

ST. DUNSTAN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE 1ST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY

December 26, 2021

9 am

Welcome to St Dunstan's! We are glad you are here!

If you are new, or would like to update your information, please fill out a pew card.

And please join us for coffee and fellowship immediately following the service.

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

*The congregation is invited to observe silence during the prelude,
out of respect for those who are listening, and as an opportunity for prayer, meditation, and healing.*

Prelude From Heaven Above to Earth I Come *Friedrich Wilhelm Zachow (1663-1712)*

Processional Hymn 102 Once in Royal David's City *Irby*
Verse 1 is sung by a soloist

Priest **B**lessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **A**nd blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

People **A**lmighty 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.

Gloria: Hymn 96 Angels we have heard on high *Gloria in Excelsis*
Stanzas 1 & 3

The Collect of the Day *The people stand or kneel.*

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **A**nd also with you.

Priest 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.**

Isaiah 61:10–62:3

The prophet joyfully responds on behalf of all God's people to the Lord's promises for a redeemed Jerusalem. He is a messenger to those who are poor and have suffered many troubles. Now he feels himself clothed in salvation and integrity, like a bridegroom or bride. In the sight of all people this nation shall become like a fresh garden. The prophet will not keep silence until the deliverance of Jerusalem is known throughout the world.

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 147:13—21 *Laudate Dominum*

A hymn of praise to the Lord, who rules over nature and has shown faithfulness to God's people Israel.

- 13 **W**orship the LORD, O Jerusalem; *
praise your God, O Zion;
- 14 For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; *
he has blessed your children within 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. Hallelujah!

Galatians 3:23–25; 4:4–7

Paul explains what the role of the law has been and how, in our new relationship of faith, we have become sons and heirs of the Father. Before the coming of Christ and justification by faith we were like small children who had to be closely watched. God's own Son was born a subject of the law. Through him we now are given the status of sons coming into their maturity. We are enabled, through the Spirit of his Son, to call upon God with the same Aramaic word for Father that Jesus is remembered to have used, Abba.

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn 82 Of the Father's Love Begotten

Divinum mysterium

Verses 1 & 2 are sung before the Gospel reading. Verses 3 & 4 are sung after the Gospel reading.

John 1:1–18

A hymn to God's Word, the expression of God's very being and the creative power of all life, who has now become flesh and lived among us. The Word is the light of all humankind, and was witnessed to by John the Baptist. Although the world made by the Word did not recognize the Word, those who did believe in the Word have been given the right to become children of God. The law came through Moses, but grace and truth come through the only Son, who makes the Father known.

Priest 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.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Laurel Coote

After the sermon a brief silence is kept.

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

Priest The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Presenters I present *N.* to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

To the Parents and Godparents:

Priest Will you be responsible for seeing that *N.* is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Presenters I will, with God's help.

Priest Will you by your prayers and witness help *N.* grow into the full stature of Christ?

Presenters I will, with God's help.

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer I do.

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer I do.

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer I do.

To the Church:

Question Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People We will.

Priest Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant *All Stand.*

Priest Do you believe in God the Father?

People I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Priest Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.**

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Priest Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**People I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Priest Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers ?

People I will, with God's help.

Priest Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin,
repent and return to the Lord?

People I will, with God's help.

Priest Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People I will, with God's help.

Priest Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People I will, with God's help.

Priest Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity
of every human being?

People I will, with God's help.

Prayers for the Candidates

Leader Let us now pray for those, who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Open their heart to your grace and truth.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Send them into the world in witness to your love.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Priest **G**rant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

Thanksgiving over the Water

The Priest blesses the water, first saying

Priest The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Priest **W**e thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Baptism

Each candidate is presented by name to the Priest who then pours water upon, the candidate, saying

Priest N., I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

People Amen.

Then the Priest places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross and saying

Priest N., you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism
and marked as Christ's own for ever.

People Amen.

Then the Priest presents a candle representing the light of Christ.

Priest N., receive the light of Christ.

People Amen.

When these actions have been completed for all candidates, the Priest prays over them, saying

Priest Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon N. the forgiveness of sin, and have raised N. to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

When all have been baptized, the Priest says

Priest Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**All We receive you into the household of God.
Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection,
and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

The Peace *All stand.*

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The people exchange the peace with one another.

Announcements *All are seated.*

The Offertory

Priest Let us give to God with generosity and gladness
the offerings of our lives, our labors and our love.

Offertory Anthem Huron Indian Carol

trad. Canadian; arr. Robert Lehman

'Twas in the moon of wintertime when all the birds had fled,
That mighty Gitchi Manitou sent angel choirs instead;
Before their light the stars grew dim, and wandering hunters heard the hymn:
'Jesus your King is born, Jesus is born. In excelsis gloria.'

Within a lodge of broken bark the tender babe was found,
A ragged robe of rabbit skin enwrapped his beauty round;
But as the hunter braves drew nigh, the angel song rang loud and high:
'Jesus your King is born, Jesus is born. In excelsis gloria.'

