

St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church

Blue Bell, PA



Christmas Eve

December 24, 2018

Welcome to St. Dunstan's! We are glad you have chosen to worship with us, because we believe that everyone who enters here is God's guest. Wherever you are in your journey of faith, you are welcome here, as you are, to receive God's blessings so freely given.

Christmas Eve

Holy Eucharist

Prelude

Lights Dim

Entrance Rite

Processional Hymn #83

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Congregation sings verses 1 & 2 during processional to crèche.

1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O
2 God from _____ God, _____ Light from Light e - ter - nal, _____
3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion, _____
*4 See how the shep - herds, sum - moned to his cra - dle, _____
*5 Child, for us sin - ners poor and in the man - ger, _____

1 come ye, O come _____ ye to Beth - le - hem;
2 lo! he ab - hors _____ not the Vir - gin's womb;
3 sing, all ye ci - ti - zens of heaven a - bove;
4 leav - ing their flocks, _____ draw _____ nigh to gaze;
5 we would em - brace _____ thee, with love and awe;

1 come, and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;
 2 on - ly - be - got - ten Son of the Fa - ther;
 3 glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est;
 4 we too will thith - er bend our joy - ful foot - steps;
 5 who would not love thee, lov - ing us so dear - ly?

Refrain

O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a -

dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord.

6 Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
 born this happy morning;
 Jesus, to thee be glory given;
 Word of the Father,
 now in flesh appearing;

Refrain

Collect at the Creche

Presider The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us:
 All And we beheld his glory.

Presider

Almighty and everliving God, you have given us a new revelation of your loving providence in the Coming of your Son Jesus Christ to be born of the Virgin Mary: Grant that as he shared our mortality, so we may share his eternity in the glory of your kingdom; where he lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen**

Hymn #83

O Come, All Ye Faithful (Vs 3 & 6)

The Christmas Eucharist

Opening Acclamation

All stand.

Presider Blessed be the one, holy and living God.

All Glory to God for ever and ever.

Presider The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Collect of the Day

All O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

All sit.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Isaiah 9:2-7

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness-- on them light has shined.

You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Reader Word of God; Word of life.

All Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Psalm 96

The Chalice Bearer reads until the asterisk, the peoples response is in bold.

- 1 Sing to the LORD a new song; *
 sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.
- 2 Sing to the LORD and bless his Name; *
 proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.

- 3 Declare his glory among the nations *
and his wonders among all peoples.
- 4 For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; *
he is more to be feared than all gods.
- 5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; *
but it is the LORD who made the heavens.
- 6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! *
Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!
- 7 Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples; *
ascribe to the LORD honor and power.
- 8 Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his Name; *
bring offerings and come into his courts.
- 9 Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; *
let the whole earth tremble before him.
- 10 Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is King! *
**he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved; he will
judge the peoples with equity."**
- 11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder
and all that is in it; *
let the field be joyful and all that is therein.
- 12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy before
the LORD when he comes, *
when he comes to judge the earth.
- 13 He will judge the world with righteousness *
and the peoples with his truth.

Second Reading

Titus 2:11-14

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

Reader Word of God; Word of life.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Alleluia and Procession

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.
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia: al - le, al - le - lu - ia.

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke
Luke 2:1-14(15-20)

All Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see-- I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

[When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.]

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.
All Praise to you Lord Christ.

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.
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia: al - le, al - le - lu - ia.

All sit.
Sermon

Affirmation of Faith

The Nicene Creed

Presider Let us declare our faith in God.

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

In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

Reader: I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishop, Daniel and for our clergy, especially Lori and Christina; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

Silence

Reader: I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

Reader: I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

Reader: I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

Reader: I ask your prayers for the departed especially those people whom we love, though we see them no longer. Pray for those who have died.

Silence

Reader: Members of the congregation may ask the prayers or the thanksgivings of those present

I ask your prayers for _____ .

I ask your thanksgiving for _____ .

Silence

Reader: Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored [especially _____ whom we remember today]. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

The Congregation adds this concluding Collect.

All: Almighty God, who hast poured upon us the new light of thine Incarnate Word; grant that the same light enkindled in our hearts may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Peace

Presider The peace of Christ 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

Offertory Hymn #79

1 O lit - de town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!
2 For Christ is born of Ma - ry; and gath - ered all a - bove,
3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, the won - drous gift is given!
*4 Where child - ren pure and hap - py pray to the bless - ed Child,
5 O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;

1 A - bove thy deep and dream - less sleep the si - lent stars go by;
2 while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - dering love.
3 So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heaven.
4 where mis - er - y cries out to thee, Son of the mo - ther mild;
5 cast out our sin and en - ter in, be born in us to - day.

