

Holy Communion: Rite Two First Sunday After Christmas December 28, 2025 | 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM



WELCOME!

We are an Episcopal (Anglican) community of various backgrounds and beliefs, drawn together by our love of God in Jesus Christ. We believe that God's radically inclusive love excludes no one. At St. Dunstan's, all people are welcome, no exceptions. Please visit our Welcome Table on the patio to get more information about our church. A "Welcome Pad" is located at the end of each pew if you would like to share your name and/or contact information. If you are interested in membership, please speak with our Rector, Rev. Rebecca. We're so glad you're here!

Prayer book & Hymnals: In the pews you will see various books in different colors. The red book is our Book of Common Prayer (BCP). BCP pages are included if you prefer to use the Prayer Book. The blue Hymnal 1982 contains many of the hymns in today's service. Other hymns, beginning with "J-", can be found in the white, large ringed book entitled "Make a Joyful Noise," produced by our Parish Musician, Gregory Funk.

The Prelude: Noel VI Louis-Claude D'Aquin

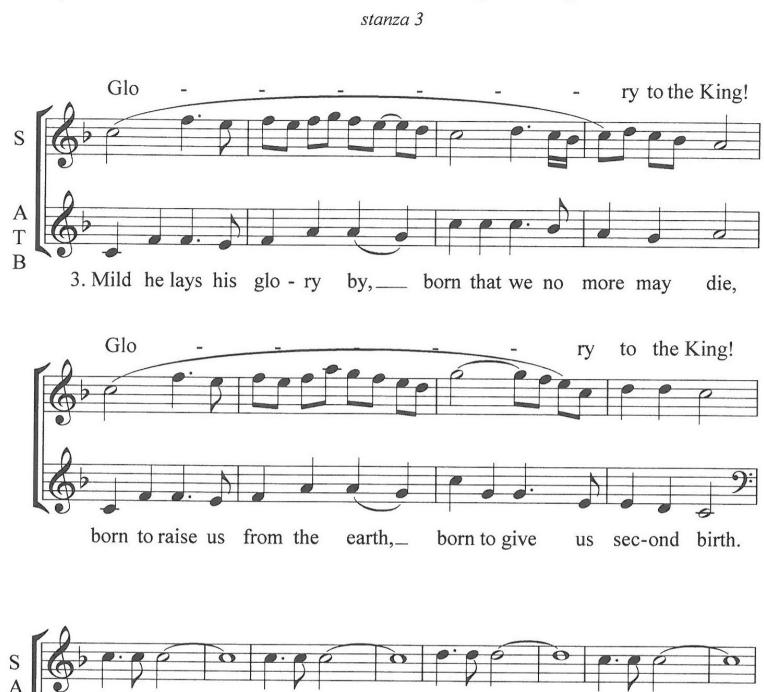
Opening Hymn 87 (8:00 v1,3)

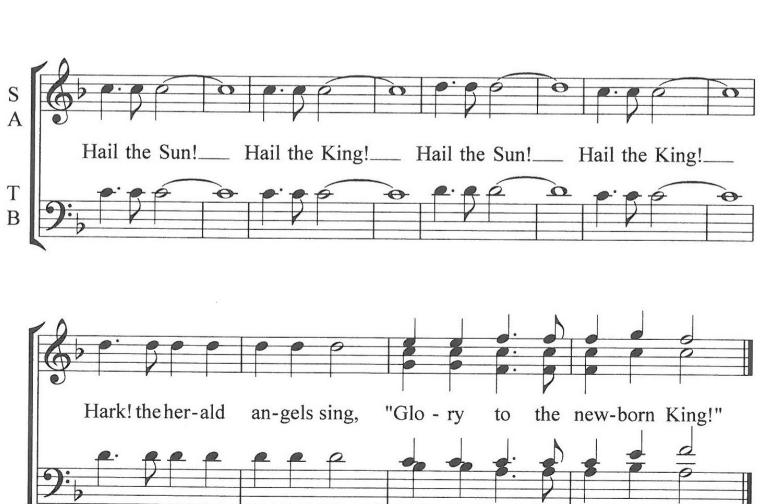
Hark! The herald angels sing



Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt. Music: *Mendelssohn*, Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847); adapt. William H. Cummings (1831-1915).

