

The Word



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Emmanuel

Mark skips right past “the Christmas story.” John borrows from Genesis and presents a cosmic theology instead of a birth narrative. Matthew gives us a very condensed version with hardly any mention of Mary. Luke alone gives us the whole Christmas Gospel with angels, the long journey to Bethlehem, the stable, more angels, and shepherds. If you’ve ever seen or participated in a Christmas pageant, the script came from Luke. Each Gospel author had their own unique concerns, their own particular challenges, which helped shape how they composed and presented the Good News. But they agreed that when Jesus was born, God became human, that God came to be with us.

And what will we do with this great Christmas wonder? Will we receive this gift from Heaven?

The world may look and feel very much the same as ever. There is tragedy; there is human sin. But, if God really is now with us, things have changed,

dramatically.

Ponder that.

We may often feel alone, but we are not. We may witness what appears to be death and destruction, but it is not. Circumstances may seem hopeless, but the truth is God’s grace prevails, eternally. And the implications are unlimited.

“No good thing is impossible” Jesus said. “All things work together for good for those who believe” said St. Paul – and he is a good example of that. Paul also said “Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ” – not sin, not death . . . nothing.

With this faith we can “move mountains” Jesus declared. Not literally. But with the love and grace of God we can, we will, overcome all obstacles.

The Christmas Gospel invites us to believe that God is with us, and to live as Christ lived – with faith and love. So I pray that we all receive this gift, Emmanuel, God with us.

Merry Christmas.

-Fr. Brad

Journey of the Magi – T.S. Eliot

*'A cold coming we had of it,
Just the worst time of the year
For the journey, and such a long journey:
The ways deep and the weather sharp,
The very dead of winter.'
And the camels galled, sore-footed, refractory,
Lying down in the melting snow.
There were times we regretted
The summer palaces on slopes, the terraces,
And the silken girls bringing sherbet.
Then the camel men cursing and grumbling
And running away, and wanting their liquor and women,
And the night-fires going out, and the lack of shelters,
And the cities hostile and the towns unfriendly
And the villages dirty and charging high prices:
A hard time we had of it.
At the end we preferred to travel all night,
Sleeping in snatches,
With the voices singing in our ears, saying
That this was all folly.*

*Then at dawn we came down to a temperate valley,
Wet, below the snow line, smelling of vegetation;
With a running stream and a water-mill beating the darkness,
And three trees on the low sky,
And an old white horse galloped away in the meadow.
Then we came to a tavern with vine-leaves over the lintel,
Six hands at an open door dicing for pieces of silver,
And feet kicking the empty wine-skins,
But there was no information, and so we continued
And arrived at evening, not a moment too soon
Finding the place; it was (you may say) satisfactory
All this was a long time ago, I remember,
And I would do it again, but set down
This set down
This: were we led all that way for
Birth or Death? There was a Birth, certainly,
We had evidence and no doubt. I had seen birth and death,
But had thought they were different; this Birth was
Hard and bitter agony for us, like Death, our death,
We returned to our places, these Kingdoms,
But no longer at ease here, in the old dispensation,
With an alien people clutching their gods.
I should be glad of another death.*

This poem was written by Eliot about his own journey of faith; he wrote it around the time of his baptism into the Church in 1927.

Christmas at St. Timothy's

Decorating the Church

All are invited to help decorate the church for Christmas services on December 22 from 9 am to 1 pm (or any part of that time.) No experience necessary. If you have any questions, please call Sandy Wright at 703-716-9094.

Christmas Services

Christmas Eve: 5:00 pm Children's Service, 7:00 p.m., and 10:00 p.m. (with childcare.)

Christmas Day: 11:00 a.m.,

The First Sunday of Christmas, December 26th: 11:00 a.m. ONLY. There will be no 8:00 a.m. or 9:30 a.m. on the First Sunday of Christmas, December 26.

St. Timothy's Nativity Play

We are going to perform a Nativity play this year on Sunday 19 December for Pre-K to 6th Grade. Rehearsals will be Sunday 5, Sunday 12th and Saturday 18 of December. For information, please contact Ching Weeden or Sarah Hobson. Stay tuned.

Christmas is Coming!

