



St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

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Sunday, November 29, 2015

The First Sunday of Advent

11:00 a.m.



Sunday Services

8:00 a.m.	Spoken Eucharist - Rite I
9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer
11:00 a.m.	Eucharist With Hymns- Rite II

Opportunities for Children

There are no Christian Education Programs this morning.

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday (The Daily Office)

Morning Prayer @ 8:45 a.m. *Monday and Tuesday Only (20 minutes)*

Evening Prayer @ 5:00 p.m. *(20 minutes)*

Saint Timothy's Mission Statement

AS PEOPLE OF GOD, WE JOYFULLY WORSHIP GOD, SPREAD THE WORD OF GOD'S LOVE,
TREASURE ALL PEOPLE, AND SERVE OTHERS EVERYWHERE IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST.

THEREFORE, WITH GOD'S HELP, WE: OPEN OUR DOORS TO EVERYONE,
OPEN OUR HEARTS IN WORSHIP, OPEN OUR EYES TO THE SPIRIT'S GIFTS,
AND OPEN OUR ARMS TO EMBRACE GOD'S WORK.

Information For Our First Time Guests



All children are welcome to stay with parents in the Sanctuary during worship. However, for parents of children ages 0-3 years who want nursery care, we have a well-equipped and professionally-staffed nursery at the end of the hall nearest the Sanctuary. Each child brought to the nursery is given a number; only the parents of the child can take the child from the nursery. If a parent is needed during worship, the child's number will appear (in red LED's) on the black panels beneath the hymn boards on both sides of the Chancel. Parents, please bring diapers, any snacks, and formula as needed for your child.



All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the Sacrament. If you have not been baptized, please come to the Altar rail for a blessing during Holy Communion (place your arms across your chest to signify your desire for a blessing). If you would like to be baptized, please speak with the clergy after the service. To receive Holy Communion, accept the bread in your hand and place it in your mouth, then sip wine from the Chalice when it is brought to you (guide the Chalice to your mouth please), or hold the bread, dip it in the wine when the chalice comes to you, and place the bread with wine in your mouth. If you are allergic to wheat or are gluten intolerant, please let the person serving bread know to give you a rice wafer.

Staff

Regular church office hours are 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Monday - Thursday and 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. on Friday. If you would like to make an appointment to speak with a member of the clergy, feel free to call the office at 703.437.3790.

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The First Sunday of Advent

Holy Eucharist: Rite II

All hymns marked Hymnal are from the Hymnal 1982 (blue hymnals located in the front of the pews).

Hymns labeled WLP are from the green hymnal "Wonder, Love, and Praise."

Prelude

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

arr. by Fred Bock

The Word of God

At the tolling of the bell, all stand.

The Great Litany

Celebrant O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth,

***People* Have mercy upon us.**

Celebrant O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

***People* Have mercy upon us.**

Celebrant O God the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faithful,

***People* Have mercy upon us.**

Celebrant O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God,

***People* Have mercy upon us.**

Celebrant Remember not, Lord Christ, our offenses, nor the offenses of our forefathers; neither reward us according to our sins. Spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and by thy mercy preserve us for ever.

***People* Spare us, good Lord.**

Celebrant From all evil and wickedness; from sin; from the crafts and assaults of the devil; and from everlasting damnation,

***People* Good Lord, deliver us.**

Celebrant From all blindness of heart; from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice; and from all want of charity,

***People* Good Lord, deliver us.**

Celebrant From all inordinate and sinful affections; and from all the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil,

***People* Good Lord, deliver us.**

Celebrant From all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart, and contempt of thy Word and commandment,

***People* Good Lord, deliver us.**

Celebrant From lightning and tempest; from earthquake, fire, and flood; from plague, pestilence, and famine,

***People* Good Lord, deliver us.**

Celebrant From all oppression, conspiracy, and rebellion; from violence, battle, and murder; and from dying suddenly and unprepared,

People Good Lord, deliver us.

Celebrant By the mystery of thy holy Incarnation; by thy holy Nativity and submission to the Law; by thy Baptism, Fasting, and Temptation,

People Good Lord, deliver us.