1 yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing Light;
2 O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth!
3 No ear may hear his com - ing, but in this world of sin,
4 where char - i - ty stands watch - ing and faith holds wide the door,
5 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell;

1 the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.
2 and prais - es sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.
3 where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.
4 the dark night wakes, the glo - ry breaks, and Christ - mas comes once more.
5 O come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Em - man - u - ell

Presentation of the Gifts

All stand

Presider Word made flesh, life of the world, in your incarnation you embraced our poverty: by your Spirit may we share in your riches. **Amen.**

Invitation to the Table

Gather in a large oval around the Table.

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Presider continues...

Sanctus

The musical score for the Sanctus is presented in two systems. The first system contains the lyrics: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and". The second system contains the lyrics: "might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,". The score is written for voice (treble clef) and piano (bass clef) in B-flat major (two flats) and 4/4 time. The piano accompaniment consists of simple chords and single notes, providing a harmonic foundation for the vocal line.

God of power and might, hea-ven and earth are

full, full of your glo-ry. Ho-

san-na in the high-est. Ho-san-na

in the high-est. Bless-ed is he who comes

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

in the high-est. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

The Presider continues.

Memorial Acclamation

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

The Presider continues.

The Lord's Prayer

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 for ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread.

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

All Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Invitation to Communion

Presider The gifts of God for the people of God.

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

Communion Chant

Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us, he is with us.

5
Break the bread, taste the wine, Christ is with us here.

Lighting of Candles

Postcommunion Hymn #111

Silent Night

The organist softly plays while the house lights are dimmed, and a light is taken from the Christ Candle in the Advent Wreath and passed on to the candles held by people in the room. The singing of the Hymn begins when all the candles are lit.

All stand.

Si - lent night, ho - ly night, all is calm,
Si - lent night, ho - ly night, shep - herds quake
Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God,

all is bright round yon vir - gin mo - ther and child.
at the sight, glo - ries stream from hea - ven a - far,
love's pure light ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face,

Ho - ly in - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in hea - ven - ly
heaven - ly hosts sing al - le - lu - ia; Christ, the Sa - vior, is
with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy

peace. Sleep in hea - ven - ly peace.
born! Christ, the Sa - vior, is born!
birth. Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.

Postcommunion Prayer

All stand.

Presider Let us pray.

All **Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Blessing

The Presider blesses the people.

Going Forth Hymn #100

Joy to the World

1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth re -
 2 Joy to the world! the Sa - vior reigns; let us our
 *3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in -
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the

ceive her King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room, and
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, re -
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow far
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his right - eous - ness, and

heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture
 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
 as the curse is found, far as the curse is
 won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

1 and heaven and na - ture sing, and
 2 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re -
 3 far as the curse is found, far
 4 and won - ders of his love, and

sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heaven and na - ture sing,
 peat the sound - ing joy,
 as the curse is found,
 won - ders of his love,

Postlude

Dismissal

Presider Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All Thanks be to God!

Ministers of the Liturgy Today

Greeters *Marge Fueher, Ruth High*

Lector *June Villeco*

Minister of the Chalice *Sue Fralick-Ball*

Prayers of the People *John Ruser*

Altar Guild *Ruth High, Janet Martin*

Vestry Member on Duty *Liz Willoughby*

Organist *Joe Benedict*

Presider *Rev. Lori Exley*

Prayer List

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

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS AND DEDICATIONS 2018

*The greens and flowers are given
in memory of Loved Ones by:*

*The Earley Family
The Ruser Family
Charles & Joanne Stehle
Yung- Chang Ho
The Krause Family*

and in loving memory of:

*Clara & Alex Dixon by Anne Dixon
Paul Fuehrer, Robert Alderfer and Helen & George Breisch
by Marge Fuehrer
J. Walter High Jr. & Our Parents by Ruth High
George & Christa Knapp, by Gertrude Knapp
Alexandra Kettle by Mary Adele Kettle
Jack & Sue Munera and Mabel & Ralph Hawes
by Jack & Jeanette Munera
Gail Rankin by Bill Rankin
Gordon Carson by The Carson Family*

and to the Glory of God by:

*Pat Turk
June & Tony Villeco*

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

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CHRISTMAS*