



## St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

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Sunday, November 29, 2015

*The First Sunday of Advent*

9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer



*Advent Wreath (week 1)*

*Craig Dubishar, Photographer*

### 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.

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## 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

Rite II

*All hymns marked Hymnal are from the Hymnal 1982. Hymns that have an S in front of the number are located at the front of the 1982 hymnal. 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.*

**Entrance Hymn 66**

*Come thou long expected Jesus*

Stuttgart

*Celebrant*

Watch, for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning, lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. *Mark 13:35, 36*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*All kneel.*

*Silence.*

*Celebrant and People*

**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.**

*Celebrant:*

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.**

**Invitatory and Psalter**

*All stand.*

*Celebrant*

Lord, open our lips.

**People:**

**And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

*Celebrant and People*

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

*Celebrant:*

Our King and Savior now draws near:

**People:**

**Come let us adore him.**



1. Come, let us sing to the



Lord; let us shout for joy to the Rock of our sal -



va - tion. 2. Let us come be-fore his pres-ence with thanks - giv - ing—



and raise a loud shout to him with psalms. 3. For the



Lord is a great God, and a great King a - bove all



gods. 4. In his hand are the cav-erns of the earth, —



and the heights of the hills are his al - so. 5. The



sea is his, for he made it, and his hands have



mold - ed the dry land. 6. Come, let us bow down, and bend the



knee, and kneel be-fore the Lord our Ma - ker. 7. For

he is our God, and we are the people of his  
 pas - ture and the sheep of his hand.  
 Oh, that to - day you would heark-en to his voice!

*Celebrant and People:* **Our King and Savior now draws near: Come let us adore him.**

*The people are seated*

**Psalm 146** *Spoken*

- 1 Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!
- 2 I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.
- 3 Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help.
- 4 When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish.
- 5 Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God,
- 6 who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith for ever;
- 7 who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets the prisoners free;
- 8 the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.
- 9 The Lord watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.
- 10 The Lord will reign for ever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the Lord!

**Psalm 147** *Spoken*

- 1 Praise the Lord! How good it is to sing praises to our God; for he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.
- 2 The Lord builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel.
- 3 He heals the broken-hearted, and binds up their wounds.
- 4 He determines the number of the stars; he gives to all of them their names.
- 5 Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure.
- 6 The Lord lifts up the downtrodden; he casts the wicked to the ground.
- 7 Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; make melody to our God on the lyre.
- 8 He covers the heavens with clouds, prepares rain for the earth, makes grass grow on the hills.
- 9 He gives to the animals their food, and to the young ravens when they cry.
- 10 His delight is not in the strength of the horse, nor his pleasure in the speed of a runner;
- 11 but the Lord takes pleasure in those who fear him, in those who hope in his steadfast love.
- 12 Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem! Praise your God, O Zion!

- 13 For he strengthens the bars of your gates; he blesses your children within you.  
 14 He grants peace\* within your borders; he fills you with the finest of wheat.  
 15 He sends out his command to the earth; his word runs swiftly.  
 16 He gives snow like wool; he scatters frost like ashes.  
 17 He hurls down hail like crumbs - who can stand before his cold?  
 18 He sends out his word, and melts them; he makes his wind blow, and the waters flow.  
 19 He declares his word to Jacob, his statutes and ordinances to Israel.  
 20 He has not dealt thus with any other nation; they do not know his ordinances. Praise the Lord!

### **The First Reading**

Amos 1:1-5, 1:13-2:8

The words of Amos, who was among the shepherds of Tekoa, which he saw concerning Israel in the days of King Uzziah of Judah and in the days of King Jeroboam son of Joash of Israel, two years\* before the earthquake. And he said: The Lord roars from Zion, and utters his voice from Jerusalem; the pastures of the shepherds wither, and the top of Carmel dries up. Thus says the Lord: For three transgressions of Damascus, and for four, I will not revoke the punishment; because they have threshed Gilead with threshing-sledges of iron. So I will send a fire on the house of Hazael, and it shall devour the strongholds of Ben-hadad. I will break the gate-bars of Damascus, and cut off the inhabitants from the Valley of Aven, and the one who holds the sceptre from Beth-eden; and the people of Aram shall go into exile to Kir, says the Lord.

Thus says the Lord: For three transgressions of the Ammonites, and for four, I will not revoke the punishment; because they have ripped open pregnant women in Gilead in order to enlarge their territory. So I will kindle a fire against the wall of Rabbah, fire that shall devour its strongholds, with shouting on the day of battle, with a storm on the day of the whirlwind; then their king shall go into exile, he and his officials together, says the Lord.

Thus says the Lord: For three transgressions of Moab, and for four, I will not revoke the punishment; because he burned to lime the bones of the king of Edom. So I will send a fire on Moab, and it shall devour the strongholds of Kerioth, and Moab shall die amid uproar, amid shouting and the sound of the trumpet; I will cut off the ruler from its midst, and will kill all its officials with him, says the Lord.

Thus says the Lord: For three transgressions of Judah, and for four, I will not revoke the punishment; because they have rejected the law of the Lord, and have not kept his statutes, but they have been led astray by the same lies after which their ancestors walked. So I will send a fire on Judah, and it shall devour the strongholds of Jerusalem.