87 Hark! the herald angels sing





Opening Sentence

BCP 355

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

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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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The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

All are seated.

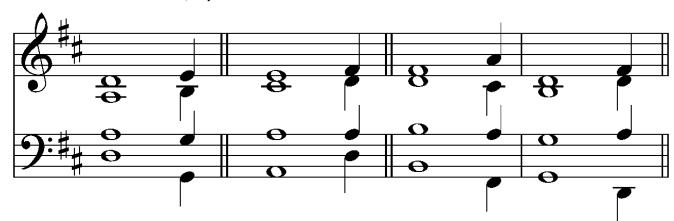
First Reading: Isaiah 61:10-62:3

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord GoD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations. For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 147:13-21, spoken at 8:00 am



- 13 Worship the LORD, O Je-/rusalem; * praise your God, O / Zion;
- 14 For he has strengthened the bars of your / gates; * he has blessed your children with-/in you.
- 15 He has established peace on your / borders; * he satisfies you with the finest / wheat.
- 16 He sends out his command to the / earth, * and his word runs very / swiftly.
- 17 He gives snow like / wool; * he scatters hoarfrost like / ashes.
- 18 He scatters his hail like / bread crumbs; * who can stand against his / cold?
- 19 He sends forth his word and / melts them; * he blows with his wind, and the waters / flow.
- 20 He declares his word to / Jacob, * his statutes and his judgments to / Israel.
- 21 He has not done so to any other / nation; * to them he has not revealed his judgments. Halle-/lujah!

Second Reading: Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian. But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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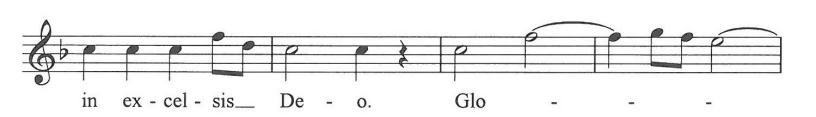


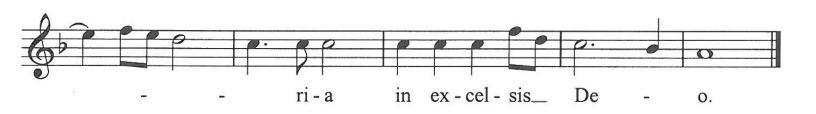
Words: French carol; tr. James Chadwick (1813-1882), alt. Music: *Gloria*, French carol; arr. Edward Shippen Barnes (1887-1958).

96 Angels we have heard on high

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The Gospel: John 1:1-18

Leader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John...

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

(10:00) Children's Moment

(10.00) Cilitaron 31 Ionion

Sermon

The Rev. Cathey Dowdle

The Nicene Creed, standing as able

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

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,

and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

God has clothed all things with mercy and prepared the earth as for a wedding by taking on our flesh in Christ. Trusting in that mercy, let our prayers join the festival, saying: O God, mighty God, merciful God, hear our prayer.

For the churches, that this assembly and all assemblies may be cradles for the word of Christ, filled with harmony and witnessing with thanksgiving, O God, mighty God, merciful God:

hear our prayer.

For the bishops and all the leaders of the church, that in word and deed they may show forth the love and pity with which you clothe creation and all its peoples, O God, mighty God, merciful God: hear our prayer.

For refugees and for those who experience a pitiless world, that you may bring them to places of safety they may call home, O God, mighty God,

merciful God: hear our prayer.

For all families, that their common life may be marked by mutual honor, respect, and forgiveness, and that homes may become places of hospitality to the stranger, O God, mighty God, merciful God: hear our prayer.

