

St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church

Blue Bell, PA



Second Sunday of Advent

December 9, 2018

Welcome to St. Dunstan's community of faith. Whoever you are, and wherever you find yourself in your faith journey, you are welcome here, to receive God's blessings and be nourished with us at the Lord's table.

Entrance Rite

Prelude

At the sound of the chime, the congregation rises for the lighting of the Advent Wreath.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Presider Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

The Advent Candle is lit.

Presider People of God: awake! The day is coming soon when you shall see
God face to face. Remember the ways and the works of God.

**All God calls us out of darkness to walk in the light of his coming.
We are God's children. Lord, make us one as we walk with Christ
today and for ever. Amen.**

The Presider and Chalice Bearer return to their seats.

Entrance Hymn 76



1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -
2 Then cleansed be ev - ery breast from sin; make
3 For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, our
4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and
5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee, whose

1 noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,
2 straight the way for God with - in, and let each heart pre -
3 re - fuge, and our great re - ward; with - out thy grace we
4 bid the fall - en sin - ner stand; shine forth, and let thy
5 ad - vent doth thy peo - ple free; whom with the Fa - ther

1 for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings.
2 pare a home where such a might - y guest may come.
3 waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.
4 light re - store earth's own true love - li - ness once more.
5 we a - dore and Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more.

Presider

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

People

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

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY (*said by all*)

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.

Penitential Kyries

Reader Turn to us again, O God our Saviour,
and let your anger cease from us.
Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

Reader Show us your mercy, O Lord, and grant us your salvation.
Christ, have mercy

All Christ, have mercy.

Reader Your salvation is near for those that fear you,
that glory may dwell in our land.
Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

Liturgy of the Word

Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

All **Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

First Reading:

Malachi 3:1-4

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight-- indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

Reader Word of God; Word of life.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

Canticle 16

The Chalice Bearer reads until the asterisk, the people's response is in bold.

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; *
he has come to his people and set them free.

He has raised up for us a mighty savior, *
born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old, that he would save us from
our enemies, *
from the hands of all who hate us.

He promised to show mercy to our fathers *
and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, *
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

Free to worship him without fear, *
holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, *
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

To give his people knowledge of salvation *
by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God *
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, *
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Second Reading

Philippians 1:3-11

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Reader Word of God; Word of life.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Procession and Alleluia

All stand.



He - le - lu - yan, he - le - lu - yan: he - le, he - le - lu - yan;
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia: al - le, al - le - lu - ia;



he - le - lu - yan, he - le - lu - yan: he - le, he - le - lu - yan.
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** May be sung as a round.*

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke
 (Luke 3:1-6)

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

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.

Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.

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

All now repeat the Gospel Alleluia, above.

HOMILY

Nicene Creed

All stand.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Reader: Brothers and sisters, as we joyfully await the full manifestation of God's reign in Christ, let us pray for the needs of the church and the world.

Reader: O Wisdom, you come forth from the mouth of the Most High and reach from beginning to end, mightily and sweetly ordering all things. Behold and bless your church, remembering especially Michael our presiding bishop, Daniel our bishop, David our priest, and all those who minister in your holy name. Be present in ordering the life of this and every congregation.

All: Come and teach us the way of prudence.

Reader: O Adonai, God of the Covenant, ruler of the house of Israel, you appeared to Moses in the fire of the burning bush and on Mount Sinai gave your law. Forgive us when we stray from your guidance and will.

All: Come and redeem us for our life together.

Reader: O Root of Jesse, you stand as an ensign to humankind; before you rulers will shut their mouths, and nations bow in worship: We pray for your peace and justice in every nation and throughout the world; be present to all whose lives are ravaged by war and strife; especially we hold before you those from among us who serve their country abroad. Guide the leaders of this and every land into the paths of peace and goodwill.

All: Come save us and do not delay.

Reader: O Key of David, and scepter of the house of Israel, you open and no one can shut, you shut and no one can open: Guide us in opening the doors of opportunity for the unemployed, for the homeless, for prisoners, and for all who are oppressed; and lead us in closing the doors that lead to poverty, bigotry, and injustice.

All: Come and bring the captives out of the prison house.

Reader: O King of the Nations and their Desire, you are the cornerstone that makes us one: We lift up all who are suffering and in need, especially those on our parish intercession list and those we name now silently in our hearts or aloud (*leave silent time for intercessions*) Tend the sick, give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous and help us minister to them in your love.

All: Come and save us whom you have fashioned out of clay.

Reader: O Dayspring, radiance of the Light Eternal and Sun of Righteousness: Shine your light on those who have died, and bring comfort to all those who mourn.

All: Come and enlighten all who sit in darkness and the shadow of death.

Reader: O Emmanuel, God with us, Expected One and Savior, we give thanks for all the blessings of this life; for all those who celebrate birthdays and anniversaries; and for the other blessings we now name silently or aloud [*pause*]. Make each of us ready to receive you into our hearts, to serve you in all whom we meet, and to greet you in the fullness of your glory in the day of your appearing.

All: Come and save us, O Lord our God

Reader: Joining our voices with the blessed Virgin Mary, John the Baptist, and all the saints and angels of God, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

All: To you, O Lord.

Presider: Hasten, O God, the coming of your kingdom; and grant that we your servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold your Son at his coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate.

