

St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church



The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 28, 2025

The Holy Eucharist

Streaming on FaceBook Live at 10:45

Prelude

"Pastorale"

G Sammartini / Drummond

1 A - wake, my soul, stretch ev - ery nerve, and press with vi - gor

2 A cloud of wit - ness - es a - round hold thee in full sur -

3 'Tis God's all - an - i - mat-ing voice that calls thee from on

4 Then wake, my soul, stretch ev - ery nerve, and press with vi - gor

on; a heaven - ly race de - mands thy zeal, and

vey; for - get the steps al - read - y trod and

high; 'tis his own hand pre - sents the prize to

on; a heaven - ly race de - mands thy zeal, and

an im - mor - tal crown, and an im - mor - tal crown.

on - ward urge thy way, and on - ward urge thy way.

thine as - pir - ing eye, to thine as - pir - ing eye.

an im - mor - tal crown, and an im - mor - tal crown.

Words: Philip Doddridge (1702-1751). Music: Siroë, George Frideric Handel (1685-1759); adapt. *Melodia Sacra*, 1815.

The Word of God

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant

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

People

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

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.***

1. Sing of the Lord's good-ness, Fa-ther of all wis-dom,
4. Praise him with your sing-ing, praise him with the trum-pet,
come to him and bless his name. Mer-cy he has shown us,
praise God with the lute and harp; praise him with the cym-bals,
his love is for-ev-er, faith-ful to the end of days.
praise him with your danc-ing, praise God till the end of days.

Refrain
Come then, all you na-tions, sing of your Lord's good-ness, me-lo-dies of praise and
thanks to God. Ring out the Lord's glo-ry, praise him with your mu-sic,
wor-ship him and bless his name.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Together let us pray.

The Collect *said by all*

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord in the tenth year of King Zedekiah of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar. At that time the army of the king of Babylon was besieging Jerusalem, and the prophet Jeremiah was confined in the court of the guard that was in the palace of the king of Judah, where King Zedekiah of Judah had confined him.

Jeremiah said, The word of the Lord came to me: Hanamel son of your uncle Shallum is going to come to you and say, "Buy my field that is at Anathoth, for the right of redemption by purchase is yours." Then my cousin Hanamel came to me in the court of the guard, in accordance with the word of the Lord, and said to me, "Buy my field that is at Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, for the right

of possession and redemption is yours; buy it for yourself." Then I knew that this was the word of the Lord.

And I bought the field at Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel, and weighed out the money to him, seventeen shekels of silver. I signed the deed, sealed it, got witnesses, and weighed the money on scales. Then I took the sealed deed of purchase, containing the terms and conditions, and the open copy; and I gave the deed of purchase to Baruch son of Neriah son of Mahseiah, in the presence of my cousin Hanamel, in the presence of the witnesses who signed the deed of purchase, and in the presence of all the Judeans who were sitting in the court of the guard. In their presence I charged Baruch, saying, Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Take these deeds, both this sealed deed of purchase and this open deed, and put them in an earthenware jar, in order that they may last for a long time. For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

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

Psalm *Qui habitat*

Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16



You who dwell in the shelter of / the Most / High, *
abide under the / sha-dow of the Al / mighty.

You shall say to the Lord,
"You are my refuge / and my / stronghold, *
my God in / whom I / put my / trust."

God shall deliver you from the snare / of the / hunter *
and / from the / dead-ly / pestilence.

God's pinions will cover you,
and you shall find refuge under the wings / of the / Lord; *
whose faithfulness shall / be a / shield and / buckler.

You shall not be afraid of any ter / ror by / night, *
nor of the / ar-row that flies by / day;

Of the plague that stalks / in the / darkness, *
nor of the sickness that / lays waste / at mid/day.

Because they are bound to me in love,
therefore will I de / li-ver / them; *
I will protect them, be / cause they / know my / Name.
They shall call upon me, and I will answer them; *
I am with / them in / trouble;
I will rescue them / and bring / them to / honor.
With long life will I / satis-fy / them, *
and show them / my sal / vation.

