

October 5, 2025
The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
St. Francis Sunday
10:30 a.m.: Celebration of Holy Eucharist
with Children's Chapel and Healing Prayers



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Welcome to St. Dunstan's!

Somehow we must keep hope alive – a hope that we can find a way to educate all, alleviate poverty, assuage anger, and live in harmony with the environment, with animals, and with each other.

~ Jane Goodall



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** (please ask your Greeter for directions!). **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.

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

The Holy Eucharist

Prelude

Improvisation

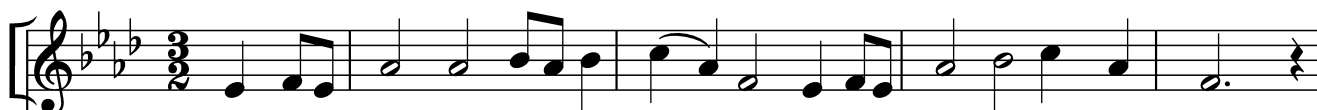
Ulysses Squitieri, *piano*

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

Processional Hymn

“God the sculptor of the mountains”

Wonder, Love, and Praise, 746



1. God the sculp-tor of the moun-tains, God the mil-ler of the sand,
2. God the nui-sance to the Pha-raoh, God the cleav-er of the sea,
3. God the un-ex-pect-ed in-fant, God the calm, de-ter-mined youth,
4. God the dress-er of the vine-yard, God the plant-er of the wheat,



God the jewel-er of the heav-ens, God the pot-ter of the land:
God the pil-lar of the dark-ness, God the bea-con of the free:
God the ta-ble turn-ing pro-phet, God the res-ur-rect-ed Truth:
God the reap-er of the har-vest, God the source of all we eat:



you are womb of all cre-a-tion, we are form-less; shape us now.
you are gate of all de-liv'-rance, we are sight-less; lead us now.
you are pres-ent ev-ery mo-ment, we are search-ing; meet us now.
you are host at ev-ery ta-ble, we are hun-gry; feed us now.



Words: John Thornburg (b. 1954). Music: *Sandria*, Gerre Hancock (b. 1934).

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

“’Tis the gift to be simple”

Hymnal, 554



The musical score is written on seven staves in G major (one sharp). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The lyrics are: 'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free, 'tis the gift to come down where we ought to be, and when we find our - selves in the place just right, 'twill be in the val - ley of love and de - light. When true sim - pli - ci - ty is gained to bow and to bend we shan't be a-shamed, to turn, turn, will be our de-light till by turn - ing, turn - ing we come round right.

Words: Shaker song, 18th cent. Music: *Simple Gifts*, Joseph Brackett (1797-1822); acc. Margaret W. Mealy (b. 1922).

The Creation Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray: All-loving and everliving God, you are always more ready to give than we are to receive: Pour upon us your abundance of contentment with simple, faithful living; 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 Lesson: Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4

Lector A Reading from the Prophet Habakkuk:

The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

O Lord, how long shall I cry for help,
and you will not listen?

Or cry to you "Violence!"
and you will not save?

Why do you make me see wrong-doing
and look at trouble?

Destruction and violence are before me;
strife and contention arise.

So the law becomes slack
and justice never prevails.

The wicked surround the righteous—
therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

I will stand at my watchpost,
and station myself on the rampart;

I will keep watch to see what he will say to me,
and what he will answer concerning my complaint.

Then the Lord answered me and said:

Write the vision;
make it plain on tablets,
so that a runner may read it.

For there is still a vision for the appointed time;
it speaks of the end, and does not lie.

If it seems to tarry, wait for it;
it will surely come, it will not delay.

continued

Look at the proud!
Their spirit is not right in them,
but the righteous live by their faith.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please join in reciting the psalm responsively.

Psalm 37:1-10

Do not fret yourself because of evildoers; *
do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

For they shall soon wither like the grass, *
and like the green grass fade away.

Put your trust in God and do good; *
dwel in the land and feed on its riches.

Take delight in God, *
who shall give you your heart's desire.

Commit your way to God and put your trust in God, *
who will bring it to pass.

