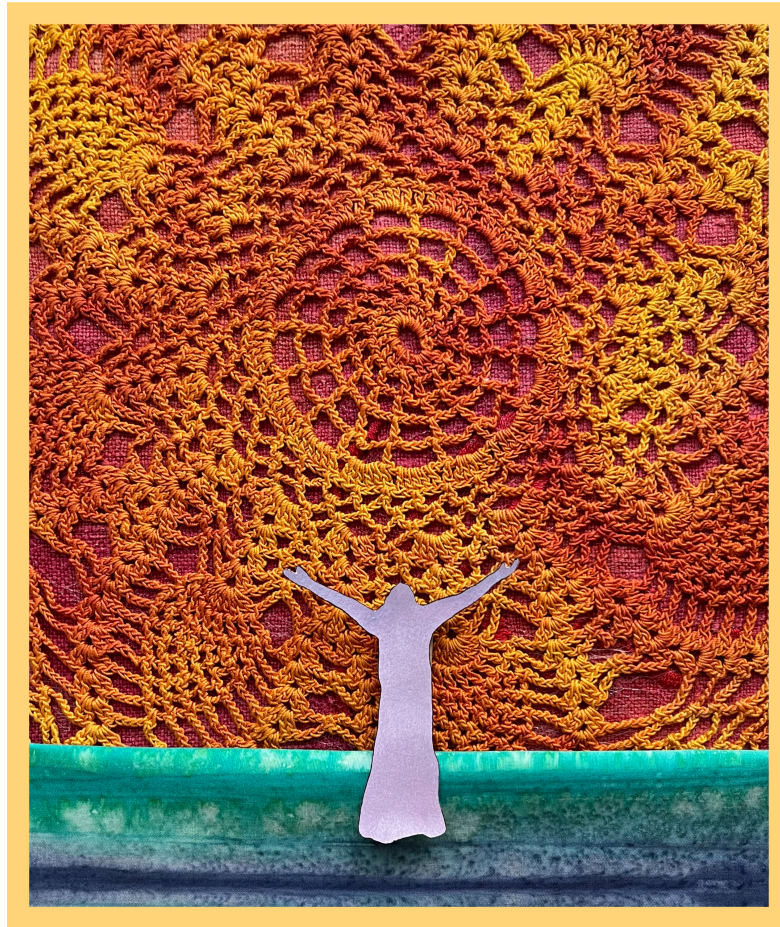


September 21, 2025
The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Season of Creation 3
10:30 a.m.: Celebration of Holy Eucharist
with Children's Chapel



St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church

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Welcome to St. Dunstan's!

A Prayer for the Church in These Times

O God, whose mercy is ever faithful and ever sure, who art our refuge and our strength in time of trouble, visit us, we beseech thee—for we are in trouble. We need a hope that is made wise by experience and is undaunted by disappointment. We need an anxiety about the future that shows us new ways to look at new things but does not unnerve us. As a people, we need to remember that our influence was greatest when our power was weakest. Most of all, we need to turn to thee, O God, and our crucified Lord, for only his humility and his strength can heal and free us.

O God, be thou our sole strength in time of trouble. In the midst of anxiety, grant us the grace to count our blessings—the simple ones: health, food, sleep, one another, a spring that is bursting out all over, a nation which, despite all, has so much to offer so many.

And, grant us to count our more complicated blessings: our failures, which teach us so much more than success; our lack of money, which points to the only truly renewable resources, the resources of our spirit; our lack of health, yea, even the knowledge of death, for until we learn that life is limitation, we are surely as formless and as shallow as a stream without its banks.

Send us forth into a new week with a gladsome mind, free and joyful in the spirit of Jesus Christ.

~ William Sloane Coffin, Riverside Church, NYC



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. *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.

Please observe quiet in the Nave before the service to enable everyone to pray and prepare for worship.

The Holy Eucharist

Prelude

Ulysses Squitieri, *organ*

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

Processional Hymn

“All creatures of our God and King,” vv. 1, 4, 5, 7

Music: *Hymnal*, 400

All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voices, let us sing:
Alleluia, alleluia!

Bright burning sun with golden beams,
pale silver moon that gently gleams,
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Dear mother earth, you day by day
unfold your blessings on our way,
O praise him, Alleluia!

All flowers and fruits that in you grow,
let them his glory also show:
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

All you with mercy in your heart,
forgiving others, take your part,
O sing now: Alleluia!