The earliest moon of wintertime is not so round and fair
as was the ring of glory on the helpless infant there.
The chiefs from far before him knelt with gifts of fox and beaver pelt.
'Jesus your King is born, Jesus is born. In excelsis gloria.'

O children of the forest free, O sons of Manitou,
The Holy Child of earth and heaven is born today for you.
Come kneel before the radiant Boy who brings you beauty, peace, and joy.
'Jesus your King is born, Jesus is born. In excelsis gloria.'

Offertory Hymn 79 O Little Town of Bethlehem
Stanzas 1, 4, and 5

St. Louis

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 people stand or kneel.

Priest 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,

**People We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory**

Priest 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.



People A-MEN.

Priest And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
 People **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,
 thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread.
 And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
 For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever.
 Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

The Priest breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem S164

Schubert

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

Priest These are the Gifts of God, given for you, God's beloved. So come and receive.
It is the Lord who invites you and His will that those who desire him,
should meet him here.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO RECEIVE THE HOLY COMMUNION

All are welcome to receive communion. The table we set is the Lord's. Wherever you find yourself on your spiritual journey, you are welcome to receive the Bread made holy.

When directed by the usher, come forward to the communion station.

Please keep your mask on with your hands extended to receive the Host.

The bread is received in the open palm.

Once you have moved away from the Minister,
you may remove one side of your mask, consume the Host, and replace your mask.

Those who prefer to receive a blessing may indicate this by
crossing their arms over their chest.

If you have a wheat sensitivity, you may ask the priest for a gluten-free wafer.

Communion Solo A Cradle Carol

Dan Forrest (b. 1978)

Sung by Cam McAra

Lord Jesus, Savior, infant weak, why come to earth as one so meek?
A newborn babe, helpless and small; and yet Creator of us all.
Thou hast no beauty, form, or grace; no fortune, rank, no fame, no place
That men should see Thee and adore a babe so humble and so poor.
But to the soul whose eyes are healed, to whom the Truth has been revealed,
Thy glory challenges the sun; thou art a thousand joys in One.
Though strangers see a babe in straw, thy children see the Lord of all,
Who laid aside his rightful reign to take away our sin and shame.
This sacrifice of love divine, this condescension to mankind
With beauty robes Thy lowly frame, and sanctifies Thy simple name.
O aid my worship, mighty King, that I might with the angels sing,
"Glory to God on high!" Now crowned again beyond the sky!
Oh, help me see Thee and adore this little child, my God and Lord. *(Rebekah Pringle)*

The Post-Communion Prayer

Priest Let us pray.

People 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.

The Blessing

Priest May the love of God surround you;
May the wonder of Christmas joy inspire you;
May the hope of Christ be within you, and bring you peace.
And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn 99 Go tell it on the mountain

Afro-American spiritual, 19th c.

Priest Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude Noël Suisse

Louis-Claude Daquin (1694-1772)

*The people are invited to listen and observe silence during the postlude.
All are welcome to enjoy fellowship with one another outside the church during coffee hour.*



*St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church celebrates God's diverse creation
and strives to build an inclusive community that welcomes everyone, no matter age, gender, sexual identity,
culture, ethnicity, economic status, or ability.*

*Christmas flowers are given
to the Glory of God*

by

Steve Andrews

and in thanksgiving for

Katy & Joe Heston by Beth & Joe Heston

For my brother Peter Poulson's recovery from cancer by Gigi McWilliams

América del Pilar Powell Kumul by Louis Powell

and in memory of

Laura & David James and Katie & Clayton Neill by Alexandra James

Glenn Leonoff by Lauren Leonoff

Dorothy Manchester by Sue & Tom Masters

Dick Merrill, Ida Wilks, and Dick Hansler by Grace Merrill

Ruth Pryer by Nancy Pryer

Jim and Margaret Tomlin Ralph and Irene Hickcox by Julie & John Tomlin

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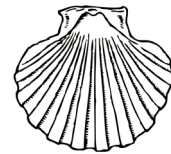
Attention Ministry Leaders
**2021 Ministry Reports Due
January 10**

Our Annual Parish Meeting is Sunday, January 30. In order for your ministry report to be included, it must be submitted no later than Monday, Jan 10. (No penalty for early submission!)

Please email your report as an editable document to office@stdcv.org.

The office can also email you a copy of your report from last year, if that would be helpful.

Upcoming Baptisms



On Sunday, January 9th, the Feast of the Baptism of our Lord, we will celebrate baptisms at the 10am service. If you or a member of your family (children or adults) are interested in being baptized, please contact Rev. Laurel revlaurel@stdcv.org so she can include you. An evening Zoom preparation class (details, history, and room for questions) will take place the week before on Tues, January 4, at 7 pm, followed by a walk-through on Saturday, January 8th at 9 am.