Celebrant By thine Agony and Bloody Sweat; by thy Cross and Passion; by thy precious Death and Burial; by thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension; and by the Coming of the Holy Ghost,

People Good Lord, deliver us.

Celebrant In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment,

People Good Lord, deliver us.

Celebrant We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may please thee to rule and govern thy holy Church Universal in the right way,

People We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Celebrant That it may please thee to illumine all bishops, priests, and deacons, with true knowledge and understanding of thy Word; and that both by their preaching and living, they may set it forth, and show it accordingly,

People We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Celebrant That it may please thee to bless and keep all thy people,

People We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Celebrant That it may please thee to send forth laborers into thy harvest, and to draw all mankind into thy kingdom,

People We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Celebrant That it may please thee to give to all people increase of grace to hear and receive thy Word, and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit,

People We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Celebrant That it may please thee to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred, and are deceived,

People We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Celebrant That it may please thee to give us a heart to love and fear thee, and diligently to live after thy commandments,

People We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Celebrant That it may please thee so to rule the hearts of thy servants, the President of the United States, and all others in authority, that they may do justice, and love mercy, and walk in the ways of truth,

People We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Celebrant That it may please thee to make wars to cease in all the world; to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord; and to bestow freedom upon all peoples,

People ***We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.***

Celebrant That it may please thee to show thy pity upon all prisoners and captives, the homeless and the hungry, and all who are desolate and oppressed,

People ***We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.***

Celebrant That it may please thee to give and preserve to our use the bountiful fruits of the earth, so that in due time all may enjoy them,

People ***We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.***

Celebrant That it may please thee to inspire us, in our several callings, to do the work which thou givest us to do with singleness of heart as thy servants, and for the common good,

People ***We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.***

Celebrant That it may please thee to preserve all who are in danger by reason of their labor or their travel,

People ***We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.***

Celebrant That it may please thee to preserve, and provide for, all women in childbirth, young children and orphans, the widowed, and all whose homes are broken or torn by strife,

People ***We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.***

Celebrant That it may please thee to visit the lonely; to strengthen all who suffer in mind, body, and spirit; and to comfort with thy presence those who are failing and infirm,

People ***We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.***

Celebrant That it may please thee to support, help, and comfort all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation,

People ***We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.***

Celebrant That it may please thee to have mercy upon all mankind,

People ***We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.***

Celebrant That it may please thee to give us true repentance; to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances; and to endue us with the grace of thy Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to thy holy Word,

People ***We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.***

Celebrant That it may please thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts,

People ***We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.***

Celebrant That it may please thee to strengthen such as do stand; to comfort and help the weak-hearted; to raise up those who fall; and finally to beat down Satan under our feet,

People ***We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.***

Celebrant That it may please thee to grant to all the faithful departed eternal life and peace,

People ***We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.***

Celebrant That it may please thee to grant that, in the fellowship of Saint Timothy and all the saints, we may attain to thy heavenly kingdom,

People **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

Celebrant Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.

People **Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.**

Celebrant O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

People **Have mercy upon us.**

Celebrant O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

People **Have mercy upon us.**

Celebrant O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

People **Grant us thy peace.**

Celebrant O Christ, hear us.

People **O Christ, hear us.**

Kyrie S91

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.
Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

A Reading from Jeremiah 33:14-16

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 25:1-9 *Spoken*

- 1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- 3 Show me your ways, O LORD, and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.
- 5 Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the LORD; therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right and teaches his way to the lowly.
- 9 All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

A Reading from 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn- WLP 721

Signs of ending all around us

Ton-y-Botel

Holy Gospel; Luke 21:25-36

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

The Rev. Mark A. Michael, *Interim Rector*

The Nicene Creed

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.

Confession of Sin

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

ALL Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Absolution

Priest Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. ***Amen.***

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Welcome & Announcements

The Offering

Celebrant To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; let me not be humiliated.
Ps. 25:1

The Holy Communion

Offertory

Fughetta on *People Look East*

Richard Shephard

Presentation Hymn 57

Lo! he comes, with clouds descending

Helmsley

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Celebrant

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus S114

Willan

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of
Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -
ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The people stand or kneel.

