom, and peace;
May God bless you with tears to shed for those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation and war, so that you may reach out your hand to comfort them and turn their pain into joy;
May God bless you with enough foolishness to believe that you can make a difference in this world, so that you can do what others claim cannot be done.

And may the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you, and all those you love, from this day forth and forevermore, **Amen.**

Please join in singing.

Closing Hymn

“Now thank we all our God”

Music: *Hymnal*, 397

Now thank we all our God,
with heart, and hands, and voices,
who wondrous things hath done,
in whom his world rejoices;

who from our mother's arms
hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us!
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us in his grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given,
the Son, and him who reigns
with them in highest heaven,
eternal, Triune God,
whom earth and heaven adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be, evermore.

Please be seated.

Announcements

Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit!
People **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

David Palmer, *organ*

The flowers adorning the Altar today are given by
Nancy and Walter Douglas,
to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for the marriage yesterday of
Lacy Douglas and Micah Sindelar.

Announcements

Today at St. Dunstan's:

- **Welcome, Visitors!** We are delighted that you are here, and we hope you will 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** on the **Welcome Table**, and please take a **welcome bag** as a token of our gratitude that you have joined us today.
- **Fellowship Time:** ALL are invited to the **Parish Hall** for a beverage and snack following the service!
- Our **Fall Adult Formation Series, "Episcopal 101,"** continues today at **12 Noon** in the **Parish Hall**. Everyone is welcome to join this Adult Formation course about what it means to be a Christian –specifically, in the Episcopal tradition. See **the Rector** for more information.

This Week:

- **Monday, October 12:**
 - + **Parish Office closed in observance of the Federal holiday**
- **Tuesday, October 13:**
 - + **12 Noon: Prayers for Peace and Healing (Zoom)**
- **Wednesday, October 14:**
 - + **10:30 a.m.: Bible Study on The Revelation to John (Zoom)**

Save the Date!



The (nearly) annual **St. Dunstan's Fall Festival** will be held on **Saturday, October 24 from 4-6 p.m.** The event will be open to the public. As in previous years, we will have the Blue Breeze live band playing folk and classic rock tunes; moon bounce and activities for the kids; and Halloween candy. We will not hold a

Haunted House this year, but we are adding an "About Us" table to answer questions about St. Dunstan's for the church-curious folks who may attend. We are looking for volunteers to help set-up, staff the different activities, and clean-up. Please scan the QR code to select a slot. There are both one-hour and two-hour slots available.

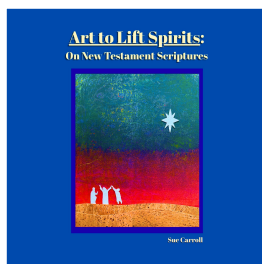
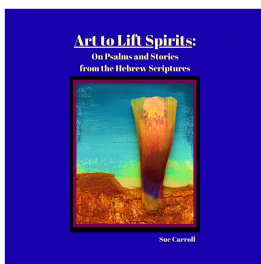


Christmas Boxes for So Others Might Eat (SOME)

Elin Botha and **Alex Lane** are assembling **Christmas Boxes** for vulnerable children and adults experiencing poverty and homelessness, and they need your help! Please see the flyer on the Welcome Table for a list of all items requested, and feel free to connect with either Elin (elin.botha@gmail.com) or Alex (lane.alex49@gmail.com) to learn how you can get involved in this important ministry.

Get Ready to Order Your "Art to Lift Spirits" Books!

The two books of art and reflections by St. Dunstan's own Liturgical Artist-in-Residence, Sue Carroll, will be ready to order this week!



E-Book versions of both are already for sale and downloadable TODAY at Amazon.com for \$11.99. Paperback editions will come out November 15, for \$24.99 each. In a special pre-release deal for friends and family at St. Dunstan's, **we can offer the set of both books for \$45.00.** Start making your Christmas shopping lists now, and then watch for a link in the newsletter this week to place your orders.

Proceeds from all the sales will go directly to support St. Dunstan's outreach and refugee support programs. Sue will have her proof copies of the books to show during Fellowship Time. Come and see!

The Anvil Society is Double-Checking and Updating its Records

St. Dunstan's Anvil Society is an honor society recognizing the generosity of our parishioners past and present who have made arrangements for a Planned Gift for St. Dunstan's. The Anvil Society's mission is to provide a strong and vibrant future for our church.

Parishioners who have made St. Dunstan's a beneficiary of their will, insurance policy, financial account, or other planned giving program are members of the Anvil Society.

We are rechecking our records and updating them now.

If you have already designated St. Dunstan's in your estate documents, please reach out to the Rector and/or Danette (Dani) Kauffman now to share this information that you are a member of the Anvil Society. We want to ensure that we can thank you appropriately and have your name on our Anvil Society Donor Honor Roll.

If you would like more information about how you can support this vital ministry through a planned gift, contact Dani danettekauffman@rcn.com at 202-258-9743 or the Rector.

Serving this Morning

Presider and Preacher:	The Rev. Patricia Phaneuf Alexander
Deacon:	The Rev. Jessica Ault
Musicians:	Heather Fetrow, David Palmer, and the St. Dunstan's Chancel Choir
Altar Guild:	Marsha Barnes, Ann Johnson, and Michelle Mesen
Greeters:	Donna Alvarez
Livestream Minister:	Karen Edwards
Acolyte:	Connelly Anderson Gomez
Crucifer:	Doug McManus
Children's Chapel:	Jenna Monroe and Jia Lynn Yang
Lector:	Cami Caudill
Psalm Leader:	Julie Anderson
Intercessor:	Diane Adams
Lay Eucharistic Minister:	Cami Caudill
Ushers:	
Hospitality Ministry:	Elin Botha and Fred Smoak
Vestry Member of the Day:	Doug McManus

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*Artist's Reflection

It seems important to me that Paul wrote these assuring words to the Christians in Philippi when he was in prison, and they were struggling to maintain their community. He urges them to not worry, but to take their requests to God – and to think about all the good that exists alongside their troubles. In the image here, in spite of the darkness around her, the person in prayer is also surrounded by the comfort of God's presence.

In spite of all the troubles around us, can we pray for awareness of God's loving presence?

Made from acrylic paint on canvas board, painted papers, and feathers.

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

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