Please join in the Christmas spirit! On Sunday evening, December 5, all women of St Timothy's are invited to enjoy the Episcopal Christian Women's (ECW) Christmas social.

This year's holiday event will be held from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. at the home of Kathy Froemming
12846 Parapet Way
Oak Hill / Herndon VA 20171

Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share

and a wrapped present (value \$10) for a guaranteed fun gift exchange. RSVP to Kathy Froemming at 703-620-9290 or at kathyfroemming@cox.net
Come, enjoy, and celebrate this festive holiday season together!

Angel Tree Program

With the holidays just around the corner, it is time for the beloved Angel Tree.

Look in Henry Hall for St. Tim's Angel Tree filled with

requests from children in need from Reston Interfaith and LAWS (Loudon Abused Women's Shelter). Once again the tree is filled

with close to 200 individual gift requests. Please take one, two or several

tags from the tree, shop for the items, and return them unwrapped with the original tags St. Timothy's by Sunday, December 5. (Please spend \$15-\$25 on each gift.) We will hold a sorting

party after the 11 a.m. service on December 5, and volunteers are needed to sort the gifts (about an hour). If you are unable (or forget) to return your gift to St. Tim's, you can drop it off at Reston Interfaith; 11150 Sunset Hills Road, Suite 210, Reston, VA. For more information, contact

Janet Dopsovic 703-391-9633 or Jill Norcross 703-435-7216. Once the gifts have been delivered, our Angel

Tree becomes the collection point for scarves, hats, mittens and gloves for adult and children clients of Laurel Learning Center, the Embry Rucker Homeless Shelter, and LAWS. The Angel Tree is sponsored by St. Tim's Service Ministry ... *putting your faith to work.*
Advent is a time of

Preparation

As all of us are stewards of God's Creation, Advent is a particularly meaningful and special time. During your preparation efforts, continue to think of how you can protect and glorify Creation. Little things can mean a lot -- reuse last year's wrapping paper, be sure to save this year's wrapping paper for reuse next year, recycle (as mixed paper) any Christmas cards or non-reusable wrapping paper, switch to energy efficient LED lighting, combine your shopping trips to conserve fuel, wear that favorite sweater indoors and turn your heat down a bit, purchase products that come in containers that are recyclable (No. 1 and No. 2 plastics in Fairfax County), recycle your Christmas tree (or return it to the woods where it can make a great nesting area for our animal friends), purchase Energy Star approved devices, and the list just goes on and on!

Happy Advent and Merry Christmas from St. Timothy's Steward of Creation.

LINK Holiday Baskets

In December, LINK will provide a holiday basket to 800 families in the Herndon, Sterling and Reston communities. They will also provide toys for children through age 17. LINK is counting on the continued generous donations of food, toys and time needed to serve the nearly 4,000 people who will be touched by LINK this Christmas. Please do what you can to help with this effort.

On Saturday, December 18 from 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., food will be distributed at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Herndon, and at Christ the Redeemer Catholic Church in Sterling. Toys will be distributed at Herndon United Methodist Church.

Donations of food and new, unwrapped toys may be brought to St. Timothy's and left in Henry Hall near the LINK grocery cart. Donations may also be dropped off at the distribution locations during the times noted below. Volunteers are needed to assist with sorting food at either church prior to, and on the day of distribution to help families collect their groceries or choose toys.

Please contact Rob Duchesneau, rob.du@verizon.net or Shon Beury, shonbeury@aol.com for more information. If you wish to volunteer, please contact LINK at 703-481-2524, mailbox 2 or send an email (preferable) to

Diana@hamiltongroup.com.

Details about donation drop-off and volunteer locations are as follows:

- **Monday, Dec. 13** – Sorting from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.; 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. at Christ the Redeemer Catho-

lic Church and Trinity Presbyterian Church

Tuesday, Dec. 14 & Wednesday, Dec. 15 – closed

Thursday, Dec. 16 - Sorting from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.; 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. at Christ the Redeemer Catholic Church and Trinity Presbyterian Church

Friday, Dec. 17 – Sorting from 9 a.m. until finished at Christ the Redeemer Catholic Church and Trinity Presbyterian Church

