

St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church



The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 4, 2026

The Holy Eucharist with Blessing of the Animals

Streaming FaceBook Live at 10:45 am

Prelude

Pastorale in F (BWV 590)

by J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Unison or harmony

1 Morn - ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing,
 2 Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from hea - ven,
 3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing

black-bird has spo - ken like the first bird. _____
 like the first dew - fall on the first grass. _____
 born of the one light E - den saw play! _____

Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!
 Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet gar - den,
 Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - ery morn - ing,

Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word! _____
 sprung in com - plete - ness where his feet pass. _____
 God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day! _____

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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.*

Song of Praise

Glory to God

Paul Vasile

Piano:



5 All sing:



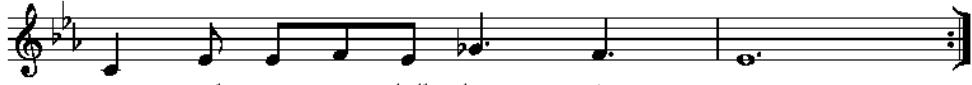
8 Glo - ry - to God, whose good-ness shines on me, and to the
World with-out end, with-out end, A - men. World with-out



11 Son, whose grace has par-doned me, and to the Spi - rit, whose love has
end, with-out end, A - men. World with-out end, with-out



13 set me free. As it was in the be - ginn - ing, is
end, A - men.



now and e - ver shall be, A - - men.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

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

Celebrant Together, let us pray.

The Collect *said by all*

O merciful Creator, your hand is open wide to satisfy the needs of every living creature. Make us always thankful for your loving providence and the beauty of your creation. We give you thanks for all the creatures you have made, and pray that you will give us such a love of them that we will be faithful stewards of those that you have placed in our care; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The First Lesson

Genesis 1:20-25

And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day. And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

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

Psalm

Psalm 148 expanded

All dogs and cats, large and small:

Praise the Lord!

All rabbits, hamsters, and guinea pigs:

Praise the Lord!

All goldfish, guppies, and swimming creatures:

Praise the Lord!

All birds of the air, all parakeets, canaries, and cockatoos:

Praise the Lord!

All raccoons, squirrels, foxes, and deer:

Praise the Lord!

All horses, cows, and sheep:

Praise the Lord!

All lizards, snakes, turtles, and creeping things:

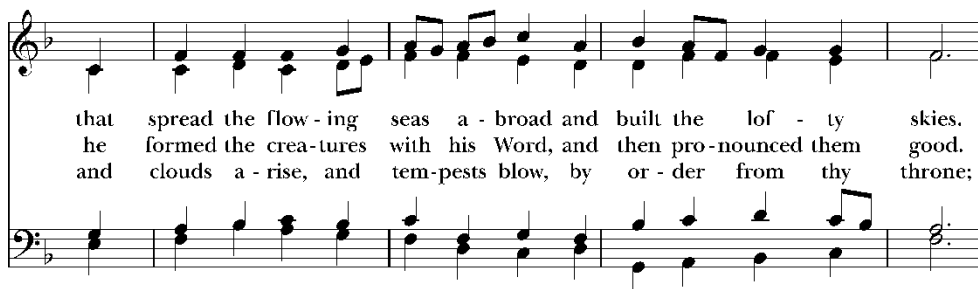
Praise the Lord!

Every animal in the sky, the sea, and the forest:

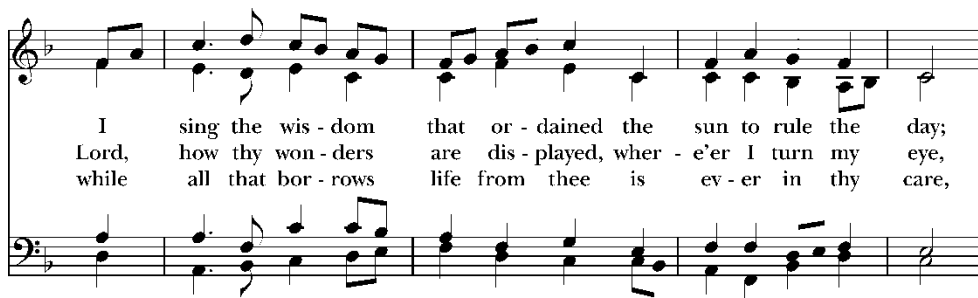
Praise the Lord!



