

September 27, 2026
The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Season of Creation, Week 4
10:30 a.m.: Instructed Eucharist
with Anniversary and Birthday Prayers



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Welcome to St. Dunstan's!

Thought for the Day...

I define ministry as service in response to the dream of God, the restoration of the good creation that God brought into being and that “groans in travail,” as St. Paul put it, for the people of God to wake up to the reason why they are called.

~ Verna Dozier,
The Dream of God: A Call to Return



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; Ben Hull; Henry Jeanneret; Michael and Susan Leto;
Patricia Mackenzie; Silvia Mesen; Jenna Monroe; Rick Nickles; Meg Adams Pool;
Linda Rogers; Curtis Shively; Jack Tovornik; Sandra Walters; David Wheeler;
Martha Lou Youngblood; Ben; Bill; Christopher; Craig and Robin; Griffin;
Heather; JW; Karen; Katherine; Lindsay and William; Marty; Melanie; Michelle;
MT; Noor; Paola; Patrick; Phyllis; Robert; Sherry; *and* Shiloh

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

For refugees and immigrants

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

For emergency personnel and first responders

For the victims of climate and natural disasters, especially in Nepal

For missionaries serving throughout the world

May they rest in peace and rise in glory:

Levi

Terry Conroy

Today's service is an **Instructed (Teaching) Eucharist**, during which we will pause periodically (at those places printed in **blue**) to explain what we are doing and why. This narration takes the place of the Sermon. Children's Chapel will **not** meet today; children **over age 4** should remain in worship for the entire service.

Preparing for Worship

In the Episcopal Church, the custom before worship is to observe a period of meditative quiet. This time is intended for contemplation, not conversation: it is an opportunity to open ourselves to God's presence and offer to God the concerns we carry on our hearts. The Prelude helps center us for worship. This morning we will have a brief teaching of today's Sanctus before the processional hymn.

The Holy Eucharist

Prelude

Allegretto, from Sonata No. 4

Dan Miller, organ

F. Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

The Procession

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

Processional Hymn

"God of grace and God of glory"

Music: *Hymnal*, 594

God of grace and God of glory,
on thy people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient Church's story;
bring her bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us
scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us
free our hearts to faith and praise:
grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.

Cure thy children's warring madness,
bend our pride to thy control;

shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

Save us from weak resignation
to the evils we deplore;
let the gift of thy salvation
be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving thee whom we adore,
serving thee whom we adore.

The Liturgy of the Word

The Opening Acclamation, Collect for Purity, and Song of Praise

Opening Acclamation

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

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

The Collect for Purity

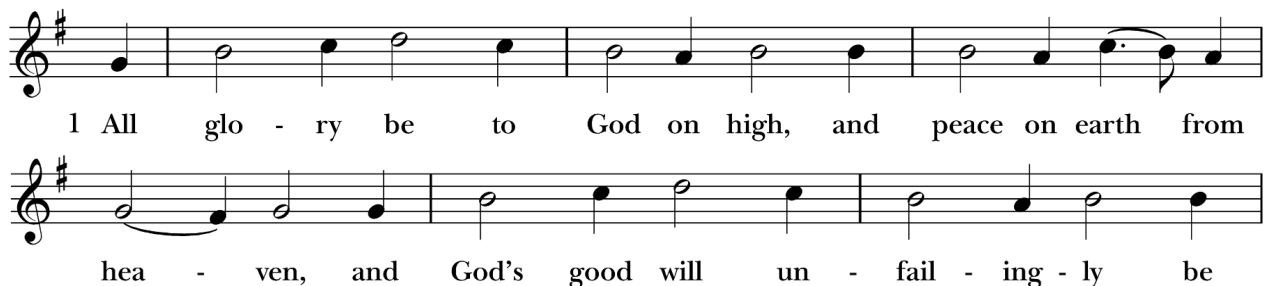
Presider and People

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Song of Praise

"All glory be to God on high," v. 1

Hymnal, 421





The Creation Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray: O God, you show your glory throughout your Creation, calling it very good: Grant us the fullness of your blessing, that we, stewarding your garden, may become partakers in your joy; 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.

The Lesson, Psalm, and Sequence Hymn

The Lesson: Exodus 17:1-7

Lector A Reading from the Book of Exodus:

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, “Give us water to drink.” Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?” But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?” So Moses cried out to the Lord, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” The Lord said to Moses, “Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.” Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, “Is the Lord among us or not?”

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please join in reciting the Psalm responsively.

Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16

Hear my teaching, O my people;
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

I will open my mouth in a parable;
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.

That which we have heard and known, and what our forebears have told us,
we will not hide from their children.

We will recount to generations to come
your praiseworthy deeds and your power, O God,
and the wonderful works you have done.

You worked marvels in the sight of their forebears,
in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.