All you that pain and sorrow bear,
praise God, and cast on him your care:
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Let all things their creator bless,
and worship him in humbleness,
O praise him, Alleluia!

Praise God the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three in One:
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The Liturgy of the Word

Opening Acclamation

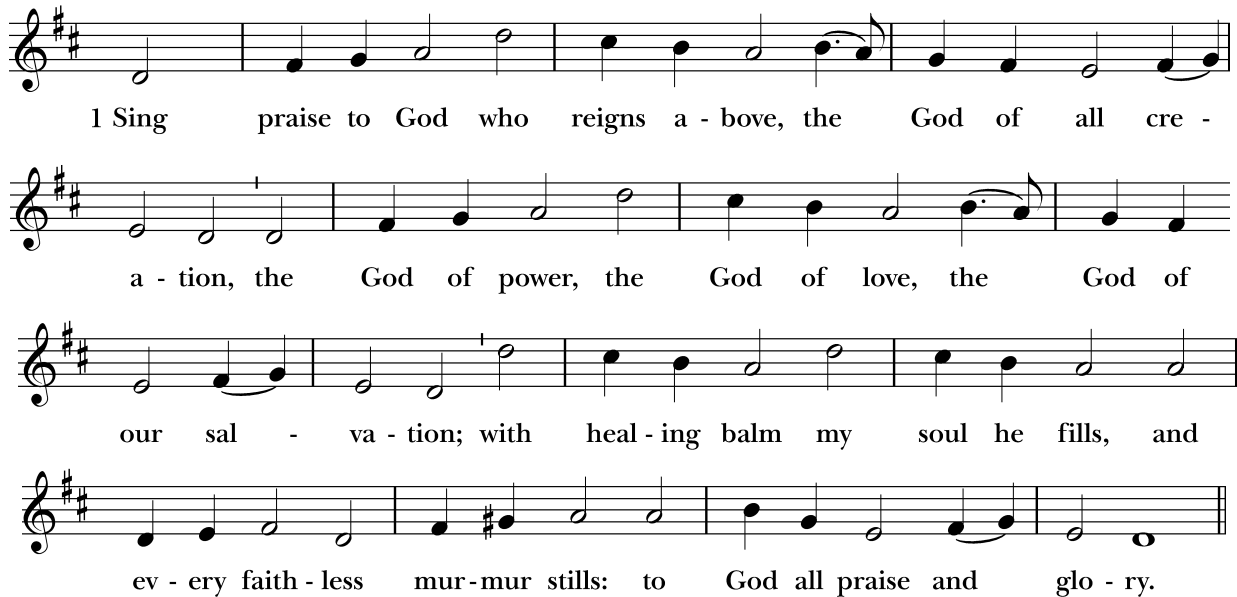
Presider Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

Song of Praise for the Season of Creation

“Sing praise to God who reigns above,” v. 1

Hymnal, 408



I Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of all cre -
a - tion, the God of power, the God of love, the God of
our sal - va - tion; with heal - ing balm my soul he fills, and
ev - ery faith - less mur - mur stills: to God all praise and glo - ry.

The Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray: Grant us, Creator God, to put wealth to use in relieving the suffering of others, so that we might hold fast to the love that endures; through Jesus Christ the Wisdom of Creation, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever, **Amen.**

Please be seated.

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

The Epistle: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

Lector A Reading from the First Letter to Timothy:

First of all, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For

there is one God;
there is also one mediator between God and humankind,
Christ Jesus, himself human,
who gave himself a ransom for all
– this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an
apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith
and 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 113:1-7

Alleluia! Give praise, you servants of God; *
praise the Name of the Most High.

Let God's Name be blest, *
from this time forth for evermore.

From the rising of the sun to its going down, *
let God's holy Name be praised.

God is high above all nations, *
and God's glory above the heavens.

Who is like our God, who sits enthroned on high, *
but stoops to behold the heavens and the earth?

God takes up the weak out of the dust *
and lifts up the poor from the ashes,

To set them up on high, *
with the rulers of the people.

Please stand and join in singing.

Sequence Hymn

“At the Name of Jesus,” vv. 1-3

Music: *Hymnal*, 435

At the Name of Jesus
every knee shall bow,
every tongue confess him
King of glory now;
'tis the Father's pleasure
we should call him Lord
who from the beginning
was the mighty Word.

continued

Humbled for a season,
to receive a Name
from the lips of sinners,
unto whom he came,
faithfully he bore it
spotless to the last,
brought it back victorious,
when from death he passed;

bore it up triumphant,
with its human light,
through all ranks of creatures,
to the central height,
to the throne of Godhead,
to the Father's breast;
filled it with the glory
of that perfect rest.

