

October 4, 2026
The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost:
Creation Sunday ~ The Feast of St. Francis
10:30 a.m.: Holy Eucharist
with Children's Chapel and Healing Prayers



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

Thought for the Day...

Our goal should be to live life in radical amazement...Get up in the morning and look at the world in a way that takes nothing for granted. Everything is phenomenal; everything is incredible; never treat life casually. To be spiritual is to be amazed.

~ Abraham Joshua Heschel



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 **Dan Miller** 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 Mesen; Rick Nickles; Meg Adams Pool; Linda Rogers;
Curtis Shively; Jack Tovornik; Sandra Walters; David Wheeler;
Martha Lou Youngblood; 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

For missionaries serving throughout the world

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow:

For the marriage last weekend of Leah Leonard (*daughter of Vince Leonard*)
and Brooks Reed

May he rest in peace and rise in glory:

Don Douglas
friend of Jackie Jones and Chuck Cash

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

The Holy Eucharist

Prelude

Forest Green

English Folk Melody,
arr. C. Phillips (b. 1951)

Dan Miller, *organ*

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

Processional Hymn

“I sing the almighty power of God”

Music: *Hymnal*, 398

I sing the almighty power of God,
that made the mountains rise,
that spread the flowing seas abroad
and built the lofty skies.

I sing the wisdom that ordained
the sun to rule the day;
the moon shines full at his command,
and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord,
that filled the earth with food;
he formed the creatures with his Word,
and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how thy wonders are displayed,
where'er I turn my eye,
if I survey the ground I tread,
or gaze upon the sky!

There's not a plant or flower below,
but makes thy glories known;
and clouds arise, and tempests blow,
by order from thy throne;
while all that borrows life from thee
is ever in thy care,
and everywhere that I could be,
thou, God, art present there.

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 Almighty God,

and People **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

All things bright and beautiful

Text: C. F. Alexander (1818-1895)

Tune: *Royal Oak*

Elena di Filippo, *soloist*

Collect for the Stewardship of Creation

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray: O merciful Creator, your hand is open wide to satisfy the needs of every living creature: Make us always thankful for your loving providence; and remembering the account that we must give one day, grant that we may be faithful stewards of your good gifts; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever, **Amen.**

Please be seated.

Children are invited to attend Children's Chapel at this time.

The Epistle: Philippians 3:7-14

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

Whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by

becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please join in reciting the Psalm responsively.

Psalm 19:1-7

The heavens declare your glory, O God, *
and the firmament shows your handiwork.

One day tells its tale to another, *
and one night imparts knowledge to another.

Although they have no words or language, *
and their voices are not heard,

Their sound has gone out into all lands, *
and their message to the ends of the world.

In the deep you have set a pavilion for the sun; *
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of it again; *
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.

Your law, O God, is perfect and revives the soul; *
your testimony is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.

Please stand and join in singing.

Sequence Hymn

“Morning has broken”

Music: *Hymnal*, 8

Morning has broken like the first morning,
blackbird has spoken, like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness where his feet pass.
Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning
born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God's re-creation of the new day!

The Gospel: Matthew 21:33-46

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time."

Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures:

 'The stone that the builders rejected
 has become the cornerstone;
this was the Lord's doing,
 and it is amazing in our eyes'?

Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls."

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you Lord Christ.**

Please be seated at the preacher's invitation.

The Sermon: Radical Amazement

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.

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The Prayers of the People

The Intercessor and People pray responsively.

Let us pray for the reign of God, now and always.

Creator of earth, sea, and sky, kindle the fire of your Spirit within us that we may be bold to heal and defend the earth, and pour your blessing upon all who work for the good of the planet. We pray for your Church and her leaders, that all who serve in your Name might be faithful protectors of your Creation. We remember especially *Sarah*, Archbishop of Canterbury; *Sean*, our Presiding Bishop; *Mariann*, our Bishop; *Eugene*, our Assisting Bishop; and *Hosam*, Archbishop in Jerusalem. God, Giver of life,

Hear our prayer.

Breath of life, receive our thanks for the beauty of our local habitat and all who dwell in it, and grant us the wisdom and will to conserve it.

God, Giver of life,
Hear our prayer.

Source of life, heal and redeem the wounds of your Creation, and visit the places and people who suffer from our indifference, neglect, and greed.

God, Giver of life,
Hear our prayer.

Lover of all you have made, we thank you for the wondrous diversity of plants, animals, and other forms of life, and we pray for their well-being.

God, Giver of life,
Hear our prayer.

Author of the book of nature, receive our gratitude for places of restoration and healing, and continue to bless those places that feed our lives and spirits.

God, Giver of life,
Hear our prayer.

Wise Creator, whose works are full of mystery, give us wonder and appreciation for the parts of your Creation with whom we find ourselves in conflict.

God, Giver of life,
Hear our prayer.

Giver of all good gifts, awaken us daily to our dependence upon your bounty, and make us always thankful for the abundance of your blessings. We thank you especially for the marriage recently of *Leah Leonard* and *Brooks Reed*.

