

# St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church



## The First Sunday of Advent

December 3, 2023

## The Holy Eucharist

Streaming on Facebook Live at 10:45AM.

**Prelude**

Exspecto Adventum "I await the arrival"

J. William Greene

1 Lo! he comes, with clouds de - scend - ing, once for  
 2 Ev - ery eye shall now be - hold him, robed in  
 3 Those dear tok - ens of his pas - sion still his  
 4 Yea, a - men! let all a - dore thee, high on

our sal - va - tion slain; thou - sand thou - sand  
 dread - ful ma - jes - ty; those who set at  
 daz - zling bo - dy bears, cause of end - less  
 thine e - ter - nal throne; Sa - vior, take the

saints at - tend - ing swell the tri - umph of his  
 nought and sold him, pierced, and nailed him to the  
 ex - ul - ta - tion to his ran - somed wor - ship -  
 power and glo - ry; claim the king - dom for thine

train: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 tree, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,  
 ers; with what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,  
 own: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.  
 deep - ly wail - ing, shall the true Mes - si - ah see.  
 with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone.

## The Word of God

### Opening Acclamation

*Celebrant* Blessed are you, holy and living God.  
*People* **You come to your people and set them free.**

### The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

#### Advent Wreath Hymn 56

O come, O come Emmanuel  
 Verses 1 - 2

*Veni, veni, Emmanuel*

(Dec. 23) 1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som  
 (Dec. 17) 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest

1 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile  
 2 all things might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge

1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
 2 show, and teach us in her ways to go.

Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

**Collect for Purity** *said by the Celebrant*

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** – People, look East

Peo - ple, look East, the time is near of the crown - ing of the  
 Stars, keep the watch, when night is dim one more light the bowl shall  
 An - gels, an - nounce with shouts of mirth Christ who brings new life to  
 year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble, trim the hearth and set the  
 brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er, bright as sun and moon to -  
 earth. Set ev - ery peak and val - ley hum - ming with the word, the Lord is  
 ta - ble. Peo - ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the guest is on the way.  
 geth - er. Peo - ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the star is on the way.  
 com - ing. Peo - ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the Lord is on the way.

Music: *Besançon Carol* Words: Eleanor Farjeon

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

**The Collect** *said by all*

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

**The First Lesson**

**Isaiah 64:1-9**

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence--as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil-- to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm** *Qui regis Israel*

**Psalm 80:1-7,16-18**

Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a / flock;  
 shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cheru- / bim.  
 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Man- / asseh, \*  
 stir up your strength and come to help / us.

Restore us, O God of / hosts;  
 show the light of your countenance, and we shall be / saved.

O Lord God of / hosts,  
 how long will you be angered  
 despite the prayers of your / people?

You have fed them with the bread of / tears;  
 you have given them bowls of tears to / drink.

You have made us the derision of our neigh- / bors,  
 and our enemies laugh us to / scorn.

Restore us, O God of / hosts;  
 show the light of your countenance, and we shall be / saved.

Let your hand be upon the man of your right / hand,  
 the son of man you have made so strong for your- / self.

And so will we never turn away from / you;  
 give us life, that we may call upon your / Name.

Restore us, O Lord God of / hosts;  
 show the light of your countenance, and we shall be / saved.

**The Second Lesson**

**1 Corinthians 1:3-9**

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Sequence Hymn 601**

**O day of God, draw nigh**

*St. Michael*

1 O day of God, draw nigh in beau - ty and in power, come  
 2 Bring to our trou - bled minds, un - cer - tain and a - fraid, the  
 3 Bring jus - tice to our land, that all may dwell se - cure, and  
 4 Bring to our world of strife thy sov - ereign word of peace, that  
 5 O day of God, draw nigh as at cre - a - tion's birth, let

1 with thy time - less judg - ment now to match our pres - ent hour.  
 2 qui - ct of a stead - fast faith, calm of a call o - beyed.  
 3 fine - ly build for days to come foun - da - tions that en - dure.  
 4 war may haunt the earth no more and des - o - la - tion cease.  
 5 there be light a - gain, and set thy judg - ments in the earth.

## The Gospel

Mark 13:24-37

*Priest* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

Jesus said, "In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

*Priest* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## Sermon

The Reverend Patricia Templeton

### The Nicene Creed

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,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.

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, who with the Father  
and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who 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.

## **Advent Prayers of the People**

God of the watching, God of the waiting: Be present with us.

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

God of the watching, thank you for the symbol of the Advent wreath, whose circle reminds us that your mercy is endless, with no beginning or end. Help us to set our mind on things eternal.

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

God of the waiting, we pray for all in authority. We look forward to the day when the nations of the world walk in light and your peace is experienced by all.