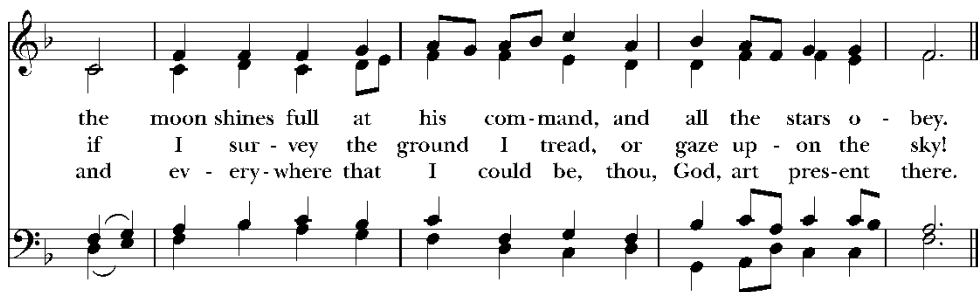
1 I sing the al-might - y power of God, that made the moun-tains rise,
 2 I sing the good-ness of the Lord, that filled the earth with food;
 3 There's not a plant or flower be - low, but makes thy glo - ries known;



that spread the flow - ing seas a - broad and built the lof - ty skies.
 he formed the crea-tures with his Word, and then pro-nounced them good.
 and clouds a - rise, and tem-pests blow, by or - der from thy throne;



I sing the wis - dom that or - dained the sun to rule the day;
 Lord, how thy won - ders are dis - played, wher - e'er I turn my eye,
 while all that bor - rows life from thee is ev - er in thy care,



the moon shines full at his com-mand, and all the stars o - bey.
 if I sur - vey the ground I tread, or gaze up - on the sky!
 and ev - ery-where that I could be, thou, God, art pres-ent there.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt. Music: *Forest Green*, English melody; adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958).

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

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

Jesus said, "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

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

The Prayers of the People

Creator God, we pray for all your creation, for the abundance of the earth, the resources you provide, and the creatures in our care, especially those endangered by our exploitation.

Lord, make us instruments of your care.

We pray for the holy, catholic church, for bishops, priests, deacons, and all others who serve God in the spiritual leadership of the church throughout the world.

Lord, make us instruments of your word.

Guide the leaders and the people of this land, and of all the nations of the world, in the ways of justice and peace; that they may have a spirit of respect and forbearance for each other. May they be led by your Holy Spirit to wise decisions and right actions that wars may cease in all the world.

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

Lord deliver all those in danger, violence, oppression, and degradation. Care for those in the midst of struggle in any land.

Lord, make us instruments of your justice.

We pray for all those who suffer in mind, body, or spirit.

Lord, make us instruments of your healing.

We pray for all whose lives are closely linked with ours; grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Lord, make us instruments of your love.

Give to the departed eternal rest and let light perpetual shine upon them. Give us a spirit of gratefulness for the lives of those we have loved and lost and the ability to celebrate their time with us and their place in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, make us instruments of your joy.

We remember before you our animal friends who have died. Give to them a place in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, make us instruments of your praise. Amen.

Blessing of the Animals *said by the Celebrant*

O supreme Spirit of Creation, from your sacred breath came forth birds and beasts, fish and fowl, creatures of such variety and beauty that we are continuously amazed at your divine imagination. These children of yours have been blessed by you, their Creator, with simplicity and beauty. Sheep and goats, donkeys and cows, doves and serpents, fish and birds were blessed by Jesus, your son, by his being born in their company and by his making use of them in his teachings. May we now bless our pets by taking delight in their beauty and naturalness. Let us seek to learn their language and be students of all the secrets that they know. May your abundant blessing rest upon these creatures who are companions for us in the journey of life. Amen.