God, Giver of life,
Hear our prayer.

Divine Physician, heal our communities, especially those where neglect, greed, or violence inflict suffering upon people and other living things, including water, soil, and air. We pray especially for peace in Bolivia, Haiti, the Holy Land, Iran, Lebanon, Sudan and South Sudan, Ukraine.

God, Giver of life,
Hear our prayer.

Comforter of all the earth, sustain the people of this congregation who desire or need your presence and help, especially those who have been named on our parish Prayer List (*see p. 3*) and those whom we now lift to you, silently or aloud:

Pause for prayers of petition or intercession

God, Giver of life,
Hear our prayer.

Rock and refuge of all Creation, receive into everlasting mercy those who have died, remembering especially today *Don Douglas* and *Eileen Nicosia*. May they, and all the departed, rest in peace and rise in glory.

God, Giver of life,

Hear our prayer.

The Presider concludes

Bountiful God, you call us to labor with you in tending the earth: Where we lack love, open our hearts to the world; where we waste, give us discipline to conserve; where we neglect, awaken our minds and wills to insight and care. May we with all your creatures honor and serve you in all things, for you live and reign with Christ, Redeemer of all, and with your Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever, **Amen.**

The Confession and Absolution

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and God's Creation

Please stand or kneel, as your piety dictates.

Deacon God of compassion,
and People **have mercy upon us. Heal our relationship with all Creation. Forgive us for our mistreatment and neglect of the creatures who share the earth with us. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent for what we have done to harm them, and for what we have not done to help them. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may care for one another and for all creatures, according to your will and in the fullness of your love; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, 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 The God of heaven has made a home on earth.

People **Christ dwells among us and is one with us.**

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

The Offertory

Presider

Faithful God, you have kept your promises to us. Our lives give witness to your abundant blessings. May we faithfully keep our promises to you. Strengthen our commitment to live as true disciples of Jesus Christ.

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.

Offertory Anthem

Creation Sings

L. van Beethoven (1770-1827)

St. Dunstan's Chancel Choir

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

Eucharistic Prayer C

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

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the stewards of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

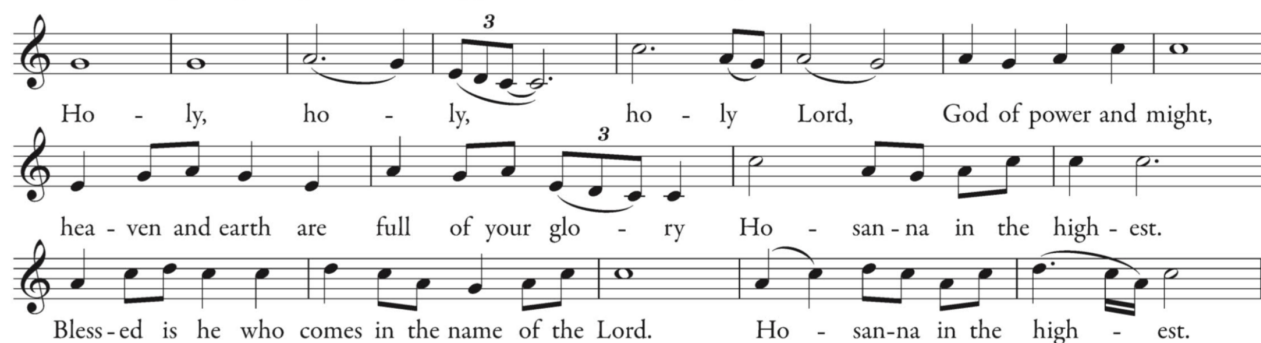
Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus

Lift Every Voice and Sing, 252



You are welcome to stand or sit during the Eucharistic Prayer.

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, 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.**"

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, 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.**"

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

Presider and People

We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers: God of Abraham, Hagar, and Sarah; Isaac and Rebekah; Jacob, Leah, and Rachel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us

one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.
Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation, **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 This is Living Bread, given for all Creation.

People **All who eat this bread share in Christ's Body.**

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.

Prayers for healing, guidance, or thanksgiving
are offered at the prayer desk at the back of the Nave during Communion and the Postlude.

Music during Communion

Songs of praise the angels sang

Text: J. Montgomery (1771-1854)

Tune: Northampton, C. J. King (1859-1934)

St. Dunstan's Chancel Choir

Remaining seated, please join in singing.

“Be thou my vision”

Music: *Hymnal*, 488

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
all else be nought to me, save that thou art—
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father; thine own may I be;
thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.

High King of heaven, when victory is won,
may I reach heaven’s joys, bright heaven’s Sun!
Heart of my heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Please stand.