The Gospel: Luke 16:1-13

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

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

Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

"Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is

your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you Lord Christ.**

Please be seated at the preacher's invitation.

The Sermon: "The Church in These Times"

The Rector

After a moment of silence, please stand.

A Profession of Faith in Creation Season

Presider and People

**We believe in God, who creates all things,
who embraces all things, who celebrates all things,
who is present in every part of the fabric of creation.**

**We believe in God as the source of all life,
who baptizes this planet with living water.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, the suffering one, the poor one,
the malnourished one, the climate refugee,
who loves and cares for this world and who suffers with it.**

**And we believe in Jesus Christ, the seed of life,
who came to reconcile and renew this world and everything in it.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the breath of God,
who moves with God and who moves among and with us today.**

We believe in everlasting life in God.

**And we believe in the hope that one day
God will put an end to death and all destructive forces.**

The Prayers of the People

The Intercessor and People pray responsively

Let us pray for the life of the world.

For people of faith everywhere: for the Universal Church, its members, and its mission, and for all God's children throughout the world. We remember *Sean*, our Presiding Bishop; *Mariann*, our Bishop; *Eugene*, our Assisting Bishop; *Hosam*, Archbishop in Jerusalem; *Deaconess Anna Alexander*, whom the Church remembers this week; and all called to minister in your Name. Bond us through your love, and inspire us to action alongside the voiceless.

To you, O God,
we lift our prayer.

For those entrusted with public leadership and service in this and every land, including the President, Federal workers, and the members of our Armed Forces, Foreign Service, and Emergency Services. Give to those in authority wisdom to serve people of all ages in love and peace.

To you, O God,
we lift our prayer.

For the welfare of the world: for people, animals, and plants endangered by human greed and discord, or by natural disaster. We remember those impacted by war, gun violence, and disasters, especially the peoples of Gaza, Haiti, Israel, Nepal, Russia, South Sudan, Sudan, Ukraine, and the United States. Help us to work for healing and peace in our time.

To you, O God,
we lift our prayer.

For all who suffer or are in any need or trouble, particularly the individuals and situations commended to our Parish Prayer List (*see p. 14*), as well as those we now name, silently or aloud:

Pause for prayers of petition or intercession

To you, O God,
we lift our prayer.

For all who have died, remembering this week *Jane Whittlesy North* (friend of Trudy Surut), *Jessie McCardell* (in whose memory the Altar flowers have been given today), and those we name now, silently or aloud:

Pause for prayers for the departed

To you, O God,
we lift our prayer.

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 Most merciful God,
and People **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

Presider Holy One, we praise you for the wonders of your Creation:

People **make us joyful and faithful stewards.**

At the Offertory

Benedictus, from Messe de St. Jean

J. Haydn (1732-1809)

Heather Fetrow, soprano

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

Eucharistic Prayer B

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.**

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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 forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

Hymnal, S-128

Ho - ly, ho - ly,

ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the

high - est. Bless - ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

Music: William Mathias (1934-1992). Copyright © 1976 Oxford University Press.

Please stand, kneel, or sit.

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 many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”**

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Presider and People

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

The Presider continues

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 the Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Dunstan, and 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 forever, **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

God himself is with us

Words: G. Tersteegen (1697-1769)

Music: Tysk, from *Psalm und Choralbuch*, 1719

St. Dunstan's Chancel Choir

Please join in singing.

“For the fruits of all creation”

Hymnal, 424

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please use the blue Hymnal 1982, found in your pew rack.*

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.**

The Blessing

Presider

Go forth into the world in peace. Be of good courage. Hold fast that which is good. Render to no one evil for evil. Strengthen the fainthearted. Support the weak. Help the afflicted. Honor all persons. Love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; and the blessing of God almighty, 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

“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 following the hymn.

Announcements and Special Presentation

Please stand, as you are able.

The Dismissal

Presider Let us go forth in the Name of Christ!

