

St. Aidan's Episcopal Church

To know Jesus Christ and make Him known

Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

November 15, 2026
8:15 a.m.

Welcome to St. Aidan's! Whether you are a visitor or long-time worshiper, we're glad you decided to join us today. Our service follows this bulletin and the red **Book of Common Prayer (BCP)**; hymns are in the blue **Hymnal 1982** and the black and red **Lift Every Voice & Sing (LEVAS)**.

(Children's bulletins and crayons are available in the back of the nave.)

† THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE I †

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude: *Fanfare for the Common Man* Aaron Copland/arr. Douglas Major

Processional: Hymn #707 *"Take My Life and Let It Be"*

Opening Acclamation **BCP 323**

Collect for Purity BCP 323

Gloria (*Spoken by all*) BCP 324

The Collect of the Day **BCP 184**

Blessed Lord, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them; that, by patience and comfort of thy holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Old Testament **Judges 4:1-7**

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, after Ehud died. So the Lord sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the Lord for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years.

At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, "The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you, 'Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.'"

Psalm 90:1-12 *Domine, refugium* (*Spoken by all, responsively by full verse*)

*1 Lord, you have been our refuge *
from one generation to another.

2 Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the land and the earth were born, *
from age to age you are God.

*3 You turn us back to the dust and say, *
"Go back, O child of earth."

4 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past *
and like a watch in the night.

*5 You sweep us away like a dream; *
we fade away suddenly like the grass.

6 In the morning it is green and flourishes; *
in the evening it is dried up and withered.

*7 For we consume away in your displeasure; *
we are afraid because of your wrathful indignation.

8 Our iniquities you have set before you, *
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.

*9 When you are angry, all our days are gone; *
we bring our years to an end like a sigh.

10 The span of our life is seventy years,
perhaps in strength even eighty; *
yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow,
for they pass away quickly and we are gone.

*11 Who regards the power of your wrath? *
who rightly fears your indignation?

12 So teach us to number our days *
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

The Epistle **1 Thessalonians 5:1-11**

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Sequence: LEVAS #221 *"This Little Light of Mine" (v. 1-2; Gsp.; v. 3)*

† The Holy Gospel † **Matthew 25:14-30**

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

The Sermon The Rev. W. Reginald Simmons

The Nicene Creed BCP 326

The Prayers of the People (Form III) **BCP 387**

Confession of Sin and Absolution **BCP 330**

The Peace BCP 362

THE HOLY COMMUNION

All baptized people are welcome to receive Communion.
If you do not wish to receive Communion, we invite you to come forward,
with your arms crossed over your chest, to receive a blessing.

The Offertory: *"How Can I Keep From Singing"*
Appalachian Melody/arr. Richard Walters
Glenda Gray, Soprano
Trey Clegg, Baritone

Presentation: Hymn #380 "*From all that dwell below the skies" (vs. 3)*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer II	**BCP 340**
Sursum Corda (*Spoken by all)*	BCP 340
Sanctus (*Spoken by all)*	BCP 341
The Great Amen *(Spoken by all)*	BCP 343
The Lord's Prayer *(children and teenagers are invited to join us the altar)*	BCP 336
The Breaking of the Bread	BCP 337
Fraction Anthem (*Spoken by all)*	BCP 337
The Prayer of Humble Access	BCP 337

Communion Music:

*"Sing Ye a Joyful Song" (*from *Biblical Songs)* — Antonin Dvorak
Glenda Gray, Soprano

Hymn #655 *"O Jesus, I Have Promised"*

The Post Communion Prayer	BCP 339
The Blessing	BCP 339

The Retiring Processional: Hymn #473 *"Lift High the Cross"*

The Dismissal	BCP 340
Postlude: *Marche Triomphale*	Sigfrid Karg-Elert

† CHRISTIAN FORMATION †

Children's Chapel every Sunday at 11:00 a.m.
Children will join the Congregation during The Peace.

The Gift of Years
Sundays, 9:45 - 10:45 a.m. (Burtenshaw Hall Library)
Led by Anita Hilbun, Mibs Zelley, and Tom Reynolds

Heroes & Heroines of Faith
Ordinary People Called to Do Extraordinary Things
Sundays, 9:45 - 10:45 a.m. (Burtenshaw Hall Lower Level)
Led by Jo Woodard and Kay Towner Stallé

A Study of the Lectionary
Tuesdays, 9:45 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. (Burtenshaw Hall Library)

Bible Study
Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. (Burtenshaw Hall Library)

☼ **BREAKFAST & FELLOWSHIP** ☼
Sundays, 9:15 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. (Burtenshaw Hall)
Join us for the Best Sunday Breakfast in town!

† Interfaith Community Thanksgiving Service †
Tuesday, November 17, 7:00 p.m.
Please join us as St. Aidan's hosts this annual event, with participation from ten other congregations of various denominations and faiths.
A light reception will follow the service.

† Advent Lessons & Carols Service †
Sunday, November 29, one service at 10:00 a.m.

♫ Christmas Concert – Handel's Messiah ♫
Sunday, December 6, at 6:00 p.m.

Confession & Spiritual Direction
Wednesdays, 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. or by appointment.

Pastoral Care
If you have any Pastoral Care concerns, please let us know using the cards in the Narthex or contact Father Reggie (*fr.reginald@staidans.org*).

† Pet Memorials in The St. Francis Garden †
If you have lost a beloved animal companion, either recently or some time ago, and would like to hold a memorial in The St. Francis Garden, please contact Hazel Gerber (*hazelgerber@earthlink.net*).

We pray blessings on those with birthdays this week, including:
Debbie Parkinson, Tommy Reynolds, Sue Lawton,
Keisha Jackson, and Joan Cousins

† Jesus, the Christ, Head of the Church †
The Right Rev. Robert C. Wright, Bishop of Atlanta
The Rev. W. Reginald Simmons, Rector
Thomas G. Reynolds IV, Lay Worship Leader
Trey Clegg, Director of Music
Anita Hilbun, Parish Administrator & Director of Communications
Dr. Norma Raybon, Choral Director
Glenda Gray, Director of Choristers
Leanne Klimavicius, Director of St. Aidan's Preschool

Vestry
Curtis Brison, Senior Warden (2028)
Mary Kathryn Nix, Junior Warden (2026)
Emil Hoffman, Asst. Junior Warden (2026)
Markus Glassl, Treasurer
Gail Norris, Asst. Treasurer
Linda Leigh Brock (2028)
Kathy Bump (2028)
Allison Fisher (2026)
Janice Howard (2026)
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Laura Van Riper (2029)
Jay Wyper (2029)

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