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 many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

All We remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;

Celebrant

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 Timothy and 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. **AMEN.**

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All 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.

Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Fraction Anthem S158

Willan

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -
 way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -
 on us. O Lamb of God, that
 ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have
 mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of
 God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the
 world, grant us thy peace.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The Administration of Communion

Communion Hymn 615

Thy Kingdom come, on bended knee

St. Flavian

Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **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.**

Solemn Blessing

Priest May Almighty God, by whose providence our Saviour Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin. **Amen.**

May he whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love. **Amen.**

May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at his second Advent be rewarded with unending life. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn 56

O come, O come, Emmanuel (Vss. 1-4)

Veni, veni, Emmanuel

Dismissal

Celebrant Alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ!

People **Thanks be to God! Alleluia!**

Postlude

Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying

Emma Lou Diemer (b. 1927)

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Assisting in the Preparation and Conduct of Worship

Altar Guild		Carol Sinclair, Jean Lammers, Liz Ward, Adaku Nwachukwu
Counters		Pat McGibbon, Rhonda McGibbon
Ushers	8 am	Tom Rust, Kent Miller
	9:30 am	Vincent Donnelly, Andre Dupuy
	11 am	Olga Marinenko, Robert Bumbarly
Greeters	8 am	Jeanne Bennett
	9:30 am	Danny Wechtenhiser
	11 am	Cindy Holland
Lay	8 am	Diane Miller, Ralph Tildon
Eucharistic	9:30 am	Catherine Lamb, Jane Burkett
Ministers	11 am	Adaku Nwachukwu, Allen Stanley, Liz Ward
Acolytes	9:30 am	Gabe Fang-Weeden
	11 am	Philip Michael

The greens on the altar during Advent are given by the People of God to the Glory of God as we celebrate God's coming to be among us in the form of a child!



If you'd like to remember a loved one who has departed this life or give thanksgiving for family & friends with a poinsettia for the Christmas Altar, please complete a Flower Envelope (on the cabinets in the Narthex) or call the office at 703-437-3790. Write "Christmas Flowers" on the date requested line. All Christmas Flower Envelopes must be received in the office by Tuesday, December 15.



Thank You for Making A Difference!

Thank you to **Nikki O'Malley** for serving as our Church Records Coordinator, volunteering every Wednesday in the office updating the church registry books, membership database, and much more!

Have someone you'd like to thank for contributing to St. Timothy's in some way? Send an email to thanks@saint-timothys.org with the person's name and what they did, and we will thank them in a future bulletin & eNews.

Do you need someone to talk to? Call a Stephen Minister!

Beth Hwoschinsky
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**STEPHEN
MINISTRY**



Last Names A - F: Please Bring Something For Coffee Hours On December 6!

We need your help to make our coffee hour a success. Please bring in a treat, pastry, or snack to share with others. Simply place whatever you've brought on the table in Henry Hall before you head into the service. Have questions regarding coffee hour? Contact Vestry member Brian Flusche- (fluscheb@gmail.com).

Upcoming: **G - L** on Dec. 13 and **M - R** on Dec. 20.

Church Events @ St. Tim's This Week

Only ministry related events are listed. Visit www.saint-timothys.org and click on the calendar link to see the full calendar.

