



St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

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Sunday, November 29, 2015

The First Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m.



Advent Wreath (week 1)

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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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Vestry

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Courtney King

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Ugo Nwachukwu

Nikki O'Malley

Genevieve Zetlan

Trustees

Tom McLenigan, Keith Sinclair, Deke Smith

The First Sunday of Advent

Holy Eucharist: Rite I

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

Lord, have mercy upon us. ***Christ, have mercy upon us.*** Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And with thy spirit.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which thy 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 quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, 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

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.**

Holy Gospel; Luke 21:25-36

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

People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

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 be to thee, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

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

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,

the Father Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth,

and of all things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,

the only-begotten Son of God,

*begotten of his Father before all worlds,
 God of God, Light of Light,
 very God of very God,
 begotten, not made,
 being of one substance with the Father;
 by whom all things were made;
 who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven,
 and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man;
 and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
 he suffered and was buried;
 and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
 and ascended into heaven,
 and sitteth on the right hand of the Father;
 and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead;
 whose kingdom shall have no end.*

*And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life,
 who proceedeth from the Father and the Son;
 who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified;
 who spake by the Prophets.*

*And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church;
 I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins;
 and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

Confession of Sin

Celebrant Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

*All Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men:
 We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time
 most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty,
 provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are
 heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the
 burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful
 Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we
 may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy
 Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Absolution

Celebrant Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Comfortable Words

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. *Matthew 11:28*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *John 3:16*

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Welcome & Announcements

The Offering

Celebrant "Unto thee, O Lord, will I lift up my soul; my God, I have put my trust in thee; let me not be confounded." Ps. 25:1

The Holy Communion

Offertory

Fughetta on *People Look East*

Richard Shephard

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People **It is meet and right so to do.**

Celebrant It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Because thou didst send thy 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 with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

The Sanctus

Celebrant and People **Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:**

Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

Benedictus

Celebrant and People **Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

The people stand or kneel.

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, “Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.”

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ’s holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. ***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.

The Fraction

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People ***Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia***

Agnus Dei

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

Prayer of Humble Access

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

The Administration of Communion

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Commissioning of Lay Eucharistic Visitors

Celebrant Peter, in the Name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts to David Tetteyfo, that those to whom we go may share with us in Christ's Body and Blood.

All *We who are many are one body, because we all share in one bread, one cup.*

Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

All *Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. 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 Ghost, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Dismissal

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

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

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!

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
703.450.8599

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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