People **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

Ulysses Squitieri, *organ*

*The flowers adorning the Altar this morning are given to the Glory of God by **The McCardell Family**, in loving memory of their mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, **Jessie McCardell**, whose life was celebrated here at St. Dunstan's yesterday.*

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Please remember in prayer:

Julie Anderson; Jeff Boesch; Phil and Patti Carroll; Rick Conroy; Bill Cooke; Steve Cooper; Austin Cox; Henry Cox; Donna Embry; Kenny Farnsworth; Katie Beck Fey; Jon Michael Gaudio; Ben Hull; David Hull; Frank Libutti; Patricia Mackenzie; Elena Marchetti and family; Cathy Nerantzis; Rick Nickles; Joyce Nugent; Linda Rogers; Shannon Rose; Curtis Shively; Tom Shimkin; Jack Tovornik; Peggy Vaughn; Sandra Walters; Jim Ward; David Wheeler; Ben; Bill; Christopher; David; Farid; Gerald; Grace; Henry; Karen; Katherine; Marty; Melanie; Phyllis; Sherry; and Shiloh

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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. These noteworthy individuals are remembered on the liturgical calendar of the Church, and their biographies are anthologized in a book entitled Lesser Feasts and Fasts.

Anna Ellison Butler Alexander is revered as a saint for her pioneering role as the first and only African-American deaconess in the Episcopal Church, and for her lifelong commitment to education and mission. Born to formerly enslaved parents, she founded and led mission schools in Georgia for African-American children, transforming lives through teaching and faith. Her ministry reflected Christian service, justice, and empowerment. She is remembered on the liturgical calendar of the Episcopal Church on **September 24**.

~ Curated by Ray Donnelly



Announcements

Today at St. Dunstan's:

- + **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.
- + **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: "Real Talk"** resumes today in the **Parish Hall** at **12 Noon**. For those of you who have not attended yet, this is a forum for us to talk about the current political environment and how it is impacting our lives. This is a shared confidential space for us to support one another and discuss opportunities for us to make a difference and ease the burden that many are now facing. All are welcome; see **Lynne Leonard** to learn more.
- + **The Chancel Choir** will rehearse at **12 Noon**. New members are welcome!

The Week Ahead:

- + **Tuesday, September 23:**
 - **12 Noon: Prayers for Peace and Healing** (*Zoom and Facebook*)
 - **7 p.m.: Monthly Vestry Meeting** (*Parish Hall*)
- + **Wednesday, September 24:**
 - **10:30 a.m.: Bible Study on The Gospel of Luke** (*Zoom*)
- + **Saturday, September 27:**
 - **10 a.m.—4 p.m.: Chancel (Adult) Choir Camp at St. Dunstan's.** Join Minister of Music **Diane Atherton** for a day of singing and fellowship. Stay for a bit, come for lunch, or stay for the whole day...No experience necessary! To register, visit <https://tinyurl.com/adultchoircamp>; the fee for the day is \$25. Please contact Diane for further information.
- + **Next Sunday, September 28:**
 - **12 Noon: Adult Formation Forum ~ YOU Just Might Be a Saint...** (*Parish Hall*). We're looking forward to "All Saints' Day" and season. This past year, contemporary saints were highlighted with brief biographical statements. Next Sunday, **Ray Donnelly** will lead a discussion of how the Episcopal Church officially and unofficially recognizes saints of our own times. And we'll also contrast our approach with that of other Christian traditions. In coming weeks, **Sue Carroll** will offer some participatory art events to highlight the saints in your own life. Grab some coffee and a snack and join the fun!

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- **4-6 p.m.: Community Reception for Nave Gallery Liturgical Art Exhibit** (*Nave and Parish Hall*). Our doors will be open for anyone to come see the current exhibit in our Nave Gallery, **“The Life of Jesus.”** The mixed-media pieces were created by our very own Liturgical Artist-in-Residence, **Sue Carroll**. This is an open-house style event, but you might try to be here at **5 p.m.** when, in the Parish Hall, Sue will talk about these "Modern Icons of the Good News," and offer a **slideshow** demonstrating the steps in her process. **Bring friends and family to share this unique aspect of our life at St. Dunstan's.** Questions are welcome and, as always, there will be snacks!