Day	Time	Event	Location
Sunday 11/29	8 & 11 a.m.	Holy Eucharist	Sanctuary
	9 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal	Music Room
	9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Sanctuary
	10 a.m.	Multigenerational Advent Wreath Event	Henry Hall
	7 p.m.	Estudios Biblicos (<i>en español</i>)	B1
Monday 11/30	8:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer Service (20 minutes)	Sanctuary
	5 p.m.	Evening Prayer Service (20 minutes)	Sanctuary
	5 p.m.	Children's Choir	Music Room
	7 p.m.	BSA Troop 159 Meeting	Henry Hall
Tuesday 12/1	8:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer Service (20 minutes)	Sanctuary
	5 p.m.	Evening Prayer Service (20 minutes)	Sanctuary
Wednesday 12/2	10 a.m.	Morning Bible Study	Kitchen
	12:15 p.m.	Holy Eucharist & Healing Service	Sanctuary
	7 p.m.	Shawl Ministry	Narthex
	7 p.m.	Handbell Choir Rehearsal	Music Room
Thursday 12/3		NO MORNING PRAYER TODAY	
	5 p.m.	Evening Prayer Service (20 minutes)	Sanctuary
	5:30 p.m.	Pre Advent Service Dinner	Henry Hall
	6:30 p.m.	Weekly Advent Service	Sanctuary
	7 p.m.	Adult Choir Practice	Music Room
Friday 12/4	6 p.m.	Choir Practice (<i>En Español</i>)	Music Room
Saturday 12/5	9 a.m.	Altar Guild	Sanctuary, AG Rm, HH
	2 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
	7 p.m.	Santa Eucaristia	Sanctuary & HH
Sunday 12/6	8, 9:30, & 11 a.m.	Holy Eucharist	Sanctuary
	9 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal	Music Room
	6 p.m.	Lessons & Carols	Sanctuary
	7 p.m.	Estudios Biblicos (<i>en español</i>)	B1



Mon. 11/30 Carol Durand, Paul Lehner, Mary McLenigan, John Nixon, Lee Bissell, Michael Gibbs

Tue. 12/1 Mel Lew, Janet Dopsovic

Wed. 12/2 Noah Starinieri, Maryeli Portillo

Thu. 12/3 Charles Poandl

Fri. 12/4 Marion Hamilton

Sat. 12/5 Ugo Nwachukwu, Elspeth McCormick, Ava Gibbs

Sun. 12/6 Emily Reddington, Dariel Bonilla Lemus

General Announcements

Today We Begin Advent.

The word “Advent” means “coming,” and in this special season, the Church focuses on the “comings of Christ.” In these four weeks before Christmas, we are preparing ourselves spiritually to celebrate the coming of Jesus as the Baby of Bethlehem. Many of the Advent Scripture lessons also focus on Jesus’ Second Coming, when he will return in glory to judge the living and the dead. We are also called in Advent to meditation, fasting, and other spiritual practices, which help us to welcome Christ into our own hearts with increased devotion.

The Great Litany...

which begins our service, is one of the great treasures of the Anglican liturgical tradition. Originally composed by Archbishop Thomas Crammer in 1544, it was the first liturgical text to be composed in English and predates the earliest Book of Common Prayer. The litany is a powerful reminder of God’s loving mercy and our need for His protection and help. It holds before God the needs of the whole world, asking for His blessing and grace.

No Christian Education Classes Today.

There are no Christian Education classes taking place today. Children and youth attend Morning Prayer and the Wreath Making Event with their families at 9:30 a.m. Those who come at 11 sit with their families in the service. Also, there will be no classes Sunday, December 27 & January 3.

Treasurers Note- Update On Giving

Last Sunday's giving to the General Fund totaled \$11,471. This leaves \$147,444 to meet our budgeted revenue goals and obligations for 2015. Thank you for your support of St. Timothy's mission and ministries. The Stewardship Committee is still collecting pledges for our 2016 vision. Contact the church office if you need a pledge card or if you have any questions.

Angel Tree Program Collection

Our beloved Angel Tree is awaiting you in Henry Hall after today's services! Please drop off your unwrapped gift with the original name tag firmly attached under the Angel Tree or take one of the remaining tags left on the tree. Shop on-line or in-store for the requested items and return the gifts unwrapped with the original tags firmly attached to St. Timothy’s by next Sunday, December 6. Gift cards may be taped to the Angel tree tag and placed on the collection plate during the offertory today, or handed to the Parish Administrator, Kevin Hamilton during normal business hours Monday through Friday. We will hold a sorting party after the 9:30 a.m. service next Sunday to sort gifts for delivery to Cornerstones. For more information, contact Diana Wright 703-298-0391.

Once the gifts have been delivered, our Angel Tree becomes the collection point for scarves, hats, mittens, socks, and gloves for adult and children clients of the Embry Rucker Shelter and LAWS. In this way, our Angel Tree continues to give to our local community during this blessed holiday season.