You split open the sea and let them pass through;
you made the waters stand up like walls.

You led them with a cloud by day,
and all the night through with a glow of fire.

You split the hard rocks in the wilderness
and gave them drink as from the great deep.

You brought streams out of the cliff,
and the waters gushed out like rivers.

Please stand and join in singing.

Sequence Hymn

“Seek ye first the kingdom of God”

Music: *Hymnal*, 711

Seek ye first the kingdom of God
and its righteousness;
and all these things shall be added unto you;
Al-le-lu, al-le-lu-ia!

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

Ask, and it shall be given unto you,
seek, and ye shall find,
knock, and the door shall be opened unto you;
Al-le-lu, al-le-lu-ia!

Refrain

The Gospel

The Gospel: Matthew 21:23-32

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

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

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you Lord Christ.**

Please be seated.

The Sermon and Creed

The Sermon

After a moment of silence, please stand.

The Nicene Creed

Assisting Priest and People

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,

begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic* and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come, Amen.

**universal*

The Prayers of the People, Confession, and Absolution

The Prayers of the People

The Intercessor and People pray responsively.

Father, we pray for your holy catholic (*universal*) Church;
that we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
that your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for *Sarah*, Archbishop of Canterbury; *Sean*, our Presiding Bishop; *Mariann*, our Bishop; *Eugene*, our Assisting Bishop; *Hosam*, Archbishop in Jerusalem; and all lay people, bishops, priests, deacons, and seminarians;
that they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for those in our world impacted by war and other violence, especially in Bolivia, Haiti, the Holy Land, Iran, Lebanon, Sudan and South Sudan, and Ukraine; for members of our Armed Forces, Foreign Service, and Emergency Services; and for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
that there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
that our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who have been commended to our Parish Prayer List (*see p. 3*), and on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
that they may be delivered from their distress.

We pray for all who have died and for all who grieve their loss. Give to *Levi, Terry Conroy*, and all the departed eternal rest.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
may we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others, either silently in our hearts or aloud:

Pause for prayers of intercession, petition, and thanksgiving

The Presider concludes

Merciful God, you sent your Son Jesus to show us a different way to live: the way of deep humility and obedience. You have called us to love one another and to work together with one heart and mind, balancing our needs with the needs of those around us. Give us courage to follow faithfully, and with integrity—with actions that bear witness to the words we speak, and worship that overflows into our daily tasks and relationships—so that our lives will bring glory and honor to you, our Redeemer and Lord, **Amen.**

The Confession and Absolution

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

Silence

Deacon and People Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you, in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name, Amen.

Assisting Priest

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 Exchange of Peace, Offertory, Setting of the Table, and Doxology

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

The Offertory

Presider

Be imitators of God, as beloved children, and walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:1-2*

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

All Who Believe and Are Baptized

Text: T. H. Kingo (1634-1703)

trans. G. T. Rygh (1860-1943)

Tune: *Es ist das Heil uns kommen her*

harm. J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

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 Liturgy of the Table: The Great Thanksgiving

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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
hea - ven 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.

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.**

The Lord's Prayer, Fraction, and Distribution of Communion

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. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving, **Amen.**

Please be seated.

The Communion

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

Music during Communion

O God, unseen yet ever near

Text: E. Osler (1798-1863)

Tune: *St. Flavian*, from *Day's Psalter*, 1562

St. Dunstan's Chancel Choir

Remaining seated, please join in singing.

“Let us break bread together on our knees”

Music: *Hymnal*, 325

Let us break bread together on our knees;
Let us break bread together on our knees;
Let us break bread together on our knees;

*when I fall on my knees,
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.*

Let us drink wine together on our knees...

Let us praise God together on our knees...

The Postcommunion Prayer, Blessing, Closing Hymn, and Announcements

Please stand.

The Prayer after Communion

Presider Let us pray:

and People **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord, Amen.**

The Blessing

Presider

May the peace of deep belonging settle upon you,
the abundance of life's goodness surround you,
the warmth of divine delight burn within you.

May the light of gentle wisdom guide you,
the courage of forgiveness set you free,
the wings of gratitude lift you.

May your listening deepen,
your trust in grace flourish,
your joy be unleashed.

Beloved, the Mystery envelops you,
the Wonder embraces you,
the breath of life flows through you always.

And may the blessing of God
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 God from Whom Our A. C. Flows

A Song for the Church Blessed with Both Air Conditioning and a Sense of Humor

Linda Bonney Olin, 2018

Geistliche Kirchengesänge, 1623; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906
(LASST UNS ERFREUEN)

The musical score is written for voice and piano in 3/8 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of four systems of staves. The first system (measures 1-4) has the lyrics: 'Praise God from whom our A. C. flows! Praise God for pews where cool air'. The second system (measures 5-8) has the lyrics: 'blows! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Wor - ship with us in com-fort'. The third system (measures 9-12) has the lyrics: 'sweet, in sum-mer's most op-press-ive heat! No more stick - ing to your'. The fourth system (measures 13-16) has the lyrics: 'seat - ing! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia!'. The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note bass line and chords in the right hand.