Each animal and its people may come forward for a blessing.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

Badgers and Hedgehogs

by Andrew Carter (1938-2026)

O ye badgers and hedgehogs,

bless the Lord,

O ye badgers and squirrels and hedgehogs,

bless the Lord,

O ye badgers and squirrels and ferrets and foxes and hedgehogs,

bless the Lord,

O ye parakeets and pelicans and porcupines and penguins, guillemots and guineapigs

and gallinules and godwits and badgers and hedgehogs,

bless the Lord,

O ye weasels and warthogs and wallabies and wombats, chipmunks and chuckwallas

and kookaburras and caterpillars and badgers and hedgehogs,

bless the Lord,

O ye dromedaries and ye dragonflies and diddy little daddy-long-legs,

budgerigars and bumblebees and bandicoots and bullfrogs and badgers and hedgehogs,

bless the Lord, bless the Lord!

Descant

All things bright and beau - ti - ful, crea-tures great and small,

Refrain

All things bright and beau - ti - ful, all crea-tures great and small,

all things wise and won - der - ful, God made them all.

all things wise and won - der - ful, the Lord God made them all.

1 Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,
 2 The pur - ple - head - ed moun-tain, the riv - er run - ning by,
 3 The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas - ant sum - mer sun,
 4 He gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell

Repeat Refrain

he made their glow-ing col - ors, he made their ti - ny wings.
 the sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright-ens up the sky,
 the ripe fruits in the gar - den, he made them ev - ery one.
 how great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well.

The Great Thanksgiving – Eucharistic Prayer for the Blessing of Animals

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

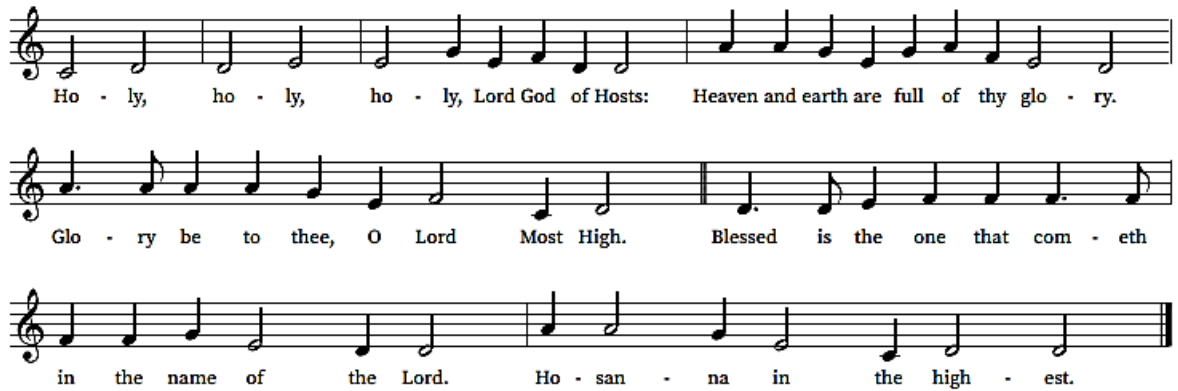
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Creator of heaven and earth. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars, and every living thing. You formed out of the ground wild animals and birds of the air and entrusted them to our care. You rescued two of every kind from the flood with Noah and his family.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Francis and Clare, with earth, air, sea, and all their creatures, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus S.113

Holy, holy, holy

Merbecke



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy glo - ry.

Glo - ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Blessed is the one that com - eth

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The people stand or kneel.

The Celebrant continues

You are indeed holy, O God, and blessed is your son Jesus Christ, the true Passover Lamb and the great Shepherd of your flock. Foxes have their dens and birds of the air their nests, but when Jesus came into our world, there was no place for him to lay his head. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us, gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. As they are the body and blood of Christ for us, so may we be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. Like Adam and Eve, set us as caretakers of your Creation. Like Francis and Clare, set us alight with the fire of your love. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until we feast at the heavenly banquet.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever. *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.