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

God of the watching, we pray for this city, that we may be a community of hope and light in this world.

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

God of the waiting, we pray for all the people of your church that you may strengthen us all for the ministry you have set before us.

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

God of the watching, we pray for the sick, the friendless, and the needy, especially **Gavin Wilson; Pat Berman; Lee Morris; Mimi Doctor; Rhea Hannah; Penny France; Suzanne Van de Mark; Eileen Zimmer; Priscilla Davis; and John Floyd**. May they experience your healing presence.

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

God of the watching, we pray for all who have died, especially former first lady, **Rosalynn Carter**, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

God of the waiting, we are challenged in our worship to set our hearts and minds on the here and now, and to remember and be thankful for what matters. We give thanks especially for these members of our parish community **Brenda Patten; Ralph Paulk & Suzanne Redmon; Alex, Katy and Violet Pierre; and Cathy & Toby Raper**.

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

God of the waiting, we pray for all those who are watching and waiting for your promised time of justice and peace for all people. Make us co-creators of your coming kingdom.

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

*Celebrant*

Hasten, O God, the coming of your kingdom, and grant that we, who now live by faith, may with joy behold your Son at his advent in glorious majesty. ***Amen.***

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Celebrant and People*

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives.

We have denied your goodness in each other,  
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.

We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done,  
and the evil done on our behalf.

Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ,  
that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

## **Absolution**

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

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**

# Announcements

# The Holy Communion

## Offertory Anthem

“Sleepers Wake”

Felix Mendelssohn

*Sleepers, wake! a voice is calling, it is the watchman on the walls:  
Thou City of Jerusalem! For lo! the Bridegroom comes!  
Arise, and take your lamps! Hallelujah!  
Awake! His kingdom is at hand! Go forth, go forth to meet your Lord!*

## Hymn 74

Blest be the King whose coming

*Valet will ich dir geben*

*Descant*

3 Blest be the King whose com - ing is in the name of  
 1 Blest be the King whose com - ing is in the name of  
 2 Blest be the King whose com - ing is in the name of  
 3 Blest be the King whose com - ing is in the name of  
 4 Blest be the King whose com - ing is in the name of

God! He on - ly to the hum - ble re - veals the face of  
 God! For him let doors be o - pened, no hearts a - gainst him  
 God! By those who tru - ly lis - ten his voice is tru - ly  
 God! He on - ly to the hum - ble re - veals the face of  
 God! He of - fers to the bur - dened the rest and grace they

God. All power is his, all glo - ry! All  
 barred! Not robbed in roy - al splen - dor, in  
 heard; pi - ty the proud and haugh - ty, who  
 God. All power is his, all glo - ry! All  
 need. Gen - tle is he and hum - ble! And

things are in his hand, all a - ges and all  
 power and pomp, comes he; but clad as are the  
 have not learned to heed the Christ who is the  
 things are in his hand, all a - ges and all  
 light his yoke shall be, for he would have us

peo - ples, till time it - self shall end!  
 poor - est, such his hu - mil - i - ty!  
 Prom - ise, who has a - tone - ment made.  
 peo - ples, till time it - self shall end!  
 bear it so he can make us free!

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## The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer B

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Celebrant and People: Spoken at 8:30 service, sung at 10:45 service*

### **Sanctus** S.127

### Holy, holy, holy Lord

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
pow - er 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.

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*The people stand or kneel.*

*The Celebrant continues*

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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,**

**We proclaim his resurrection,**

**We await his coming in glory;**

*The Celebrant 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 Mary, 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 for ever. **AMEN.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

### **The Breaking of the Bread: Fraction Anthem**


*Greenland*

Our hope and ex-pec - ta - tion, O Je- sus, now ap - pear; a - rise, thou Sun so  
longed for, a - bove this dark - ened sphere! With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we  
plead, O Lord, to see the day of earth's re-demp - tion, and ev - er be with thee!

*Celebrant* Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

**The Communion of the People** *All people are invited to receive Communion.*



1 Once he came in bless - ing, all our ills re - dress - ing;  
 2 Still he comes with - in us, still his voice would win us  
 3 Thus, if thou canst name him, not a - shamed to claim him,  
 4 One who thus en - dur - eth bright re - ward se - cur - eth.

came in like - ness low - ly, Son of God most ho - ly;  
 from the sins that hurt us, would to Truth con - vert us:  
 but wilt trust him bold - ly nor dost love him cold - ly,  
 Come, then, O Lord Je - sus, from our sins re - lease us;

bore the cross to save us, hope and free - dom gave us.  
 not in tor - ment hold us, but in love en - fold us.  
 he will then re - ceive thee, heal thee, and for - give thee.  
 let us here con - fess thee till in heaven we bless thee.