Praise God from whom our A. C. flows! Praise God for pews where cool air

blows! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Wor - ship with us in com-fort

sweet, in sum-mer's most op-press-ive heat! No more stick - ing to your

seat - ing! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia!

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Please be seated.

Announcements and Special Prayers

For Our New HVAC System

Dear God, from Whom all blessings flow: We thank you for the generosity of the members of this community who have made this new HVAC system a reality. May we always be a people generous in spirit, that St. Dunstan's may shine as a beacon of your warmth and love.

We also lift before you the engineers, contractors, and workers who designed, delivered, and installed this equipment. Bless them for their skill, dedication, and hard work. Keep them safe, and grant that their labors may long serve this community.

Now, O Lord, we ask your blessing on this system, that it may be a dependable source of seasonal cool and warmth for this building. May the comfort it provides remind us of your provision and abiding love, now and all the days of our lives. This we pray in the Name of Jesus, **Amen.**

For Those Celebrating Anniversaries in September

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year together. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, **Amen.**

For Those Celebrating Birthdays in September

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up when they fall; and in their hearts may your peace, which passes understanding, abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, **Amen.**

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

Happy birthday to you!

Happy birthday to you!

Happy birthday, God bless you!

Happy birthday to you!

The Dismissal and Postlude

Dismissal

Deacon Let us bless the Lord!

People **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

Chaconne in g minor, BWV 1179

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Dan Miller, *organ*

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! For anyone interested, Junior Warden **Fred Atwood** is offering a tour of the new HVAC system during Fellowship Time.
- 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 new St. Dunstan's **car magnet** is available on the **Welcome Table!** Please help yourself to one for each of your vehicles.



This Week:

- **Tuesday, September 29:**
 - + **12 Noon: Prayers for Peace and Healing (Zoom)...**Note new day!
- **Wednesday, September 30:**
 - + **10:30 a.m.: Bible Study on The Revelation to John (Zoom)**
- **Next Sunday, October 4:**
 - + **10:30 a.m.: Creation Sunday at St. Dunstan's (Nave)**
 - + **4 p.m.: The Blessing of the Animals and All Creation (Courtyard).** Bring your pet, a picture of a pet, or your favorite stuffed animal for a special blessing in honor of St. Francis of Assisi!



Reaching Out:

- **Christmas Boxes for So Others Might Eat (SOME):**
 - + Once again this year **Elin Botha** is assembling **Christmas Boxes** for vulnerable children and adults experiencing poverty and homelessness, and she needs your help! Please consider donating **gloves** (all sizes/ages), **deodorant**, **shaving cream**, **razors**, and **toothpaste**. Contact with Elin (elin.botha@gmail.com) to learn how you can get involved in this important ministry.

Save the Date!



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 community event a success! Please contact Julie Anderson (julie_anderson75@hotmail.com) to sign up. SSL hours available.**

A reminder:

- + **St. Dunstan's recycles!** As a Christian community we are committed to caring for the gift of God's Creation by being good stewards of our environment. Please use the appropriately labelled blue recycling bins for **mixed paper and cardboard** and **plastic, glass, and aluminum**; please *do not* place these items in the trash.



Serving this Morning

Presider:	The Rev. Patricia Phaneuf Alexander
Assisting Priest:	The Rev. Emily Elder
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
Greeter:	Kiska Williams
Livestream Minister:	Vince Leonard
Acolyte:	Addie Boyle
Crucifer:	Marie Park
Lector:	Madeleine Johnson
Psalm Leader:	Sue Carroll
Intercessor:	Graham Rehrig
Lay Eucharistic Minister:	Ray Donnelly
Ushers:	Justin Bouma, Leo Bouma, and Walter Douglas
Hospitality Ministry:	Elin Botha, Nancy Douglas, Cindy Mathis, Graham Rehrig, and Fred Smoak
Vestry Member of the Day:	Fred Atwood

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The Creation Collect of the Day:

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***Artist's Reflection**

It was bad enough having no food, but no WATER in the desert? That would be terrifying. Moses is losing patience with the people, but God agrees to give another sign: water from a rock. In this image, the water is no mere trickle from the rock – it is a torrent, flowing out of the boulders, overflowing the boundaries of the paper. Where the manna was delicate and mysterious, this water is GUSHING towards us.

As if God is saying, "NOW will you believe me?"

Made from an acrylic paint monoprint on paper, corrugated cardboard, alcohol ink on artificial paper, and chiffon fabric.

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