For the victims of family violence, that you quickly bring relief, justice, and healing, O God, mighty God, merciful God: hear our prayer.

For the earth which you honored in the incarnation of your Son, and for us creatures, that a spirit of joy in its goodness and care for its future may be poured out upon us all. We especially pray for those on our prayer list: Danni, Annette, Quentin, Leila, Charlotte, Gary, Kirsten, Becky, Amber, Mark, Shirley, Margaret, Brandy, Kelly, Mary Helen, Rick, Jack, Anne Elise, Eleanor, Kyla, Edith, Joan

O God, mighty God, merciful God: hear our prayer.

We also pray for requests from our community:

- For an end to war and peace for the people of Syria, Sudan, Congo, Ukraine
- For continuation of the ceasefire in Israel and Gaza
- For refugees and migrants and for all refugee families being served through our church and the ministries of our diocese.

From our Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Anglican Church of Canada.

From our Diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for the clergy and people of Holy Cross, Carlsbad and for the growth of evangelism in the diocese

From our military cycle of prayer we pray for the Religious Ministries Department, Naval Base San Diego

You are invited to add your own petitions at this time in your heart or with your voice.

Concluding Collect

Rejoicing with all the saints, with Mary and Joseph, with Stephen, John, and

all the Holy Innocents, we commend these prayers and all our life to you, O God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Confession of Sin, kneeling

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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

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 BCP 360

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Announcements

Birthday and Anniversary Prayers, said together

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

(10:00) Prayer Quilts, said together

Gracious and Loving God, we thank You for the loving hands and spirits of those who created this quilt for the comfort of those in need. Let this quilt be a tangible sign and symbol of your enfolding love as Your

Holy Spirit embraces them, eases their pain and worry, and brings them Your comfort and peace. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Offertory Sentence

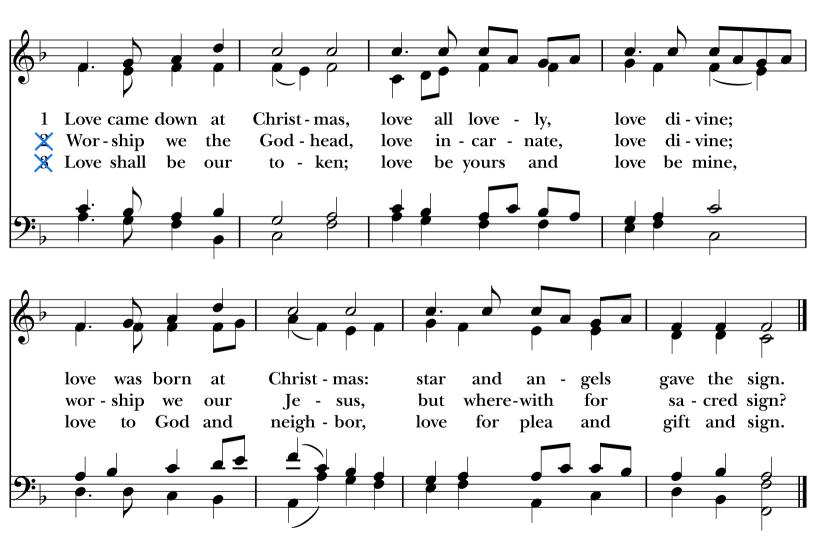
(10:00) Offertory Anthem: In the bleak midwinter Harold Darke

In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan, earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone; snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow, in the bleak midwinter, long ago.

Our God, heaven cannot hold him, nor earth sustain; heaven and earth shall flee away when he comes to reign: in the bleak midwinter a stable place sufficed the Lord God incarnate, Jesus Christ.

Angels and archangels may have gathered there, cherubim and seraphim thronged the air; but his mother only, in her maiden bliss, worshiped the beloved with a kiss.

What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
if I were a wise man, I would do my part;
yet what I can I give him—give my heart.