God will make your righteousness as clear as the light *
and your just dealing as the noonday.

Be still before God; *
for God wait patiently.

Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers, *
the one who succeeds in evil schemes.

Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; *
do not fret yourself, it leads only to evil.

For evildoers shall be cut off, *
but those who wait upon God shall possess the land.

The Epistle: 2 Timothy 1:1-14

Lector A Reading from the Second Letter to Timothy:

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise
of life that is in Christ Jesus,

To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand and join in singing.

Sequence 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.

continued

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 Gospel: Luke 17:5-10

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

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

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

"Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you Lord Christ.**

Please be seated at the preacher's invitation.

The Sermon

Cami Caudill, *Seminarian*

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

Together, let us lift the joys and concerns of our hearts to God.

We give thanks to God for all the blessings of this life:

for the beauty and abundance of God's Creation;
for our daily food and drink, our homes and families, our pets, our friends,
and this community;
for the safe birth of *Charlotte Eden White*
(granddaughter of Debbie and Cliff White);
and for those blessings we now name, silently or aloud:

Pause for prayers of thanksgiving

Show us your plans, O God;
plans for a future with hope.

We pray for the Church, that it may carry forward the redemptive works of God:

for *Sarah*, Archbishop of Canterbury-elect;
for *Sean*, our Presiding Bishop;
for *Mariann*, our Bishop;
for *Eugene*, our Assisting Bishop;
for *Hosam*, Archbishop in Jerusalem;
for *John Raleigh Mott* and *Vida Dutton Scudder*, whose witness the Church
honors this week (*see p. 17*);
and for all who minister in the Name of Christ.

Show us your plans, O God;
plans for a future with hope.

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We pray for the nations and peoples of the world:

for all entrusted with positions of public leadership in this and every land;
for Federal workers, members of our Armed Forces, Foreign Service, and
Emergency Services;
for peace in Gaza, Haiti, Israel, Russia, South Sudan, Sudan,
Ukraine, and the United States;
for refugees and displaced persons;
for the people of the Philippines and all whose lives and livelihoods have
been devastated by natural and climate disasters;
and for the inauguration of God's reign here on earth.

Show us your plans, O God;
plans for a future with hope.

We pray for those who are sick, those who suffer, and those who struggle:

for those who have been commended to our Parish Prayer List (*see p. 16*);
and for those we now name, either silently or aloud:

Pause for prayers of petition and intercession

Show us your plans, O God;
plans for a future with hope.

We pray for all who have died:

for *Jane Goodall*;
for *those who lost their lives in the attacks in Michigan*;
for *the victims of the earthquake in the Philippines*;
and for those whom we name now, silently or out loud:

Pause for prayers for the departed

Show us your plans, O God;
plans for a future with hope.

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 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

The Lord's My Shepherd

Hymn tune: Brother James's Air
arr. R. Price

St. Dunstan's Chancel Choir
Maggie Clark, *violin*

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 3

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

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things.

You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; you brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; and so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout for joy:

Ho - ly, 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.

Please stand, kneel, or sit.

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise.

Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave to his friends and said: **“Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”**

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: **“Drink this, all of you: this cup is the New Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.”**

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Presider and People

Dying, you destroyed our death.

Rising, you restored our life.

Christ Jesus, come in glory!

The Presider continues

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice, and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Dunstan, and all your people, into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise:

Presider and People

Blessed are you, 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 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. **Prayers for healing, guidance, or thanksgiving** are offered this morning at the prayer desk at the back during Communion and the Postlude.*

Music during Communion

“Come, risen Lord, and deign to be our guest”

Hymnal, 305

St. Dunstan’s Chancel Choir

Please join in singing.

“Lord, make us servants of your peace”

Music: Hymnal, 593

Lord, make us servants of your peace:
where there is hate, may we sow love;
where there is hurt, may we forgive;
where there is strife, may we make one.

Where all is doubt, may we sow faith;
where all is gloom, may we sow hope;
where all is night, may we sow light;
where all is tears, may we sow joy.

