

# St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church

## The First Sunday of Advent

November 30, 2025



Light one candle for faith  
one bright candle for faith.

Christ brings faith to every heart.  
Christ comes! Christ comes!

## The Holy Eucharist

STREAMING FACEBOOK LIVE AT 10:45 A.M.

Prelude

Listen for His Coming

Hayes

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788). Music: *Helmsley*, melody Thomas Augustine Arne (1710-1778); harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958), alt.

## The Word of God

### Opening Acclamation

*Celebrant*      **Blessed are you, holy and living God.**

*People*      ***You come to your people and set them free.***

### 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.**

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## Song of Praise

Peo - ple, look East, the time is near of one Christ the more light brings the new of bowl life the shall to  
Stars, keep the watch, when night is dim mirth of more who brings the new of bowl life the shall to  
An - gels, an - nounce with shouts of one Christ the more light brings the new of bowl life the shall to

year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble, trim the hearth and set the to -  
brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er, bright as the sun and the moon to -  
earth. Set ev - ery peak and val - ley hum - ming with the word, and 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*                    Together, 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 2:1-5**

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

*Lector*                    The Word of the Lord.

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



I was glad when they said to / me,  
 "Let us go to the house of the / Lord."  
 Now our feet are / standing  
 within your gates, O Je-/rusalem.  
 Jerusalem is built as a / city  
 that is at unity with it-/self;  
 To which the tribes go up,  
 the tribes of the / Lord,  
 the assembly of Israel,  
 to praise the name of the / Lord.  
 For there are the thrones of / judgment,  
 the thrones of the house of / David.  
 Pray for the peace of Je-/rusalem:  
 "May they prosper who / love you.  
 Peace be within your / walls  
 and quietness within your / towers.  
 For the sake of my kindred and com-/panions,  
 I pray for your pro / sperity.  
 Because of the house of the Lord our / God,  
 I will seek to do you / good."

**The Second Lesson****Romans 13:11-14**

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

*Lector*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

## Sequence Hymn 598

## Lord Christ, when first

## Mit Freuden zart



1 Lord Christ, when first thou cam'st to earth, up - on a cross they  
 2 O awe - ful Love, which found no room in life where sin de -  
 3 New ad - vent of the love of Christ, shall we a - gain re -  
 4 O wound-ed hands of Je - sus, build in us thy new cre -



bound thee, and mocked thy sav - ing king - ship then  
 nied thee, and doomed to death, must bring to doom  
 fuse thee, till in the night of hate and war  
 a - tion; our pride is dust, our vaunt is stilled,



by thorns with which they crowned thee: and still our wrongs  
 the powers which cru - ci - fied thee, till not a stone  
 we per - ish as we lose thee? From old un - faith  
 we wait thy rev - e - la - tion: O love that tri -



may weave thee now new thorns to pierce that  
 was left on stone, and all those na - tions'  
 our souls re - lease to seek the king - dom  
 umphs o - ver loss, we bring our hearts be -



stead - y brow, and robe of sor - row round thee.  
 pride, o'er-thrown, went down to dust be - side thee!  
 of thy peace, by which a - lone we choose thee.  
 fore thy cross, to fi - nish thy sal - va - tion.

## The Gospel

## Matthew 24:36-44

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

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

Jesus said to the disciples, "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of

the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

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

## Sermon

**The Reverend Patricia Templeton**

### 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.

### **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 **Lucy Kaltenbach; Holly Swing; Suzanne Johnson; Brenda Patten; Vivian Siggers; Penny France; Bob Longino; Priscilla Davis; Donna Thomas; and Cathy Leake**. May they experience your healing presence.

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

God of the watching, we pray for all who have died, 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 **Jane & Greg, Greer & Whit Blount; Charis Bowling; Christi & Colin, Mary Grace & Frances Brown; Justin & Mike, Lucas & Amelia Camara; Beth Tanis & John Chandler**.

***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.***

Together, 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

**Offertory Anthem**

“Veni Emanuel”

John Morgan



## 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:*

***Sanctus*** S.128

Holy, holy, holy Lord

Mathias

*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.

**Fraction Anthem** O come, O come Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,  
    That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear,  
    Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

*The Celebrant continues*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

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

1 Christ is the world's true Light, its Cap-tain of sal - va - tion,  
 2 In Christ all rac - es meet, their an- cient feuds for - get - ting,  
 3 One Lord, in one great Name u - nite us all who own thee;

the Day - star clear and bright of ev - ery race and na - tion;  
 the whole round world com - plete, from sun-rise to its set - ting:  
 cast out our pride and shame that hin - der to en - throne thee;

new life, new hope a - wakes, for all who own his sway:  
 when Christ is throned as Lord all shall for - sake their fear,  
 the world has wait - ed long, has tra - vailed long in pain;

free - dom her bond - age breaks, and night is turned to day.  
 to plough-share beat the sword, to prun - ing - hook the spear.  
 to heal its an - cient wrong, come, Prince of Peace, and reign.