Words: Christina Rossetti (1830-1894), alt. Music: *Gartan*, melody from *Petrie Collection of Irish Melodies*, *Part II*, 1902; harm. David Evans (1874-1948). By permission of Oxford University Press.

(8:00) Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord.

People And of thine own have we given thee.

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B (spoken at 8:00)

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.

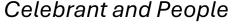
People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

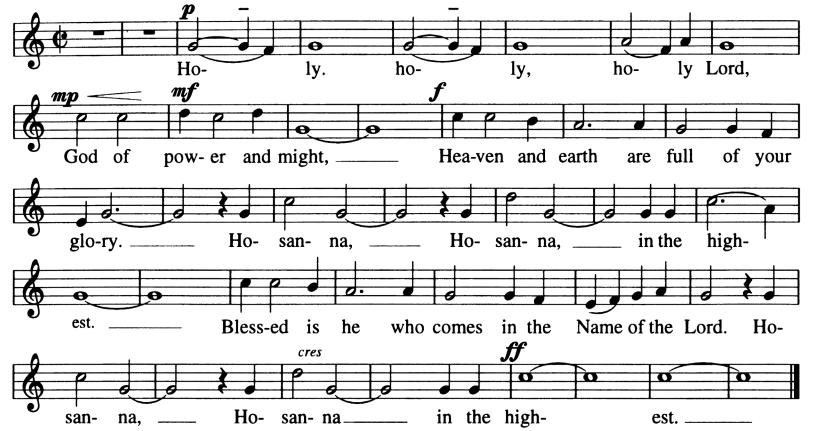
Celebrant

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sins of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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:





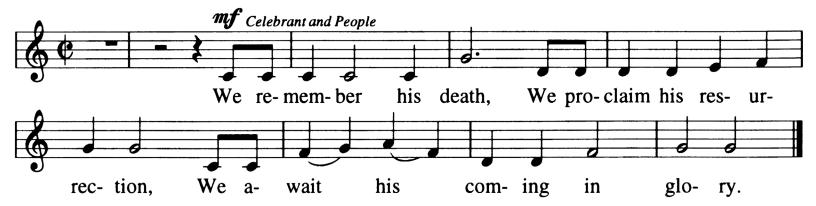
Celebrant continues

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

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,



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 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

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,





The Breaking of the Bread

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The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Christ our Passover

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The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Communion

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion in the Episcopal Church regardless of your church/denominational background. Please extend 2 hands if you wish to have your bread dipped into the wine and extend one hand if you prefer to receive bread only and/or the common cup. If you need gluten free bread or prefer no wine, please indicate this. If you do not want Communion, you can come forward for a blessing instead, indicated by crossing your hands over your chest or simply remain in your seat.

(10:00) Communion Hymn 82

Of the Father's love begotten

(10:00) Communion Hymn J-66

Infant holy



This hymn may be performed in equal note values:

Words: Marcus Aurelius Clemens Prudentius (348-410?); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866) and Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877), alt. Music: *Divinum mysterium*, Sanctus trope, 11th cent.; adapt. *Piae Cantiones*, 1582; acc. Bruce Neswick (b. 1956).



Words: Polish carol; trans. by Edith M. G. Reed (Lk. 2:6-20)

Muisc: Polish carol; arr. Edith M. G. Reed

(10:00) Sending out of Eucharistic Visitors

Priest In the name of Christ Jesus, and through the family of St. Dunstan's, we send you out bearing these holy gifts for God's holy people: that those who will receive them with us may experience the majesty and the mystery of His presence. We who are many are one body,

People because we all share one bread and one cup.

Post Communion Prayer

and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor

Blessing

Closing Hymn 99

Go tell it on the mountain

BCP 365



Words: African-American spiritual 19th cent.; adapt. John W. Work (1901-1967). Music: *Go Tell It on the Mountain*, Afro-American spiritual, 19th cent.; arr. Horace Clarence Boyer (b. 1935). Arrangement, Copyright © 1984, Horace Clarence Boyer.