Jesus, our Lord, may we not seek
to be consoled, but to console,
nor look to understanding hearts,
but look for hearts to understand.

May we not look for love’s return,
but seek to love unselfishly,
for in our giving we receive,
and in forgiving are forgiven.

Dying, we live, and are reborn
through death’s dark night to endless day:
Lord, make us servants of your peace,
to wake at last in heaven’s light.

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

May God who established the dance of Creation,
Who marveled at the lilies of the field,
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, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you, and all those you love, always, **Amen.**

Please join in singing.

Closing Hymn

“Joyful, joyful, we adore thee”

Music: *Hymnal*, 376

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
praising thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
drive the dark of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee,
earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee,
center of unbroken praise.

Field and forest, vale and mountain,
blooming meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain,
call us to rejoice in thee.

continued

Thou art giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
well-spring of the joy of living,
ocean-depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother:
all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine.

Please be seated following the hymn.

Announcements

Please stand, as you are able.

The Dismissal

Presider Let us go forth in the Name of Christ!

People **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

Basse et Dessus de Trompette

Ulysses Squitieri, *piano*

L-N. Clérambault

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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.

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Please remember in prayer:

Julie Anderson; Jeff Boesch; Rebecca Bryant; Phil and Patti Carroll; Bill Cooke;
Austin Cox; Henry Cox; Donna Embry; Kenny Farnsworth; Katie Beck Fey;
Jon Michael Gaudio; 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; David Wheeler; Amy; Ben; Bill; Bob; Christopher; 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:

John Raleigh Mott (1865–1955) is honored as a saint in the Episcopal Church for his lifelong dedication to Christian mission and ecumenism, which spanned generations and continents. Mott led the Young Men’s Christian Association (YMCA) and the World Student Christian Federation. He inspired countless young people to serve in cross-cultural missions, while his commitment to fostering cooperation among Christian denominations laid the groundwork for the modern ecumenical movement. He played a foundational role in creating the World Council of Churches, serving as its honorary President for life. In recognition of his international peace-building efforts, Mott received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1946. Though not an Episcopalian, Mott’s deep commitment to the unity of Christian witness and his tireless promotion of justice and peace reflect the Episcopal Church’s core values. He is remembered on the liturgical calendar on **October 3**.

Vida Dutton Scudder (1861–1954) was chosen by the Episcopal Church for her profound influence as a social reformer, educator, and advocate for Christian socialism and justice. Scudder, a convert to Anglicanism and influential professor at Wellesley College, believed that spirituality and social activism were inseparable. Rooted deeply in Anglo-Catholic tradition, she championed economic and social reforms, co-founding Boston’s Dennison House settlement to foster community between rich and poor and actively engaged in the labor and Socialist movements. Scudder blended literary scholarship and activism, demonstrating that contemplation and practical service are both essential to Christian life. She consistently spoke out against corporate greed and inequality, making connections between Gospel values and the urgent needs of society in her time. As one of the first women to study at Oxford and later a founder of the Episcopal Church Socialist League, she worked to reconcile Marxist concerns with Christian faith. Her lifelong advocacy for women’s roles in Church and society mark her as a pioneering figure for inclusion. The Episcopal Church commemorates her for her courageous witness to Christ in both prayer and action, her advocacy for marginalized communities, and her insistence that faith demands justice. Vida Dutton Scudder’s feast day is **October 11**. ~ Curated by Ray Donnelly

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: "Real Talk"** continues today in the **Parish Hall** at **12 Noon**. For those of you who have not attended before, 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 **The Rector** to learn more.
- + **The Chancel Choir** rehearses at **12 Noon**. New members are welcome!
- + **Annual Blessing of the Animals:** Please join us this afternoon at **4 p.m. in the St. Dunstan's Courtyard** as we continue this cherished tradition in honor of St. Francis of Assisi. Bring your pet, a picture of a pet, or even your favorite stuffed animal...and bring your friends! There will be treats and prayers for all.



In the interest of peacekeeping, we ask that pets be leashed, crated, or otherwise appropriately restrained.