The Second Lesson

1 Timothy 6:6-19

There is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time--he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

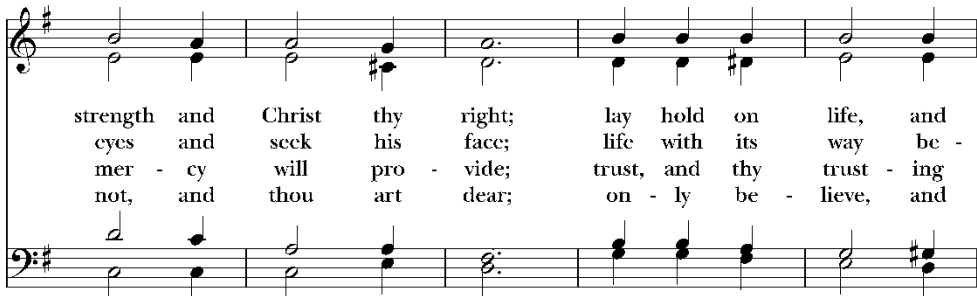
As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

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



1 Fight the good fight with all thy might, Christ is thy
 2 Run the straight race through God's good grace, lift up thine
 *3 Cast care a - side, lean on thy Guide; his bound - less
 *4 Faint not nor fear, his arms are near; he chan - geth



strength and Christ thy right; lay hold on life, and
 eyes and seek his face; life with its way be -
 mer - cy will pro - vide; trust, and thy trust - ing
 not, and thou art dear; on - ly be - lieve, and



it shall be thy joy and crown e - ter - nal - ly.
 for us lies, Christ is the path and Christ the prize.
 soul shall prove Christ is its life and Christ its love.
 thou shalt see that Christ is all in all to thee.

Words: John Samuel Bewley Monsell (1811-1875). Music: *Pentecost*, William Boyd (1847-1928).

The Gospel

Luke 16:19-31

Priest

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

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good

things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house-- for I have five brothers-- that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

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

Sermon

The Reverend Stefanie Taylor

The Creed

I believe in God, the Creator, the Almighty,
maker of a heaven and earth without borders or nations,
who created all people in the Divine image,
who led people from slavery to freedom
through exile and exodus,
the God of homelands lost and found,
the God of Temple and desert, of manna and sacrifice.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and was made human, joining us as strangers and exiles on the earth,
showing us how to bring about God's kingdom here and now,
who was born under occupation
and as an infant fled with his parents to Egypt for safety,
becoming aliens in a foreign land,
who suffered under the imperial power of Pontius Pilate,
was crucified by the state, died, and buried.
On the third day he rose again, opening for us the door to new life,
destroying the power of death.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who speaks all languages, lives in all countries, and reunites all races,
who proceeds from the Creator and the Son, unity in diversity, three in one.

I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church,
a communion of saints across countries and centuries.
I look for the coming of the Kingdom of God,
where our passport is love,
our bodies are resurrected and healed,

where the image of God in all of us is honored,
and all nations, tribes, creeds, and people are reconciled in the place
where there is no mourning or sadness, no exile or despair,
where we will be no longer strangers or guests
but lambs gathered safely home in the arms of the Good Shepherd. AMEN.

The Prayers of the People

O God, for your peace, for your loving-kindness to us, and to all your creation, we thank and praise you.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For an end to war and a truer understanding among the peoples of the earth, we pray to you, O God.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Inspire, O God, all your faithful people to see your presence in each other and in all people, and to put an end to all quarrels and discords in your holy Church.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Guide all those who are responsible for the government of this and other nations, that they may seek your justice and peace for all people.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Strengthen and support with your Holy Spirit, we pray, all those who seek to build bridges between people and those who look for ways to mend the fabric of society.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for all who suffer oppression, that you will protect, comfort, and sustain them with your abundant love, and that the hearts and minds of their oppressors may be opened to repentance and change.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Comfort those who grieve; shield the courageous; encourage the timid; show those who wander in the wilderness the path to clarity of mind.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We ask your blessing and grace upon this parish, that we may better serve your Church and this city, spread your Gospel, and nurture the healthy growth of this worshipping community.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