**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.

## Recessional Hymn 544

### Jesus shall reign where'er the sun

*Duke Street*

1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun doth his suc -  
 2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es  
 3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue dwell on his  
 4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - oners  
 5 Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar

1 ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from  
 2 throng to crown his head; his Name like sweet per -  
 3 love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es  
 4 leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -  
 5 hon - ors to our King; an - gels de - scend with

1 shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.  
 2 fume shall rise with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.  
 3 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his Name.  
 4 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.  
 5 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt. Music: *Duke Street*, John Hatton (d. 1793).

**The Dismissal**

Response

**Thanks be to God.****Postlude**

Wake, Awake, For Night is Falling

Hobby

We welcome Julie Bunn back as our guest musician today.

**Ministry Schedule**

	November 30 <sup>th</sup> First Sunday in Advent	December 7 <sup>th</sup> Second Sunday in Advent
Vestry on Duty	Jessica Peoples	Tom Wilson
Lay Reader: 8:30	Nancy Dillon	Harriett Smith
Lay Reader: 10:45	Claudia Gimson	Lynn Hood
Lector 1st Lesson	Marshall Kress	Rhea Hannah
Lector 2nd Lesson	Elizabeth Wong Mark	Bill Hancock
Ushers / Greeters	Gwen McAlpine & Paul Zimmer	Ralph Paulk
Altar Guild	Claudia / Mary Jane	Marshall / Ralph /
Flower Guild	No Flowers during Advent	No Flowers during Advent

**Announcements**  
**Advent / Christmas Events**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent (December 21)**

10 a.m. -- ONE service this day. We will decorate the Christmas tree and celebrate with a festive potluck lunch after the service.

**Christmas Eve (December 24)**

5 p.m. -- Come celebrate the birth of the Messiah.

**December 28**

10 a.m. -- One service of Christmas Lessons & Carols.

**January 4, 2026**

10 a.m. -- One service.

# Happy Birthday

Reneé Kastanakis December 1   Anil Weerakoon   December 3   Connor Mark   December 5

## Prayer Requests

**Parishioners:** Lucy Kaltenbach; Holly Swing; Suzanne Johnson; Brenda Patten; Vivian Siggers; Bob Longino; Penny France; Priscilla Davis; Donna Thomas; and Cathy Leake.

**Family:** Cody Young, cousin of Lindsey Reece; Pamela V. Bowers, sister of Suzanne Van de Mark; Tim Leyden, father / father-in law of Tim & Jessie Leyden; Kathy Benedict, family of Andrea, Anil and Brenda; Preston Wilson, brother of Mary Jane Hannah; Roswitha Moos, grandmother of Katharina McCawley; Carson Morris, daughter; Mary Morris, sister-in-law of Lee Morris; Tiffiny Lucas, niece, of Vivian Siggers; Matthew Michaelides, son of Margaret Michaelides; Michele Goswick, niece of Sandra & Joe Dobbs; Laura Shain; niece; Elizabeth Rhodes, cousin of Marshall Kress; Adam Swartz, brother-in-law of Gwen McAlpine; Joyce Emmons, cousin of Elizabeth Wong 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; Charlie Bunn, cousin of Tiffany Wilson; 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; Karen, sister of Steve Hauser; Jessica LeClaire, sister of Sara Thornton; Clare Richardson, sister-in-law of Penny France; Deborah Ellis-Williams, mother of Jackie O'Connell; Jeannette Davis, sister-in-law of Priscilla Davis; Barbara Martello, niece of Mimi Gold.

**Friends:** The Cline Family (Claudia Gimson); Joe James; Miriam & Santana Herrera; Cary Ralls & Mark Sillay; Patricia Woods; 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); 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).

We give thanks for our parish Jane & Greg, Greer & Whit Blount; Charis Bowling; Christi & Colin, Mary Grace & Frances Brown; Justin & Mike, Lucas & Amelia Camara; Beth Tanis & John Chandler.

We pray for those who have died.

## **Vestry 2025 - 2026**

Susie Throop, Sr. Warden; Andrea Patten-Weerakoon, Jr. Warden;  
Suzanne Johnson; Ralph Pault; 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

Claudia Gimson, Parish Administrator

Rhea Hannah, Volunteer Administrative Assistant



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