Thus says the Lord: For three transgressions of Israel, and for four, I will not revoke the punishment; because they sell the righteous for silver, and the needy for a pair of sandals— they who trample the head of the poor into the dust of the earth, and push the afflicted out of the way, father and son go in to the same girl, so that my holy name is profaned; they lay themselves down beside every altar on garments taken in pledge; and in the house of their God they drink wine bought with fines they imposed.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* ***Thanks be to God.***

*Canticle Spoken*

Surge Illuminare

**Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.**

**For behold, darkness covers the land; deep gloom enshrouds the peoples.**

**But over you the Lord will rise, and his glory will appear upon you.**

**Nations will stream to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawning.**

**Your gates will always be open; by day or night they will never be shut.**

**They will call you, The City of the Lord, The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.**

**Violence will no more be heard in your land, ruin or destruction within your borders.**

**You will call your walls, Salvation, and all your portals, Praise.**

**The sun will no more be your light by day; by night you will not need the brightness of the moon.**

**The Lord will be your everlasting light, and your God will be your glory.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

### **The Second Reading**

Luke 21:5-19

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, ‘As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.’

They asked him, ‘Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?’ And he said, ‘Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, “I am he!” and, “The time is near!” Do not go after them.

‘When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.’ Then he said to them, ‘Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

‘But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defence in advance; for I will give you words\* and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

***People***            **Thanks be to God.**

*Canticle Spoken*

Benedictus Dominus Deus

**Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; he has come to his people and set them free.**

**He has raised up for us a mighty savior, born of the house of his servant David.**

**Through his holy prophets he promised of old, that he would save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us.**

**He promised to show mercy to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant.**

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

Free to worship him without fear, holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life. You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

To give people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins. In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us, To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

### **Apostles' Creed**

*Please remain standing*

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

### **Prayers**

*All remain standing.*

*Celebrant*           The Lord be with you.

**People**            **And also with you.**

*Celebrant*           Let us pray.

*People and Celebrant*

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 Celebrant and **People** say responsively*

**A.**

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;

R. **And grant us your salvation.**

V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

R. **Let your people sing with joy.**

V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

R. **For only in you can we live in safety.**

V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;

R. **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

V. Let your way be known upon earth;

R. **Your saving health among all nations.**

V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

R. **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;

R. **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

### **Collect of the Day**

*The Celebrant then says*

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.**

### **A Collect for Sundays**

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **A Collect for Mission**

**Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**Offertory Anthem**

*Keep Your Lamps!*

**André Thomas**

Saint Timothy's Adult Choir

*Refrain: Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, the time is drawing nigh.*

*Children don't get weary 'til your work is done. Refrain*

*Christian journey soon be over, the time is drawing nigh. Refrain*

**The General Thanksgiving***Celebrant and People*

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
 we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
 for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
 to us and to all whom you have made.  
 We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
 and all the blessings of this life;  
 but above all for your immeasurable love  
 in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
 for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
 And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
 that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
 not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
 by giving up our selves to your service,  
 and by walking before you  
 in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
 to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
 be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

*Celebrant Let us bless the Lord.****People: Thanks be to God.*****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.**

**Closing Hymn 56***O come, O come, Emmanuel (Vs. 1-4)***Veni, veni, Emmanuel****Postlude***Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying***Emma Lou Diemer (b. 1927)****Music Copyright Acknowledgements***All rights reserved. Any music in today's bulletin is reprinted under One-License.net #A-721552.*

## Assisting in the Preparation and Conduct of Worship

<b>Altar Guild</b>		Carol Sinclair, Jean Lammers, Liz Ward, Adaku Nwachukwu
<b>Counters</b>		Pat McGibbon, Rhonda McGibbon
<b>Ushers</b>	8 am	Tom Rust, Kent Miller
	9:30 am	Vincent Donnelly, Andre Dupuy
	11 am	Olga Marinenko, Robert Bumbarly
<b>Greeters</b>	8 am	Jeanne Bennett
	9:30 am	Danny Wechtenhiser
	11 am	Cindy Holland
<b>Lay</b>	8 am	Diane Miller, Ralph Tildon
<b>Eucharistic</b>	9:30 am	Catherine Lamb, Jane Burkett
<b>Ministers</b>	11 am	Adaku Nwachukwu, Allen Stanley, Liz Ward
<b>Acolytes</b>	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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.saint-timothys.org) and click on the calendar link to see the full calendar.*

Day	Time	Event	Location
<b>Sunday 11/29</b>	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
<b>Monday 11/30</b>	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
<b>Tuesday 12/1</b>	8:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer Service (20 minutes)	Sanctuary
	5 p.m.	Evening Prayer Service (20 minutes)	Sanctuary
<b>Wednesday 12/2</b>	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
<b>Thursday 12/3</b>		<b>NO MORNING PRAYER TODAY</b>	
	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
<b>Friday 12/4</b>	6 p.m.	Choir Practice ( <i>En Español</i> )	Music Room
<b>Saturday 12/5</b>	9 a.m.	Altar Guild	Sanctuary, AG Rm, HH
	2 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
	7 p.m.	Santa Eucaristia	Sanctuary & HH
<b>Sunday 12/6</b>	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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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