We pray for those on our prayer list, including our parishioners, **Kyriakos Michaelides; Keith Latimore; Marshall Kress; Bill Deneke; Bob Longino; Sheila Woodard; Priscilla Davis; Cathy Leake; and Donna Thomas.**

We pray for those who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom, remembering especially **Betsy Patten**, aunt of Andrea Patten Weerakoon, and our parishioner, **Margaret Michaelides**.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life and our parish community, especially **Marilyn Morgan & Lee Morris; Gloria Nelson; Jackie, Mark and Reece O'Connell; Jessica Peoples & Diego Orzoco; and Brenda Patten**.

The Celebrant continues

O Lord, awaken the consciousness of all peoples and their leaders; raise up men and women full of love and generosity who can speak and act for peace, and show us new ways in which hatred can be left behind, wounds can be healed, and unity restored. Amen.

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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

Organ Offertory

Musical Clock: Prelude, Air, Minuet

G F Handel

Offertory Hymn

Praise God...Alleluia

Lasst uns erfreuen

One verse

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise
God, all creatures here below: Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le
lu-ia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise
Jesus Christ, whose power up lifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit – it!
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

The Great Thanksgiving – Eucharistic Prayer C

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.***

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 rulers 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 S.128

Holy, holy, holy Lord

Mathias

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers; God of Abraham, Sarah, and Hagar; Isaac and Rebecca; Jacob, Rachel, and Leah; 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.**

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 forever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread *The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

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

Communion Solo	“Lamb of God”	Twila Paris
	Matthew McCawley, soloist	

Prayer after Communion *Celebrant and People*

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world, and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

May the blessing of the God of Abraham and Sarah, and of Jesus Christ, born of our sister Mary, and of the Holy Spirit, who broods over the world like a mother over her children, be among you and be with you this day and always.

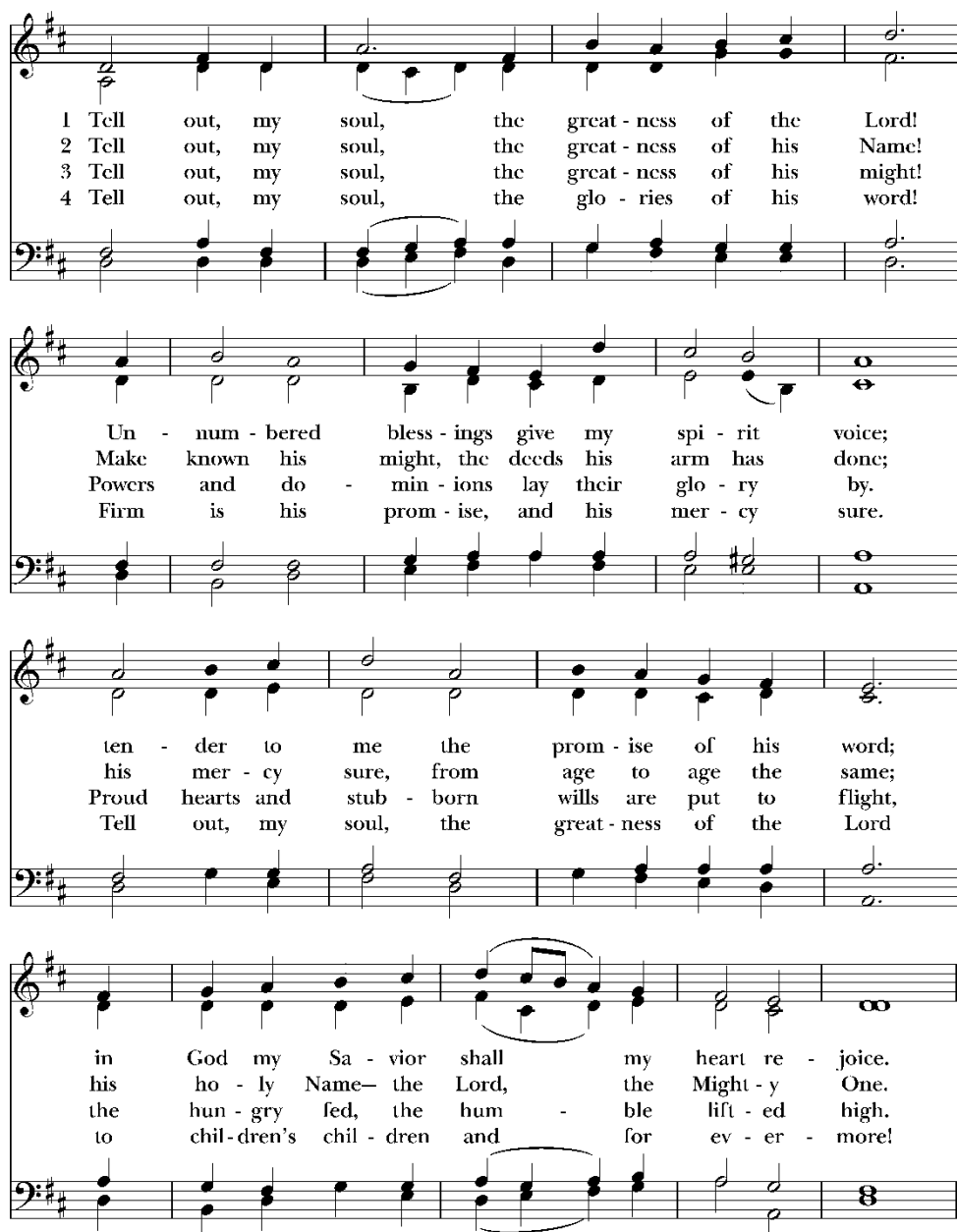
Recessional Hymn	437	Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord	<i>Birmingham</i>
		<i>On following page</i>	