Words: Jan Roh (1485?-1547); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt. Music: *Gottes Sohn ist kommen*, melody Michael Weisse (d. 1534); harm. Jack W. Burnam (b. 1946).

### Prayer after Communion *Celebrant and People*

Jesus, Lord of both the light and the darkness, send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas.

We, who have so much to do, seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day.

We, who are anxious over many things, look forward to your coming among us.

We, who are blessed in so many ways, long for the complete joy of your kingdom.

We, whose hearts are heavy, seek the joy of your presence.

We are your people, walking in darkness, yet seeking the light.

To you we say, "Come Lord Jesus!" Amen.

### Advent Blessing

The blessing of God,  
 who has promised  
 to come into our lives,  
 be with you today.

The blessing of God,  
 whose love ransoms us  
 from all captivity,  
 be with you forever.

The blessing of God,  
 whose breath brings new beginnings,  
 send you forth into the world  
 to create a new day for the good of all. **Amen.**

1 Re - joice! re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear!  
 2 See that your lamps are burn - ing, re - plc-nish them with oil;  
 3 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;

The eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.  
 look now for your sal - va - tion, the end of sin and toil.  
 a - rise, thou Sun so longed for, a - bove this dark - ened sphere!

The Bride - groom is a - ris - ing, and soon he will draw nigh;  
 The mar - riage - feast is wait - ing, the gates wide o - pen stand;  
 With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see

up, watch in ex - pec - ta - tion! at mid - night comes the cry.  
 rise up, ye heirs of glo - ry, the Bride - groom is at hand!  
 the day of earth's re - demp - tion, and ev - er be with thee!

Words: Laurentius Laurenti (1660-1722); tr. Sarah B. Findlater (1823-1907), alt. Music: *Llangloffan*, melody from *Hymnau a Thonau er Gwasanaeth yr Eglwys yng Nghymru*, 1865.

**The Dismissal**  
*Response*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

Concertino on "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" I. Allegro Moderato

Tune: *Veni Emmanuel*, arr. J. William Greene  
 French processional, 15<sup>th</sup> century

**Happy Anniversary**  
**John & Cindy Lloyd** December 7

**Happy Birthday**  
**Anil Weerakoon** December 3 **Connor Mark** December 5

**Prayers**

**Parishioners: Gavin Wilson; Pat Berman; Lee Morris; Mimi Doctor; Rhea Hannah; Penny France; Suzanne Van de Mark; Eileen Zimmer; Priscilla Davis; and John Floyd.**

**Family: Jenny, Richard, Diego and Kaira Sanchez**, family of Brenda Patten and Andrea Patten-Weerakoon; **Dan Westphal**, father of Lori; **Rosanne Falcone**, cousin of Deborah Reece; **Kohen Blair**, nephew of Emma Blair and **Allen Blair** and **Kelsey Miles**, his parents; **Sergio Whyte**, brother-in-law of Bessie Holland; **Diana Jacinto**, daughter in-law, and **Aaron Atkinson**, family of Bob Longino; **Antoinette Watts**, sister of Marshall Kress; **Jessica LeClaire**, sister of Sara Thornton; **Nancy Moore**, family of Mary Jane Hannah; **Bill Fields**, brother of Nancy Dillon; **Pamela V. Bowers**, sister of Suzanne Van de Mark; **Katy Greenawalt**, sister of Lee Morris; **Jack & Linda Mobley** and **Vincent Lafitte**, family of Daria Jones & Bruce Lafitte; **Clare Richardson**, sister-in-law of Penny France; **Tiffany Lucas**, niece, **Linda Johnson**, sister of Vivian Siggers; **Deborah Ellis-Williams**, mother of Jackie O’Connell; **Priscilla Williams**, sister of Bessie Holland; **Jeannette Davis**, sister-in-law of Priscilla Davis; **Mary Jane Hobbs**, sister of Sara Thomas; **Barbara Martello**, niece of Mimi Gold; **Deni Omundson & Gary Dorsey**, **Sydney Cortez & Family**, relatives of Jeanne & Josh Taylor.