The Week Ahead:

- + **Tuesday, October 7:**
 - **11 a.m.:** "What Now?!" (*Parish Hall*)
 - **12 Noon:** Prayers for Peace and Healing (*Zoom**)
- + **Wednesday, October 8:**
 - **10:30 a.m.:** Bible Study on The Gospel of Luke (*Zoom**)
- + **Thursday, October 9:**
 - **2 p.m.:** St. Dunstan's Book Group (*Zoom*). All are welcome to come discuss *Code Name Helene*, by Ariel Lawhon – whether you've read the book or not! Please reach out to **Donna Alvarez** for more information and the Zoom Link (donnabethsdal@verizon.net).
- + **Next Sunday, October 12:**
 - **12 Noon:** "Saint Icons Assembly Festival" (*Parish Hall*). Following on the heels of last Sunday's fascinating discussion led by Ray Donnelly on saints in the Episcopal tradition, next week **Sue Carroll** will offer a participatory art event to highlight the saints in our own lives. **Please see this week's online newsletter for prework information!**

Please Mark Your Calendars:

+ Sunday, October 19:

- **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!*



+ Saturday, October 25:

- **4-6 p.m.: Third Annual Fall Festival at St. Dunstan’s!** Bring your family, friends, and neighbors and come join the fun: Live music | moon bounce and children’s activities | snacks and beverages for purchase. **We need volunteers to make this event a success! Please see the button in the online newsletter or scan the QR code here to sign up. SSL hours available.** Contact Julie Anderson (julie_anderson75@hotmail.com) for more information.



↑ *Scan me!*



“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: For over 30 years, Immanuel parishioners have sponsored this 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, from small hand-held “spookies” to very large pumpkins for jack-o-lanterns. 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, which ends on **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,

Karen Kosiba Edwards

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Carmen Petrucci

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Rosi Sweeney

Campaign Co-Chairs

Pledges received to date (as of October 4, 2025):

Patty and Randy Alexander
Donna Alvarez
Julie Anderson
Fred and Gail Atwood
Elin Botha
Sue Carroll and Ray Donnelly
Chuck Cash and Jackie Jones
Nancy and Walter Douglas
Karen Kosiba Edwards
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Brad Mellor
Carmen Petrucci
David and Janet Repka
Fred and Louise Smoak
Rosi Sweeney
Kiska Williams

**Indicated by the submission of a signed pledge card*

Serving this Morning

Presider:	The Rev. Patricia Phaneuf Alexander
Preacher:	Cami Caudill
Musicians:	Diane Atherton, Maggie Clark, Heather Fetrow, Ulysses Squitieri, and The St. Dunstan's Chancel Choir
Altar Guild:	Marsha Barnes, Augusta Cox, Ann Johnson, and Michelle Mesen
Flower Guild:	Trudy Surut
Greeters:	Julie Anderson and Connelly Anderson Gomez
Livestream Minister:	Karen Edwards
Acolyte:	Connelly Anderson Gomez
Crucifer:	
Children's Chapel:	Julie Anderson and Jenna Monroe
Lectors:	Donna Fehrmann and Michelle Mesen
Psalm Leader:	Fred Atwood
Intercessor:	Diane Adams
Lay Eucharistic Ministers:	Ray Donnelly and Michelle Mesen
Healing Minister:	Sue Carroll
Ushers:	Nancy and Walter Douglas
Barista:	Fred Smoak
Vestry Member of the Day:	Michelle Mesen
Snack Angels:	Elin Botha and Nancy Douglas

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(Mixed media liturgical art by Sue Carroll)

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Artist's Reflection: *"Rekindle the gift of God that is within you."* When I first read this passage, I thought of someone bringing kindling to a sort of campfire in their heart. But then the rest of the sentence caught my attention: "a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline." Goodness, this sort of power needed to fill the screen! So here we have a broad, bright fire (painted paper towel layered over dyed velvet) shooting out sparks (bugle beads on a blue velvet background). The sparks in this case are intended to spread the fire. I hope we all can feel our own sense of power re-kindled, when there is so much going on in the world that might squelch it.

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

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