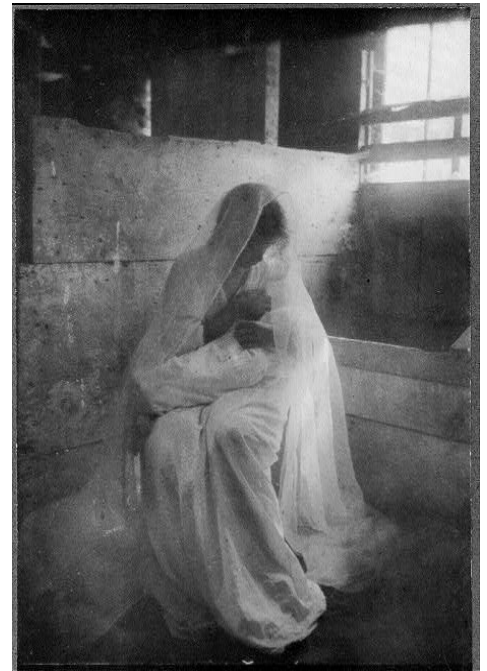
Saturday, Dec. 18: Volunteers to help re-stock food, assist families, act as translators, and clean-up, 7:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. at Christ the Redeemer Catholic Church and Trinity Presbyterian Church. Drivers to help deliver food to people who are home-bound, are needed between 9 a.m. and noon at Trinity Presbyterian Church

NOTE: Volunteers are also needed to pick up food donations from schools located in Herndon and Sterling area and drop it off at either Christ the Redeemer or Trinity Presbyterian between Monday, Dec. 13 and Thursday, Dec. 16

United Way Designation for LINK

During this open enrollment period, please consider designating LINK as the beneficiary of your donation. The United Way no. is 9648 and the CFC no. is 78589. If you prefer to make donations to LINK directly, please make checks payable to LINK and send them to LINK at P.O. Box 443, Sterling, VA 20167.

For additional information, please contact Rob Duchesneau, rob.du@verizon.net.



“But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart”

Luke 2:19

Nominations for Vestry

Every January, at the Annual Parish Meeting, six new members are elected to serve on the Vestry. Nominees voted who rank in the top four will replace four outgoing members. The nominee ranked fifth will fill a one-year vacant position, and the nominee ranked sixth will serve as Vestry

Alternate.

Leading up to this event, which falls on January 8, 2011, is the nominating process; this involves a nominating committee seeking potential candidates to run. The committee is made up of outgoing Vestry members; this year it is Jim Hendrick, Dave Hixon, Tricia Mussante, and Hollis Colie. You may have been approached by one or more of the members asking whether you would be interested in serving in this capacity. Perhaps you are interested in serving, but may not have been asked by a member. If you are called to this mission, you are encouraged to talk to one of the outgoing Vestry members about the nominating process. It is vital to gather information and understand the expectations and responsibilities involved. Once you have prayerfully considered your nomination and are ready to go forward, a committee member can help you with the process.

The following information helps to familiarize parish members with some of the requirements and expectations for Vestry members. Please do not hesitate to contact the committee with questions, or for more information. Names, telephone numbers and e-mails are listed on the last page of *The WORD*.

Vestry FYI

Did you know?

Vestry members must be baptized Christians of at least 16 years of age, elected by the congregation, and be willing to serve as a legal

representative of the parish in all matters concerning its corporate property and the relationship of the parish to its Clergy.

The Vestry functions with 12 members. Vestry members may serve only one term of three years. Terms rotate, so that new members are elected every year.

The Senior Warden (sometimes referred to as “the Rector’s Warden”) and the Junior Warden (sometimes referred to as “the People’s Warden”), the Treasurer and the Registrar are elected by the Vestry and hold their positions for one year. The Wardens provide leadership within the Vestry, serve as “official” liaisons to the Clergy, and are authorized to sign checks on behalf of the church.

The Vestry-Alternate is encouraged to fully participate in Vestry meetings and discussions. Although the Alternate is not required to attend meetings and is not able to vote, the Alternate must be prepared to step in should a Vestry member withdraw during the year; in which case, the Alternate would serve until the next election.