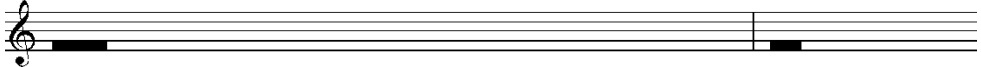
Fraction Hymn S.172 Blessed are those who are called Chant/Martens

Antiphon
Cantor; then All

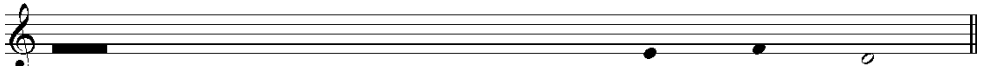
Bles - sed are those who are called to the Sup - per of the Lamb.

Cantor

Praise the Lord, all you nations; laud him, all you peo - ples.



For his loving - kindness toward us is great, and the



faithfulness of the Lord endures for ev - er. [Ant.]

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Celebrant Continues
The Gifts of God for the People of God.

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

1 Je - sus, all my glad - ness, my re - pose in sad - ness,
 2 Hence with earth - ly trea - sure: thou art all my plea - sure,
 3 Flee, dark clouds that low - er, for my joy be - stow - er,

Je - sus, heaven to me, ah, my heart long plain - eth, ah, my spi - rit
 Je - sus, my de - sire! Hence, for pomps I care not, e'en as though they
 Je - sus, en - ters in! Joy from tri - bu - la - tion, hope from des - o -

strain - eth, long - eth af - ter thee! Thine I am, O ho - ly Lamb;
 were not rank and for - tune's hire. Want and gloom, cross, death and tomb;
 la - tion, they who love God win. Be it blame or scorn or shame,

on - ly where thou art is plea - sure, thee a - lone I trea - sure.
 nought that I may suf - fer cv - er shall from Je - sus sev - er.
 thou art with me in earth's sad - ness, Je - sus, all my glad - ness!

Words: Johann Franck (1618-1677); tr. Arthur Wellesley Wotherspoon (1853-1936), alt. Music: *Jesu, meine Freude*, Johann Crüger (1698-1662), alt.

Prayer of St. Francis *Celebrant and People*

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon: where there is discord union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. 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 390

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
On following page

Lobe den Herren

Dismissal

Response: Thanks be to God!

Ministry Schedule

	19 th Pentecost – Oct 4 th	20 th Pentecost – Oct. 11 th
Vestry on Duty	Eddie Belgard	Alex Pierre
Lay Reader: 8:30 am	Peg Maloney	Bruce Lafitte
Lay Reader: 10:45 am	Susie Throop	Lynn Hood
Lector 1 st Lesson	Linda Parrish	Alex Pierre
Lector 2 nd Lesson	-----	Hanna Woodburn
Ushers / Greeters	Elizabeth Wong Mark	Tom Wilson
Altar Guild	Marshall / Mary Jane	Ralph / Mary Jane
Flower Guild	Lucinda Kaltenbach	Claudia Gimson

Descant

4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
2 Praise to the Lord; o - ver all things he glo - rious - ly
3 Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy way and de -
4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

dore him! All that hath life and breath come now with

a - tion; O my soul, praise him, for he is thy
reign - eth: borne as on ea - gle - wings, safe - ly his
fend thee; sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall
dore him! All that hath life and breath come now with

prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his

health and sal - va - tion: join the great throng, psal - ter - y,
saints he sus - tain - eth. Hast thou not seen how all thou
ev - er at - tend thee; pon - der a - new what the Al -
prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his

peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for ev - er a - dore him.

or - gan, and song, sound - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion.
need - est hath been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?
might - y can do, who with his love doth be - friend thee.
peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for ev - er a - dore him.

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Happy Anniversary

Tom Gibbs & Steven Schneider October 10

Happy Birthday

Tom Barnett October 5 **Alan Toney** October 6

Rick Bent October 7 **Julia Koenig** October 8

Prayer Requests

Parishioners: Rhea Hannah; Hollis Holland; Cathleen Hackett; Penny France; Lisa Wilson; Priscilla Davis; Virginia Skinner; Donna Thomas; and Cathy Leake.