Office Closed Christmas Week

The parish office will be closed during Christmas week. We will return to regular office hours beginning Tuesday, January 4.

Sunday worship on January 2 will follow the normal schedule of 8 & 10 am.

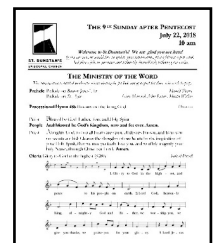
Help us get to know you by

Filling out a Pew Card

If you are visiting us, are new to Saint Dunstan's, or if your contact information has changed, please fill out a Pew Card and drop it in the collection plate. Thanks!

Weekly Bulletins available electronically

Whether you want to save the environment by using less paper, like the idea of reading on your device, want to see what's coming up or what is past, our weekly worship bulletins are available as a PDF online at stdcv.org/bulletins



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Deadline for eNews, Bulletin

Items for our eNews and Sunday Bulletin should be submitted to office@stdcv.org by midnight Sunday.

Pastoral Care & Prayer Requests



For pastoral concerns, contact Rev. Laurel revlaurel@stdcv.org or on her cell 310-562-5746. And you can always leave a message on the Pastoral Care line at church [831-624-6646](tel:831-624-6646) ext 5.

Our Daughters of the King chapter welcomes your prayer requests. Prayer requests may be sent to dok@stdcv.org. The Daughters pray for members of our parish as well as many others daily.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

2 Bob Priestley	17 Joe Heston	26 Norman Parris
9 Dug Stewart	22 Duncan Clarke	27 Ashley Blacow
11 Remy Ryan	22 Ollie Collins	27 Jack Enbom
15 John Greenway	22 Judy Kirk	29 Helena Miller
17 Mary Clarkson	22 Cathy Solms	30 Lincoln Talley

THIS WEEK AT ST DUNSTAN'S
PARISH OFFICE OPEN TUESDAY—THURSDAY, 9 AM—12 NOON

<p><u>Sunday, December 26</u> 8:30 am Choir Rehearsal 9:00 am Holy Eucharist (live-streamed) 11:00 am Coffee Hour</p> <p><u>Monday, December 27</u></p> <p><u>Tuesday, December 28</u> ~ Office Closed for Christmas Week ~</p> <p>7:30 pm AA</p> <p><u>Wednesday, December 29</u> ~ Office Closed for Christmas Week ~</p>	<p><u>Thursday, December 30</u> ~ Office Closed for Christmas Week ~</p> <p><u>Friday, December 31</u> ~ New Year's Eve ~</p> <p><u>Saturday, January 1, 2022</u> ~ Happy New Year! ~</p> <p><u>Sunday, January 2</u> 8:00 am Holy Eucharist 8:30 am Choir Rehearsal 9:00 am Discussion Group 10:00 am Holy Eucharist (live-streamed) 11:00 am Coffee Hour</p>
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View the entire parish calendar stdev.org/calendar

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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|-----------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 Cindy Poole | 16 Bob Young | 22 Jeanne Polaschek |
| 2 Gigi McWilliams | 17 Jack Lagier | 22 Aleksander Simpson |
| 4 Charlie Rose Talley | 19 Chandler Clark | 24 Taylor Hawthorne |
| 5 Nancy Green | 20 Linda Keill | 25 Joanie Webb |
| 10 Gus Hawthorne | 22 Jennifer Lama | 30 Sylvia Shattuck |



WE HOPE YOU FIND YOURS HERE

Here is a place that is ancient and new, a faith that we hold going back to Jesus, back to his spiritual ancestors, back to those who walked the earth and found holy ground. And what we do is often based on really ancient patterns—worship and music; loving service to the poor, the hurting, the lonely; working for justice and peace; lively, fearless education and formation of minds and souls. And that faith is also completely contemporary, engaged in the culture and the needs of the moment.

WHAT WE ARE FOR

The dignity and worth of every person. An open minded, passionate commitment to truth. The importance of everyone's own spiritual journey. God's friends wherever we find them. Seeking Christ in every person who comes through the door. The sacredness of life's rites of passage. The value of community. The hard work necessary to make sure that all are welcomed. Telling the truth about life's challenges. A "user-friendly" church experience. Children, youth and families. We believe that God is love, and we pray that God will use us to spread that love.

WHAT WE ARE AGAINST

Claiming to have all the answers. Elitism and exclusivism, especially in church. Bigotry for any reason. Authoritarianism. Indifference to injustice and suffering. Certitude in the face of ambiguity and superficial answers to hard questions. Boring sermons, bad music and general cluelessness. (So, God help us, because we don't always avoid these!)

WHAT WE VALUE

Community, open hearts, open minds, open arms. Faith. Fortitude. Staying current, but equally staying rooted in tradition. Reason and honesty. Civic responsibility. Debate that allows for mutual respect. Music and beauty for their own sake. Joy in God's creation. Anyone who makes an effort to get to know and follow Jesus.

WELCOME!

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