Dismissal

Response ***Thanks be to God!***

Postlude	“Trumpet Voluntary”	H Purcell
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We welcome The Reverend Stefanie Taylor as our guest priest today.



1 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of the Lord!
 2 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of his Name!
 3 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of his might!
 4 Tell out, my soul, the glo-ries of his word!

Un-num-bered bless-ings give my spi-rit voice;
 Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
 Powers and do-min-ions lay their glo-ry by.
 Firm is his prom-ise, and his mer-cy sure.

ten-der to me the prom-ise of his word;
 his mer-cy sure, from age to age the same;
 Proud hearts and stub-born wills are put to flight,
 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of the Lord

in God my Sa-vior shall my heart re-joice.
 his ho-ly Name—the Lord, the Might-y One.
 the hun-gry fed, the hum-ble lift-ed high.
 to chil-dren's chil-dren and for ev-er-more!

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Happy Anniversary

Daria Jones & Bruce Lafitte October 1

Happy Birthday

Paul Zimmer October 1 **Steve Hauser** October 3

Prayer Requests

Parishioners: Kyriakos Michaelides; Keith Latimore; Marshall Kress; Bill Deneke; Bob Longino; Sheila Woodard; Priscilla Davis; Cathy Leake; and Donna Thomas.

Family: Matthew Michaelides, son of Margaret Michaelides; **Michele Goswick**, niece of Sandra & Joe Dobbs; **Clem Clapp, Elizabeth Rhodes**, cousins of Marshall Kress; **Adam Swartz**, brother-in-law of Gwen McAlpine; **Joetta, Joyce Emmons**, cousin of Elizabeth Wong Mark; **Pamela V. Bowers**, sister of Suzanne Van de Mark; **Chris Ekmark**, cousin of Heather Robertson; **Cody Young**, nephew, Deborah & Bill Reece; **Carra & Vincent Lafitte, Larry & Sharon Mobley, Jack & Linda Mobley** family of Daria and Bruce Lafitte; **Mary Morris**, sister-in-law of Lee Morris; **Charlie Bunn**, cousin of Tiffany Wilson; **Harry Kastanakis III**, brother of Reneé; **Aggie Whyte, Priscilla Williams**, sisters of Bessie Holland; **Oakley Family**, cousins of Priscilla Davis; **Mary Jane Hobbs**, sister of Sara Thomas; **Deni Omundson, Sydney Cortez & Family**, relatives of Jeanne & Josh Taylor; **Roswitha & Klaus Moos**, grandparents of Katharina McCawley; **Karen**, sister of Steve Hauser; **Jessica LeClaire**, sister of Sara Thornton; **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; **Jeannette Davis**, sister-in-law of Priscilla Davis; **Barbara Martello**, niece of Mimi Gold.