St. Timothy’s 2nd Annual Multigenerational Advent Wreath Assembly Today

For those who signed up, come make Advent wreaths with your church family! Learn more about the season of Advent: the color(s) for the season, when to light the pink candle, and much, much more! 9:30 - 10 a.m. we’ll have a Morning Prayer Service in the Sanctuary and 10 -10:45 a.m. we’ll hold the Multigenerational Advent-Wreath Assembly in Henry Hall

General Announcements *(Continued)*

Order Haitian Coffee In Time For The Holidays!

What better way to celebrate the holidays than by purchasing Singing Rooster coffee that benefits the poor in Haiti? We offer Full City, Vienna, or French roasts, either as whole bean or ground. Decaf coffee is also available in whole bean or ground (decaf is all one roast level). Coffee is \$10 per 12-oz. bag and K-cups are now available for \$11 per bag! Roughly \$3 of every bag sold on behalf of Saint Timothy's supports the Haiti Ministry, \$3 goes directly to the Haitian farmers who grow the beans, and the remainder goes to Singing Rooster. Please place your order by today, November 29 so we can ensure it arrives before the holidays. Send Mission Team member Chris Brock an email with how many of each type you would like: thegunny.99@gmail.com. You pay when the coffee arrives.

Weekly Advent Services On Thursday Evenings Beginning December 3.

O Come, O Come Emmanuel is the theme of our Advent weekday worship services, which will be held on Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m., beginning December 3. We will use the evocative Service of Light from the Book of Common Prayer, and Fr. Mark will offer a meditation each evening on one of the traditional O Antiphons that form the verses of the beloved seasonal hymn. Bring a pot of soup or a loaf of bread to share for a simple supper beforehand at 5:30 in Henry Hall.

Christmas Eve Nativity Play

We are very excited this year to offer children ages 3 - 11 the opportunity to participate in a Nativity Play during the 4 p.m. Children's Christmas Eve Service. If your child is interested, please email Jeanne Marie Burke at jeanne_marie_raymond@hotmail.com by **December 5**. *NOTE: All children who wish to participate MUST attend rehearsal on Saturday, December 19.



Mark your calendars to attend Advent Lessons and Carols presented by the choirs of Saint Timothy's on Sunday, December 6 at 6 P.M. Lessons and Carols, frequently regarded as one of the most popular, well-attended services of the year, includes seasonal readings about the coming of Christ which alternate with carol settings presented by the choirs. The congregation joins in, with the singing of some of their favorite hymns. A reception in Henry Hall will follow.

Christmas Flower Offering (December 15th Deadline)

If you would like to remember a loved one who has departed this life or give thanks for family and friends with a poinsettia for the Christmas Altar, please complete a Flower Envelope (located on the cabinets in the Narthex) or call the office at 703-437-3790. Please write "Christmas Flowers" on the date requested line. All Christmas Flower Envelopes must be received in the office by December 15.

Help Decorate For Christmas On December 22 Or 23!

The Altar Guild will begin decorating on the 22nd at 6 p.m. by prepping the poinsettias. We will decorate the Sanctuary and the Narthex for Christmas services on December 23, starting at 10 a.m. until completed. The Altar Guild welcomes anyone who wishes to help. Don't have time but still want to help? Please consider making a donation for poinsettias. For more information contact Mary McLenigan at 703-391-2950.

General Announcements *(Continued)*

Christmas Eve Luminaries -- Come Join Us! At 1 p.m. On Christmas Eve

We will gather at the St. Tim's outdoor bell where we will have a "production line" established for creating and setting out approximately 350 to 500 luminaries around the St. Tim's grounds. It is a beautiful addition to the Christmas Eve worship services. The only thing that slows us down (or stops this event) is rain, snow, or wind (apparently, paper bags and lit candles don't do well under these three conditions!??). Mr. D will have the Christmas music ~~blaring~~ playing from his car and there might even be hot chocolate. Clean up is December 26 at 10 a.m. (bring several trash bags to help haul away the luminaries). Thank you! Questions? Text Mr. Dubishar at 703.850.1751.