Liaisons to the Ministries

Vestry members also assume a liaison function with one of the *nearly 30 ministries* at St. Timothy’s. The Junior Warden serves as “Ad Hoc Liaison” to all ministries not served by a designated liaison. The Senior Warden is considered a member of every

ministry and assists wherever necessary.

The liaison function is designed to provide a two-way communication channel between the Vestry and the ministry: to keep ministries aware of anything that might affect them, and to enable ministries to bring issues to the Vestry’s attention. Liaisons generally attend their ministry’s meetings and participate in ministry activities. Liaisons are also required to review and countersign any expense vouchers completed by their Ministry Chair. Liaison assignments are renewed every year at the Vestry retreat.

All ministries are encouraged to participate in semi-annual Vestry-Ministry meetings. This successful innovation grew from the realization that some ministries could benefit from enhanced communication with the larger parish in order to stay informed.

Annual Vestry Retreat

Until this year, the weekend following Vestry elections, all Vestry members – returning and new – have participated in a weekend retreat. For budget reason, this year’s will only be one day at the church. In addition to the 12 members of the Vestry, the Rector, the Associate Rector, the Vestry-Alternate, the Treasurer, and the Registrar are all invited. This retreat, and other activities, help bind the Vestry as a working group, rather than merely a collection of people. (Even individuals who have been quite active at St. Timothy’s may not have met other individuals who attend a different service. The retreat offers everyone an opportunity to become acquainted.)

Vestry Meetings

Vestry meetings are held monthly and are open to all church members.

Although not a member of the Vestry, the Rector proposes the agenda for comment prior to the meeting and facilitates the meeting, with the assistance of the Wardens. Meetings start with members being invited to share where they have recently seen God in their life, followed by an inspired reading and prayer. The Treasurer reports on income, spending and any budget issues. The group then works through items of ongoing and new business. Meetings conclude with the singing of the Doxology.

Invited guests and those parishioners who have requested to address the Vestry may make presentations or proposals during the meetings.

Helpful Links

www.awidercircle.org,

www.vafreeclinics.org/virginia-free-clinics.asp

www.jsfreeclinic.org

www.restoninterfaith.org

www.thediocese.net/Events/eventView.asp?EventID=83

: <http://leaderresources.org/j2a>

<http://www.stephenministries.org/>

The Art of Saying Thank You

If you have a desire to say thank you for all that we have been

given, St. Tim's has an opportunity for you to do just that by hand writing

thank you notes to people who have made memorial or other gifts to the church (exclusive of Annual Fund gifts). When the church is the

beneficiary of a gift, it is customary to send a thank you. A hand written note from a member of the congregation would be greatly

appreciated by the donor. If you think you could assist us in this way, please call the church office.

20 Years in Dungannon

St. Anne's Episcopal, Reston, invites you to a Dungannon Reunion to celebrate 20 years of region mission work in Dungannon, VA. The reunion will be held Sunday, Dec 26 from 5 -7p.m. at St. Anne's. Anyone who has ever been on the Dungannon mission is encouraged join us and bring pictures, memories, and family. Come renew friendships, relive a special time in your life, and hear the latest news! Please RSVP to susanficklin@cox.net if you plan to attend.

VOCE Chamber Singers Christmas Concert

On Sunday, December 12, 2010 at 4:00 pm, the Voce Chamber Singers present their Christmas concert "Home for Christmas" in our

Sanctuary. Their selections include a cappella gems, audience participation with familiar carols, and

some contemporary songs like

Jim Brickman's *Coming Home for Christmas* and *Where are you Christmas?* by Faith Hill. More classical Christmas works on the

program include *O Magnum*

Mysterium by de Victoria, *On this Starry Night* by Matthew Harris, and the hauntingly beautiful *Ave*

Maria by Biebl. Tickets are available at the door and at <http://www.voce.org/tickets>.

Altar Flower Dedication

If you would like to remember or honor a loved one with Christmas flowers, please find a flower donation envelope in the Narthex and leave it in the Parish Administrator's mailbox. For all other Altar flower dedications, please sign up on the sheet outside the offices or call the office at 703-437-3790.

St. Tim's Viewpoint Book Group

St. Timothy's Viewpoint Book Group has selected "*The Mailbox*" by Audrey Shafer as the next book to be discussed. It is a Yearling Book obtainable

through your library or any bookstore. For discount copies, please contact Jill Cox at 703-327-5021. We hope to meet at 10:30 AM on Saturday, January

22nd at Panera, Eldon Street, Herndon.