**Friends: Lauren Sullivan**,(Andrea Patten-Weerakoon); **Kisasi and Shazi Ramses**, **Pete Libby**, **Steve Murray**, (Bob Longino); **Karen Graham**, (Toby & Cathy Raper); **Syukur Junus & Sharifah Idris**, (St. Dunstan’s New Pathways Family); **Lars Olsson**, **Bruce Kenney**, **Michael Stratton**, (Robertson Family); **Madison Fucita & Family**; **K.C. Williams**, **Thomas Futch**, **Lisa Ridges**, **Bill Whitte**, **Tony Rozen**, **Amanda Ippolito & Family**, **Rose Faison**, **Mary Jane Graff**, **Anne Henry**, **Tim Embry**, (Davis Family); **Darrel Hartman**, **Norma Clahar**, **Nancy Domer**, (Paul Zimmer); **Martha**, **Angela & sons**, **Bonnie Lutz**, **Walter Buchanan**, **Pat Buffington**, (Rhea Hannah); **John Heller**; **Jacki Labat**; (Lee Morris); **Ron Hand**, **John and Brian Birchall** and **Alyssa Volpe**; **Abigail Ludwig** (Lindsey Reece); **Jackie Quinn**, **Loretta Roberts**, **Benjamin Banas**, (Cathy Leake); **Bob Laney** (Bob Wolfson); **Jennifer Pern**; **Sherrel Howard**, (Mimi Gold); **Cindy Hind**, (Fair Sutherland); and **Sandy Jusak**, **Michellene Tipton**, **Joshua Dowd**, **Debbie Bogard**, **James Bogard**, (Jeanne and Josh Taylor).

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**Ministry Schedule**

	<b>DEC 3<sup>rd</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent</b>	<b>DEC 10<sup>rd</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent</b>
Vestry on Duty	The Hoods	Bob Longino
Lay Reader: 8:30 am	Nancy Dillon	Bruce Lafitte
Lay Reader: 10:45 am	Lynn Hood	Bob Longino
Lector 1 <sup>st</sup> Lesson	Tom Barnett	Tom Barnett
Lector 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lesson	Vivian Siggers	Andrea Patten-Weerakoon
Ushers / Greeters	Tom Barnett	Tom Barnett
Altar Guild	Marshall/Claudia/Mary Jane	Elizabeth / Ralph
Flower Guild	Kate Gaul / Nancy Dillon	Kate Gaul / Nancy Dillon
Coffee Hour Hosts		

## Upcoming Schedule of Services

**December 10<sup>th</sup>** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent – Services 8:30 & 10:45, Sunday School 9:30

A service of Advent Lessons & Carols - 4 pm

**December 17<sup>th</sup>** 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent - One Service at 10:45, Sunday School 9:30 will be led by Bishop Wright. Bishop Wright will be here to celebrate and confirm our confirmands. We will decorate our Christmas tree during the service. Afterwards, we will have a festive Coffee Hour celebration. We come from so many different backgrounds, and traditions, bring a family favorite dish and the recipe to share.

**December 24<sup>th</sup>** 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent - One Service at 10 a.m.

Christmas Eve Service – 5 p.m.

**December 25<sup>th</sup>** Christmas Day - One Service at 10 a.m.

**December 31<sup>st</sup>** 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas - One Service at 10 a.m.

Christmas Lessons & Carols

**January 7<sup>th</sup>** 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany - One Service at 10 a.m.

**January 14<sup>th</sup>** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany - Services at 8:30 & 10:45

## Announcements

Our website is in the process of being updated. One of the new things is a tab for **Volunteer Sign Up**. The links below are also listed there. Other things will be listed as the needs arise. If you haven't been to our website in a while take a look. Most of the people who walk through our doors for the first time do so because they have found our site online. There are a few more changes coming soon. [www.stdunstan.net](http://www.stdunstan.net)

Christmas is right around the corner, and we have volunteered to provide Christmas for three families through Solidarity Sandy Springs, the food pantry that opened during the pandemic. It now also provides many other services to the Hispanic community in Sandy Springs. Below is a link to a SignUp Genius that shows exactly what is needed.

**Secret Santa:** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4FACAA28AA8-46235789-secret>

**Gifts need to be at the church no later than Friday, December 8.**

We also are helping our refugee family from Myanmar, **Syukur Junus & Sharifah Idris**, set up their household.

**Refugee family:** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4FACAA28AA8-45132368-stdunstans>

Our Altar Guild is in much need of additional members. I've always thought of this ministry as special, one where we act as hosts, preparing and setting the table for the Lord's supper, and well, cleanup. There is some training involved, but through the holiday season there are some group activities to test the waters. To see how our regular volunteer schedule is, check it out, or for more information, ask Elizabeth Wong Mark or me, Claudia Gimson.

**Altar Guild:** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4FACAA28AA8-stdunstans>

### Vestry 2023 – 2024

Bob Longino, Sr. Warden; Vivian Siggers, Jr. Warden;  
Lynn Hood; Wayne Hood; Susie Throop;  
Kate Gaul; Suzanne Johnson; Andrea Patten-Weerakoon; Ralph Paulk

### The Reverend Patricia Templeton, Rector

The Reverend Maggie Harney, Priest Associate  
Cameron Carey, Parish Musician  
Claudia Gimson, Parish Administrator  
Rhea Hannah, Volunteer Administrative Assistant