Please Mark Your Calendars:

+ **Tuesday, September 30:**

- **11 a.m.—12:30 p.m.: Cut the Clutter** (*Parish Hall*). Are you overwhelmed by clutter? Whether you’re looking to enhance your living space, age in place comfortably, or prepare for an upcoming move, this **FREE** seminar, “Cut the Clutter!”, is designed to empower you with practical strategies from leading local experts. Join Capital Senior Solutions and Brenda Holt of Moyer Move Management for an engaging and informative session where you’ll learn how to transform your environment into a more organized, efficient, and satisfying space. Our experts will guide you through proven techniques to declutter your home, manage possessions effectively, and maintain a tidy living area that enhances your quality of life. **Registration required:** www.littlefallsvillage.org/declutter. Light refreshments will be served. *This event is being held in partnership with Little Falls Village, a local nonprofit serving seniors.*

+ **Sunday, October 5 (St. Francis Sunday):**

- **4 p.m.: Annual Blessing of the Animals and All Creation** (*St. Dunstan's Courtyard*). Bring your pet, a picture of a pet, or even your favorite stuffed animal for a special blessing in honor of St. Francis of Assisi. **In the event of rain, the Blessing will move to the Parish Hall.**

+ **Saturday, October 25:**

- **Late afternoon (time TBD): Third Annual Fall Festival at St. Dunstan's!** Bring your family, friends, and neighbors and come out for live music, children’s activities, food, and a whole lot of fun! Please watch the online newsletter for details – and opportunities to volunteer!

St. Dunstan's Capital Campaign: "Growing in Faith, Building the Future"



Thank you to everyone who joined us last Sunday for our "Welcome Home" brunch and Capital Campaign kick-off! As we announced, we are now in the public phase of this campaign, the goal of which is to protect the future of our church by replacing our HVAC system and roof – both of which date to the last century. To date we have secured commitments for over \$500,000, which puts us **70%** of the way toward our goal of **\$750,000**. This is cause for great celebration, *and...we're not there yet!*

If you have not done so already, we hope that you will consider investing in the long-term sustainability of our physical plant with a pledge to this campaign. You may spread your gift out over (up to) the next five years. Copies of the "case for support" brochure, along with pledge cards, are available on the table in Founders' Hall...Just look for the crane!

Thank you, thank you, thank you to everyone who has made their commitment already. We are so grateful for your leadership and example!

~ Your Capital Campaign Co-Chairs:

Karen Kosiba Edwards, Carmen Petruzzi, and Rosemarie Sweeney



Introducing Our New Facilities Maintenance Coordinator

Please join me in welcoming **Rick Loucks** to our parish staff! Beginning this week, Rick assumes the newly-created position of **Facilities Maintenance Coordinator**, partnering closely with Junior Warden Fred Atwood and me to ensure the faithful stewardship of our buildings and grounds. He will work approximately 10 hours a week and will, among other things, oversee basic property maintenance and repairs. Rick comes to us courtesy of Virginia Theological Seminary, where his wife, Sandra, is a second-year student. Most recently Rick worked as a real estate agent and property manager in eastern North Carolina. Previously he served as an Infantry Officer in United States Marine Corps and as an adjunct faculty member at the Marine Corps University at Quantico. Rick will be on campus throughout the week, with his exact hours varying according to whatever tasks are most pressing. Do stop by and let him know how happy we are that he's here! ~ Patty+



Serving this Morning

Presider and Preacher:	The Rev. Patricia Phaneuf Alexander
Musicians:	Diane Atherton, Heather Fetrow, Ulysses Squitieri, and the St. Dunstan's Chancel Choir
Altar Guild:	Michelle Mesen
Flower Guild:	Trudy Surut
Greeter:	
Livestream Minister:	Karen Edwards
Acolyte:	Connelly Anderson Gomez
Crucifer:	Lynne Adduci Leonard
Children's Chapel:	Julie Anderson and Colin Flynn
Lector:	Lynne Adduci Leonard
Psalm Leader:	Leo Bouma
Intercessor:	Nancy Douglas
Lay Eucharistic Ministers:	Cami Caudill and Ray Donnelly
Ushers:	David and Janet Repka
Barista:	Fred Smoak
Vestry Member of the Day:	Nancy Douglas

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Artist's Reflection: "From the rising of the sun to its going down, let God's holy Name be praised." My grandmother "Maymo" discovered her artistic self after she retired from being a schoolteacher, taking lessons in oil painting. Her home and my childhood home were filled with her pieces, and I still have several of my favorites on our walls. Her creativity was not dimmed as she aged, nor was her kindness or strong sense of community. This piece is something of a tribute to her, with one of her crocheted doilies serving as the rising and/or setting sun. It is a call to celebrate God and God's creation from the dawning of our lives all the way to the end. It is also a reminder of the feminine aspect of God's nature – the God who, as we are reminded in another Psalm, knit us together in our mothers' wombs. ~ Sue Carroll, *Liturgical Artist-in-Residence*

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