The Prayer after Communion

Presider Let us pray:

and People **Create in us a new heart and a new vision, O God, that the gifts of your Spirit may work in us and renew the face of the earth. May we be one with you so that our work is yours and your work is ours. Lead us to transform our lives to reflect your glory in Creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who is alive with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever, Amen.**

The Blessing

Presider

May God who established the dance of Creation,
Who marveled at the lilies of the field, and
Who transforms chaos to order,
lead us to transform our lives and the Church,
to listen to the voice of all creatures that reflect God’s glory in Creation.
And may the blessing of God – the Father, the Son, and the 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

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

Music: *Hymnal*, 390

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation:
join the great throng,
psaltery, organ, and song,
sounding in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord; over all things he gloriously reigneth:
borne as on eagle-wings, safely his saints he sustaineth.

Hast thou not seen
how all thou needest hath been
granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy way and defend thee;
surely his goodness and mercy shall ever attend thee;
ponder anew
what the Almighty can do,
who with his love doth befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath come now with praises before him!
Let the amen
sound from his people again;
gladly for ever adore him.

Please be seated.

Announcements

Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth into all Creation, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

Toccata in G

T. Dubois (1837-1924)

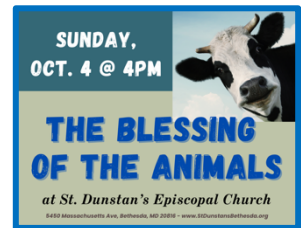
Dan Miller, *organ*

The flowers adorning the Altar this morning are given by
Charles Cash and Jackie Jones,
to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Eileen Nicosia.

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.
- Our annual **Blessing of the Animals and All Creation** will take place this afternoon at **4 p.m.** in the **Courtyard**. (In the event of rain, we will move inside to the **Parish Hall**.) Bring your pet, a picture of a pet, or your favorite stuffed animal for a special blessing in honor of St. Francis of Assisi. All are welcome! *(In the interest of keeping the peace, please leash, crate, or otherwise restrain your pet appropriately.)*



This Week:

- **Tuesday, October 6:**
 - + **11 a.m.: What Now?!** (*Parish Hall*)
 - + **12 Noon: Prayers for Peace and Healing** (*Zoom*)
- **Wednesday, October 7:**
 - + **10:30 a.m.: Bible Study on The Revelation to John** (*Zoom*)
- **Thursday, October 8:**
 - + **2 p.m.: October Book Group Meeting** (*Zoom*). All are welcome to join this month's discussion of *Whistler*, by **Ann Patchett**. Please see the newsletter for the Zoom link.

Reaching Out:

- **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 following page 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.


 Join us for SOME's annual
Holiday Shoebox Drive

Thank you for your interest in participating in our drive this holiday season! Each year, SOME invites the community to create beautifully wrapped holiday shoeboxes brimming with gifts of essential items for those we serve – men, women, and children alike.

Your gifts will be given out over the holidays to those we serve within our Dining Room, who participate in our programs, and live within our affordable housing units throughout the District (over 1,000 people!). We are particularly in need of shoeboxes for men and women.

Each holiday shoebox contains the following items:

❖ 1 Hat	❖ 1 Pair of Socks	❖ 1 Bottle of Shampoo
❖ 1 Scarf	❖ 1 Stick of Deodorant	❖ 1 Bottle of Lotion
❖ 1 Pair of Gloves	❖ 2 Razors	❖ 1 Tube of Toothpaste
❖ 1 Pair of Underwear	❖ 1 Bar of Soap	❖ 1 Toothbrush

If you choose to create a **women's box**, please include a small pack of sanitary napkins.

For a **children's box**, please include a small toy instead of razors and deodorant.

Please wrap the shoebox lid and box separately **and tape the attached checklist to it**, noting if it is a box with men, women, boy, or girl items in it.

***Do not add more items than what is listed above to any shoebox.** If you have extra items to offer, please donate them separately. Please do not include cash, gift cards, or food.

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.



“Buy a Pumpkin, Save the World”! The **Pumpkin Patch at Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill** (3606 Seminary Road, Alexandria) is a venerable tradition in the DC area: 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, from small hand-held “spookies” to very large pumpkins for jack-o-lanterns. Also for sale are gourds, 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 12 Federal Holiday: 10 a.m.–6 p.m.



Serving this Morning

Presider:	The Rev. Emily Elder
Preacher:	The Rev. Patricia Phaneuf Alexander
Deacon:	The Rev. Jessica Ault
Musicians:	Diane Atherton, Dan Miller, and the St. Dunstan's Chancel Choir
Altar Guild:	Marsha Barnes, Ann Johnson, and Michelle Mesen
Flower Guild:	Julie Anderson
Greeters:	Connelly Anderson Gomez and Addie Boyle
Livestream Minister:	Doug McManus
Acolyte:	Connelly Anderson Gomez
Crucifer:	John Froemming
Children's Chapel:	Jenna Monroe and Jia Lynn Yang
Lector:	Madeleine Johnson
Psalm Leader:	Julie Anderson
Intercessor:	Diane Adams
Lay Eucharistic Ministers:	Cami Caudill and Fred Atwood
Ushers:	David and Janet Repka
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