Faces of Our Family . . .

(far right) Wisnel baptizes new member, Levi.

(right) Lelie and Allison debuts their babies at the Halloween party

(center right) Rick Wilson enjoys dinner at Antietam.

(center) Hands t-shirt from 2010 VBS

(below) Fun at the Youth Lock-In.

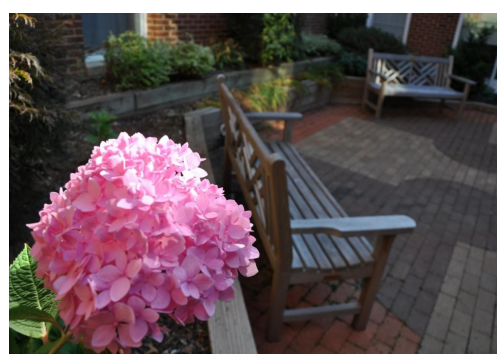


(left) Clowning around at the You Lock-In

(bottom left) Clowning around in Antietam.

(bottom center) A beautiful flower in the inner-courtyard

(bottom right) Jay as tiger at the Halloween party



Save the Date!

A look ahead at special events during Advent here at St. Timothy's

December

5—ECW dinner at Kathy Froemming's house from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

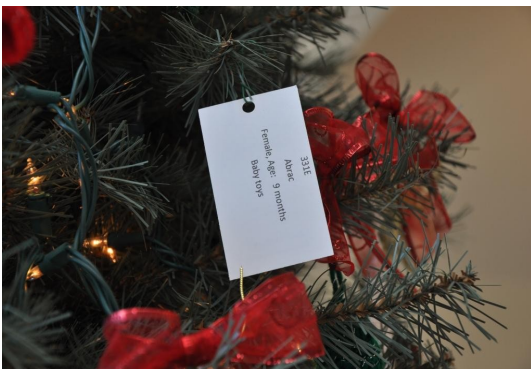
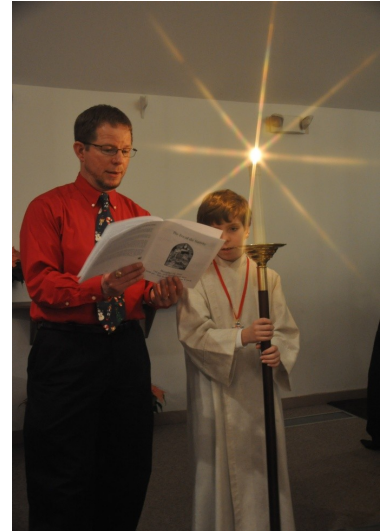
19—Nativity Play

22—Decorating the church from 9a.m. –1 p.m.

24—Christmas Eve services at 5 p.m., 7 p.m., and 10 p.m.

25—Christmas Day service—11 a.m.

Beautiful Advent scenes from
Craig Dubishar . . .





St. Timothy's newsletter, *The Word*, is published monthly and emailed to members and friends on the first day of each month. It also appears in full color on the website (www.saint-timothys.org) home page under Downloads. If you wish to receive a copy by mail, please notify Keith Nelson Stroud in the church office (keith@saint-timothys.org). Copies of *The Word* are also available in the office.

The deadline for submission of material for the next issue is:
Friday, December 17

Questions, articles, or ideas for *The Word* are always welcome as are your comments. You may send materials via email to wordeditor@saint-timothys.org and put *Word* in the subject line. Photos are also welcome; please identify key people in photos. Articles or letters may be edited for brevity or appropriateness.

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Services

Sundays

8:00 A.M. - Holy Eucharist, Rite I

9:30 A.M. - Holy Eucharist, Rite II, Children's Chapel

(Nursery Care Available)

11:00 A.M. - Holy Eucharist, Rite II, Christian Education

(Nursery Care Available)

Wednesdays

12:15 P.M. - Holy Eucharist And Healing Service

Office Hours

Monday - Friday, 9:00 A.M. To 5:00 P.M. (And By Appointment).

Clergy Are Off On Fridays.

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