Greeters Needed

There are a number of special services scheduled for the joyous Christmas season and it would be so nice to have extra people on hand to greet visitors and congregants alike. If you would like to volunteer your services for any of the following dates, please contact Jill Cox on 703-936 5021 or e-mail: jillcoxva@Verizon.net as soon as possible.

- Sunday December 6th Service of Lessons and Carols at 6:00 pm.
- Thursday December 24th Service with Children's Nativity Play at 4:00 pm
- Thursday December 24th services at 7 p.m. & 10 p.m.
- Friday December 25th service at 11 a.m.

Vestry Elections Take Place January 10, 2016.

The Vestry Nominating Committee is seeking members of the congregation interested in serving on the Vestry. The deadline for candidate forms is December 7, 2015 (forms can be accessed via our website under the Vestry Documents Section at <http://www.saint-timothys.org/library/church-resources/>). Elections for four vacancies and one alternate will be conducted prior to St. Timothy's Annual Meeting on January 10, 2016.

Vestry members serve for three years as the board of directors of the church, having the opportunity to take a more active role in the Church mission. The Vestry is essential to the successful functioning and operation of the Church mission. Candidates must be 16 years of age or older, confirmed communicants of St. Timothy's, and attend worship regularly.

In addition there is a modest, if mandatory, requirement to attend the all-day Vestry Retreat on Saturday, January 30, 2016. The Vestry usually meets on the fourth Monday of each month.

Interested members should contact any member of the current Vestry and Bob Kimmel at 571.612.9196 / rkimmel818@verizon.net to discuss this rewarding opportunity to work together for the good of the whole community that Saint Timothy's serves.

Save The Date: Our Annual Meeting Will Be Sunday, January 10 At 12:15 P.M.!

Following a brief business meeting and election of new vestry members, we'll share a meal. Rev. Mary Thorpe, Diocesan Transition Officer, will make a presentation about the Search Process and answer questions. The vestry plans to choose members for the Rector Search Committee at their annual retreat on January 29-30, which will mark the beginning of our rector search process. Please speak with a vestry member if you feel God may be calling you to serve Saint Timothy's in this role.



Saint Timothy's Prayer List *Submissions added this week are in italics.*

Health & Other Needs

Ralph, Bill, Dave, Florita, Jean, Peter, Ted, Laura, Mary, Jean, Loran, Julie, Geoff, Mabel, Dave, Melissa, Paige, Phyllis, Pam, Cheryl, David, Diane, Christine, Richard, Herta, Catherine, Matthew, Julie, Bill, June, The people of Haiti, Our Little Roses Orphanage, Residents of the Loudoun Abused Women's Shelter, Alma, Donna, William, Dora, Barbara, Anne, Kathryn, Joey, Richard, Sue, Damien, Jerry, Elaine, and Kevin.

Friends, Family Members, and of Parishioners: Evelyn, Pete, Lenore, Cheryl, Doug, Buzz, Charles, Max, Kevin and Hannah, Annette, Roger, Will, Marcel, Sally, Dr. Sakr, and Dara.

Please Note: *Email requests to Prayer@saint-timothys.org with the name of the person and prayer request. Please note, the request itself will only be placed on the list for the Pastoral Care Team to pray for; first names will be placed in the bulletin. If you don't have access to email, call the church office ☎ leave your request with the Director of Parish Operations, 703.437.3790 x.10.*

Bulletin & eNews Submissions Reminder

Submissions for both the weekly bulletin and eNews are due Wednesdays by 9 a.m. of the week they are published unless otherwise communicated. If you would like to submit a church related announcement, you can email the Parish Administrator at office@saint-timothys.org. You will receive a reply email to confirm your submission was received.

Celebrate Christmas @ Saint Timothy's!

Feel free to invite friends, family, & neighbors to attend one of our Community Christmas Services!



Community Christmas Eve Services, Thursday, December 24, 2015

4:00 p.m. Children's Service with Nativity Play and Eucharist

7:00 p.m. Festival Eucharist *with Music Prelude at 6:30 p.m.*

10:00 p.m. Festival Eucharist *with Music Prelude at 9:30 p.m.*

Community Christmas Day Service, Friday, December 25, 2015

11 a.m. Bi-lingual (*English & Spanish*) Christmas Day Service