All: **Amen**

Presider Let us confess our sins against God, our neighbors, and ourselves.
Silence is kept.

All **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.**

Presider Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive 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

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Liturgy of the Table

Remain standing.

Offertory Sentence

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

Offertory Hymn 67



1 Com - fort, com - fort ye my peo - ple, speak ye peace, thus
2 Hark, the voice of one that cri - eth in the des - ert
3 Make ye straight what long was crook - ed, make the rough - er



saith our God; com - fort those who sit in dark - ness
far and near, call - ing us to new re - pent - ance
pla - ces plain; let your hearts be true and hum - ble,



mourn - ing 'neath their sor - rows' load. Speak ye to Je -
since the king - dom now is here. Oh, that warn - ing
as be - fits his ho - ly reign. For the glo - ry



ru - sa - lem of the peace that waits for them;
cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way;
of the Lord now o'er earth is shed a - broad;



tell her that her sins I cov - er,
let the val - leys rise to meet him
and all flesh shall see the to - ken



and her war - fare now is o - ver.
and the hills bow down to greet him.
that the word is nev - er bro - ken.

Presentation of Gifts

All Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty. For everything in heaven and on earth is yours. Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom, and you are exalted as head above all.

Invitation to the Table

The congregation gathers in a circle/oval around the Altar.

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Presider Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Presider continues.

Presider Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing (say):

All Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth,
Are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

The Presider continues.

Memorial Acclamation

Presider Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All **Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

The Presider continues.

The Lord's Prayer

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

All **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

Presider Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

All **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

The Invitation to Share

Presider 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.

All **May we who share these gifts be found in Christ,
and Christ in us.**

Communion Chant

Bless the Lord my Soul

The image shows two staves of musical notation in 2/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature change to one flat. The lyrics are: U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor, Ai - a nō e loa'a ke a - lo - ha. The second staff continues the melody with lyrics: u - bi ca - ri - tas De - us i - bi est, Ai - a nō e loa'a ke A - kua nō. There are triplets indicated by a '3' over the notes 'i - bi' and 'A - kua'. The piece ends with a double bar line.

1 seated

Presider

Let us pray.

All

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Announcements

Blessing

Going Forth Hymn WLP 724



1. Peo - ple, look East, The time is near of the crown-ing of the
2. Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is plant - ed
3. Birds, though you long have ceased to build, guard the nest that must be
4. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim one more light the bowl shall
5. An - gels, an - nounce with shouts of mirth Christ who brings new life to



1. year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble, trim the hearth and set the
2. there: give up your strength the seed to nour - ish, that in course the flow'r may
3. filled. E - ven the hour when wings are fro - zen God for fledg - ling time has
4. brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er, bright as sun and moon to -
5. earth. Set ev - ery peak and val - ley hum - ming with the word, the Lord is



1. ta - ble. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the guest is on the way.
2. flour-ish. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the rose is on the way.
3. cho - sen. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the bird is on the way.
4. geth - er, Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the star is on the way.
5. com - ing, Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the Lord is on the way.



Postlude

Dismissal

Presider Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

All Thanks be to God.

A Healing Service will follow

Ministers of the Liturgy Today

Greeters *June Villeco, Ursula Schaufler*

Lector *Gertrude Knapp*

Minister of the Chalice *George Lezenby*

Prayers of the People *Charles Stehle*

Altar Guild *Ruth High, Janet Martin*

Altar Flower *Ruth High*

Pastoral Care *Marge Fuehrer*

Vestry Member on Duty *John Ruser*

Coffee Hour *Rivers*

Organist *Joe Benedict*

Presider *Rev. Christina Nord*

We pray for Jack Munera, Tony Bove, Colleen Kelly and family, Jeffery, the Provost family, Jean, Nancy Benedict, Jamie Brady, Kathy Earley, Craig, Ross Hill, Michael Scullen, Jean Kennedy, Kathryn Bullock, Shirley Swift, Al Kime, Shirley Hawes, Paul & The Rev. Lori Exley, Joanne Stehle, Robert Hagendorf and Kai.

We pray for our Vestry, our Bishop and the Diocese of Pennsylvania. We pray for peace throughout the world.

December Birthdays: 7- Allan Kime 17- Jeanette Munera

THE VESTRY OF ST. DUNSTAN'S

David Martin *Senior Warden*

Elizabeth Willoughby *Accounting Warden*

Charles Stehle

John Ruser

Sue Fralick Ball

Finance Ministry

- Liz Willoughby, Charles Stehle,
Richard Earley, Ruth High,
David Martin

Worship Ministry

- Mimi Lezenby
- Pastoral Care Ministry
John Ruser/Gertrude Knapp

Community Engagement Ministry

- Gertrude Knapp, Ursula Schaufler,
Charles Stehle
 - ≈ Communications/
Publicity/Events
 - ≈ Hospitality
 - ≈ Newcomer Welcoming

Christian Formation Ministry

- David Martin, Janet Martin,
Liz Rivers

Stewardship Ministry

- David Martin, Charles Stehle
- Outreach Ministry
 - ≈ ECS/Christmas
 - ≈ Ambler Food Cupboard
 - ≈ Thanksgiving
 - ≈ ECS/Back to School
 - ≈ Laurel House
 - ≈ Good Friday Offering

Property Ministry

- Charles Stehle, John Ruser
- Ursula Schaufler, Facility Usage