Family: Amy Currie, sister of Lisa Wilson; Ann Harrison, sister-in-law of Nancy Knight Latimore; George Robinson, nephew, Samantha Woo, niece and Aggie Whyte, Priscilla Williams, sisters of Bessie & Hollis Holland; Glenda Owens, grandmother of Lillian Amengual; Kathy Benedict, family of Andrea & Anil Weerakoon and Brenda Patten; Terra Garrett, cousin of Cathleen Hackett; Jane Schneiderwind, sister of Mimi Gold; Cody Young, cousin of the Reece Family; Roswitha Moos, grandmother of Katharina McCawley; Vincent Lafitte, Larry & Sharon Mobley, Jack & Linda Mobley family of Daria Jones & Bruce Lafitte; Charlie Bunn, cousin of Tiffany Wilson; Oakley Family, cousins of Priscilla Davis; 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; Barbara Martello, niece of Mimi Gold.

Friends: Travis Pruter, Diane Earle (Gwen McAlpine & Paul Zimmer); Lori and Brad Becker, Shehan, Preemali Seneveratne & family (Anil & Andrea Patten-Weerakoon); Pam Weed (Claudia Gimson); Willie Adams; Pat Buffington; Sara Knochel, (Mary Jane Hannah); E.J. Walker (Ralph Paulk); Susan & John Ware, Gay McNeely, (Suzanne Van de Mark); Bill Cobb, Sandy Jusak, Michellene Tipton, Joshua Dowd, Debbie Bogard, James Bogard (Jeanne & Josh Taylor); Tom Lombardo (Tricia Templeton); Ellie Richards, Jennifer Pern, Sherrel Howard (Mimi Gold); Dena Horner (Bob Longino); Wanda Arrowood, (Sandra Dobbs); Lauren Courtney Robinson (Lindsey Reece); Neil, Emma, Addison Bonser (Brown family); Barry Mazor (Bob Wolfson); Loretta Roberts, Benjamin Banas (Cathy Leake); Carolyn Neely Holmes (Vivian Siggers); Madison Fucita & Family; Rose Faison, Mary Jane Graff, Anne Henry, Tim Embry (Priscilla Davis).

We give thanks for our parish community, especially June Arnold; Gwen & Tom Barnett; Llewellyn Bell; and Eddie Belgard.

We pray for those who have died, remembering especially Shirley Tyree, aunt of Hollis Holland, and Lindsey Benne, friend of Claudia Gimson.

Announcements

Annual Flying Pig & Chicken BBQ – Right after the 10:45 service

Sunday, October 25th there will be services at 8:30 and 10:45 but no Sunday School.

\$15 for Adults / Children 10 and under \$5

A wonderful fall afternoon awaits us as we revisit an old-fashioned Potluck Lunch and country BBQ! We'll set up in the Parish Hall, but weather permitting, we'll also have seating to feast in the Beech Grove and enjoy some beautiful Atlanta fall weather. But rain or shine we will gather!

Bring your neighbors, family, and friends, but help us with the head count so the chefs can plan accordingly and for planning extra take home BBQ. It's always a fun gathering when the St. Dunstan's community comes together to share and break bread together.

Please bring your favorite side dish to share for this annual event. Signup sheets are in the Parish Hall.

Chef / Pitmaster John Gimson is offering unique hands-on learning opportunities / looking for volunteers.

Thank you to many helping hands, Tom Wilson, Andrea Patten Weerakoon, our new St. Dunstan's directory is now available. Please pick yours up when you're here or let Claudia know you need to have yours mailed.

Vestry 2026 -2027

Susie Throop, Sr. Warden; Alexander Pierre, Jr. Warden;

Sarah Hancock; Tom Wilson; Eddie Belgarde;

Mary Jane Hannah; Susan Hauser;

Zoe McMichael; Suzanne Van de Mark

The Reverend Patricia Templeton, Rector

The Reverend Maggie Harney, Priest Associate

The Reverend Colin Brown, Priest Associate

Brian Parks, Parish Musician

Claudia Gimson, Parish Administrator

Rhea Hannah, Volunteer Administrative Assistant



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