Friends: Miriam & Santana Herrera; Cary Ralls & Mark Sillay; Kelsey Clark; Patricia Woods; Anne Cronin; Walter Buchanan (Rhea Hannah); **Marilyn Reynolds** (Bessie Holland); **Tony Rizzuto** (Daria Jones); **Dann Brown** (Tricia Templeton); **Carol Davis, Carolyn Timmons** (Sandra & Joe Dobbs); **Sara Corredor** (Tiffany Wilson); **Dobrik Family; Lynell Walker, Pat Park and Rik Rasmussen** (Anil & Andrea Patten-Weerakoon); **Carol Fitzgerald, Sam Roberson** (Lee Morris); **Gay McNeely, John Ware** (Suzanne Van de Mark); **Lauren Courtney Robinson** (Lindsey Reece); **Neil, Emma, Addison Bonser** (Brown family); **Barry Mazor** (Bob Wolfson); **Kishell Muir** (Barbara Hawker); **Loretta Roberts, Benjamin Banas** (Cathy Leake); **Bill Cobb, Sandy Jusak, Michellene Tipton, Joshua Dowd, Debbie Bogard, James Bogard** (Jeanne & Josh Taylor); **Carolyn Neely Holmes** (Vivian Siggers); **Steve Murray** (Bob Longino); **Madison Fucita & Family; Rose Faison, Mary Jane Graff, Anne Henry, Tim Embry** (Priscilla Davis); **Jennifer Pern, Sherrel Howard** (Mimi Gold).

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Ministry Schedule

	September 28th	October 5 th - Blessing of the Animals
Vestry on Duty	Suzanne Johnson	Ralph Paulk
Lay Reader: 8:30	Bill Reece	Bob Longino
Lay Reader: 10:45	Lynn Hood	Lynn Hood
Lector 1st Lesson	Karen Dessables	Josh Taylor
Lector 2nd Lesson	Nancy Dillon	Katy Pierre
Ushers / Greeters	Gwen McAlpine / Paul Zimmer	Lynn & Wayne Hood
Altar Guild	Marshall / Fina / Ralph	Marshall / Ralph / Mary Jane / Claudia
Flower Guild	Cathleen Hackett	Michele Smither

Announcements

September 29th we will have the **Blessing of the Animals** at both the 8:30 and 10:45 services.

Paul Campbell came to St Dunstan's to fill the position of Director of Music and Organist. Paul also holds a BM in Piano Performance and Graduate Studies in Piano at Carnegie-Mellon University. Paul is also a Pianist and has taught thousands of piano students over the years. The next step in developing the Music at St Dunstan's is offering piano study/lessons to those who wish to learn as beginners or to expand skills in piano who are advanced. Contact Paul Campbell at: 404-312-7801.

Vestry 2025 - 2026

Susie Throop, Sr. Warden; Andrea Patten-Weerakoon, Jr. Warden;
Suzanne Johnson; Ralph Paulk; Sarah Hancock;
Marshall Kress; Jessica Peoples; Alexander Pierre; Tom Wilson

The Reverend Patricia Templeton, Rector

The Reverend Maggie Harney, Priest Associate
The Reverend Colin Brown, Priest Associate
Paul Campbell, Music Director
Claudia Gimson, Parish Administrator
Rhea Hannah, Volunteer Administrative Assistant



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