The Dismissal

Alleluia! Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. *Thanks be to God. Alleluia!*

The Postlude

INTERCESSIONS

The names listed here are for your daily prayers throughout the coming week. You are welcome to add names to the list before or after the service in the clipboard located in the narthex. If you have a prayer request, please contact the church office at 619-460-6442 or Ellen Single at 619-241-2925 and tell us if you want it made available just to the Clergy, to the Daughters of the King, or to the whole parish. Names will be removed 1 month after they are listed.

Healing: Danni, Annette, Quentin, Leila McCoy, Charlotte Dinovo, Gary Krueger, Kirsten, Becky Lujan, Amber, Mark Liberman, Shirley Mann, Margaret Henson, Brandy Williams, Kelly, Mary Helen Kane, Zane Hoyt, Rick Rickards, Anne Elise Kelly, Eleanor Cain, Kyla, Edith Vallese, Joan Jones, Jack

Birthdays this week: Regina Jackson, Torrey Nicholson, Julia Cain

Anniversaries: Russ & Sunny Finch

PARISH NOTICES

Advent Mite Box: Mite Boxes will arrive then; this year, the Outreach Committee chose ROWAN to be the recipient of our Advent/Christmas/Epiphany Mite Box collection. Please be generous with your collection of change and bills this Advent/Christmas season. The Mite Boxes will be collected at the Epiphany (Jan 6th) service

Children's Ministry News: Thomas, our Children's Minister, is home in South Africa for the next several weeks and so we will have a modified schedule on Sundays for children's ministry until January 18:

- <u>Sunday, December 28:</u> No children's Sunday School or children's chapel.
- Sundays, January 4 and January 11: Children's Chapel during the 10am service, but no Sunday School at 9am for ages 7 and up.

Wednesday Chapel Service: Our midweek Eucharist service is on break until January 7th at 10:30am.

Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinners: Fellowship dinners will take a break until January 7. Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and come join us for food and fellowship on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 beginning January 7!! See you then!!

ASSISTING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Clergy The Rev. Cathey Dowdle Music Gregory Funk, Parish Musician

Deborah Berglund, Children's Victory Choir

Mindy Wilcox, flute; Gail Schmidt, violin

Readers Lisa Carroll & Ray Sifton

Sanford Hampton, Darin Marvin, Jillian Belding

Eucharistic Ministers David Bagley

Ann Jarrett, Sarah Mitchell, Mindy Wilcox

Altar Guild Barbara Heiner, Julia Lockwood

Karen Seidman, Margaret Henson

Acolytes Julia, Richard

Sunday Sexton Ryan Sifton

Church office hours: M-TH, 9am-3pm; Fridays 9am-12pm noon

INFORMATION FOR THE SERVICE

St. Dunstan's Pledge cards are available in the back of the church. You can mail a check to the office or donate online through ACS or on www.stdunstans.org or in person on Sunday morning.

If you wear **hearing aids with T-coil** you can hear our service directly through your hearing aids. If you do not have T-coil, or have hearing loss and are not yet ready for hearing aids, you can use one of our portable receivers and headset. A "**quiet room**" with streaming of the service is available in the back corner of this building and accessible seating options are marked and available throughout the church. Check with a Hospitality Minister for assistance.

Children of all ages are welcome in our services (noises and all). Our nursery is also open all morning for ages 0-3 (located on the east side of this building) and our "Pray-Ground" (front-left pew of the church) is open during the service with quiet children's activities. Christian education is at 9:00am for all ages (Sept-May) and during the 10:00am service children are welcome to come forward for a "Children's Moment" and may leave with teachers during the sermon for brief children's education and return just before Holy Communion. Children of all ages may receive Holy Communion at their parent's discretion.

Accessible bathrooms are located inside the church to the left and right of the main entrance. Please let a Hospitality Minister know if you need assistance with anything or have any questions.