

St. Aidan's Episcopal Church

To know Jesus Christ and make Him known

The Last Sunday after Pentecost

Christ the King Sunday

November 22, 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: *A Thanksgiving Prelude* — Charles Callahan

Laura Van Riper, Flute

Processional: Hymn #494 *"Crown Him With Many Crowns"*

Opening Acclamation — **BCP 323**

Collect for Purity — BCP 323

Gloria (*Spoken by all*) — BCP 324

The Collect of the Day — **BCP 185**

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in thy well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Old Testament — **Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24**

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

Psalm 95:1-7a *Venite, exultemus* (*Spoken by all, responsively by full verse*)

*1 Come, let us sing to the LORD; *
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

*3 For the LORD is a great God, *
and a great King above all gods.

4 In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are his also.

*5 The sea is his, for he made it, *
and his hands have molded the dry land.

6 Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the LORD our Maker.

7 For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

The Epistle — **Ephesians 1:15-23**

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Sequence: Hymn #602 *"Jesu, Jesu" (v. 1-3; Gsp.; v. 4)*

† The Holy Gospel † — **Matthew 25:31-46**

Jesus said, "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

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: *"Let There Be Peace on Earth"*
Sy Miller and Jill Jackson/arr. Mark Hayes

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:

"Thanks Be To Thee" George Frederic Handel
Lauren Desrosiers, Soprano

Hymn #324 *"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"*

The Post Communion Prayer	BCP 339
The Blessing	BCP 339
The Retiring Processional: Hymn #397 "*Now Thank We All Our God"*	
The Dismissal	BCP 340

Postlude: *Fantasia on Now Thank We All Our God* Johann Sebastian Bach

† 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!

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

† Evening Prayer †
Monday, November 30, 7:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Please join us to celebrate *Saint Andrew The Apostle.*

♫ 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:
David Freeman, Jay Wyper, Dee Dokubo, Chris Gray,
Brian McCarthy, Odie Dokubo, and James Manos

† 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)
Andrea Uchegbu (2029)
Laura Van Riper (2029)
Jay Wyper (2029)

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