



St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

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Sunday, December 20, 2015

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m.



Advent Wreath (week 4) Craig Dubishar, Photographer

Sunday Services

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| 8:00 a.m. | Spoken Eucharist - Rite I |
| 9:30 a.m. | Family Service - Rite II |
| 11:00 a.m. | Choral Eucharist - Rite II |

Opportunities for Children

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| 9:30 a.m. & 11 a.m. | Godly Play (<i>ages 3 & potty trained - grade 2</i>) - Room B1 |
| 9:30 a.m. | Family Service
<i>Children in Spark + - grade 12 sit with their families in service today. This is a great way to continue their Christian Education by joining in and following the service.</i> |

Monday & Tuesday This Week (The Daily Office)

Morning Prayer @ 8:45 a.m. (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 Fourth Sunday of Advent

Holy Eucharist: Rite I

Prelude

Christmas Sonatina, Op. 251, No.

Carl Reinecke (1824-1910)

The Word of God

At the tolling of the bell, all stand.

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

People ***His mercy endureth for ever.***

An Exhortation

Celebrant

Beloved in the Lord: Our Savior Christ, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood as a sign and pledge of his love, for the continual remembrance of the sacrifice of his death, and for a spiritual sharing in his risen life. For in these holy Mysteries we are made one with Christ, and Christ with us; we are made one body in him, and members one of another.

Having in mind, therefore, his great love for us, and in obedience to his command, his Church renders to Almighty God our heavenly Father never ending thanks for the creation of the world, for his continual providence over us, for his love for all mankind, and for the redemption of the world by our Savior Christ, who took upon himself our flesh, and humbled himself even to death on the cross, that he might make us the children of God by the power of the Holy Spirit, and exalt us to everlasting life.

But if we are to share rightly in the celebration of those holy Mysteries, and be nourished by that spiritual Food, we must remember the dignity of that holy Sacrament. I therefore call upon you to consider how Saint Paul exhorts all persons to prepare themselves carefully before eating of that Bread and drinking of that Cup.

For, as the benefit is great, if with penitent hearts and living faith we receive the holy Sacrament, so is the danger great, if we receive it improperly, not recognizing the Lord's Body. Judge yourselves, therefore, lest you be judged by the Lord.

Examine your lives and conduct by the rule of God's commandments, that you may perceive wherein you have offended in what you have done or left undone, whether in thought, word, or deed. And acknowledge your sins before Almighty God, with full purpose of amendment of life, being ready to make restitution for all injuries and wrongs done by you to others; and also being ready to forgive those who have offended you, in order that you yourselves may be forgiven. And then, being reconciled with one another, come to the banquet of that most heavenly Food.

And if, in your preparation, you need help and counsel, then go and open your grief to a discreet and understanding priest, and confess your sins, that you may receive the benefit of absolution, and spiritual counsel and advice; to the removal of scruple and doubt, the assurance of pardon, and the strengthening of your faith.

To Christ our Lord who loves us, and washed us in his own blood, and made us a kingdom of priests to serve his God and Father, to him be glory in the Church evermore. Through him let us offer continually the sacrifice of praise, which is our bounden duty and service, and, with faith in him, come boldly before the throne of grace and humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

Confession of Sin

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against thy holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, spare thou those who confess their faults, restore thou those who are penitent, according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

Absolution

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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.

We beseech thee, Almighty God, to purify our consciences by thy daily visitation, that when thy Son our Lord cometh he may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

A Reading from Micah 5:2-5a

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Canticle 3

My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.

For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden.

For behold from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.

For he that is mighty hath magnified me, and holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations.

He hath showed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and hath exalted the humble and meek.

He hath filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he hath sent empty away.

He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel, as he promised to our forefathers,

Abraham and his seed for ever. 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.*

A Reading from Hebrews 10:5-10

Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, 'See, God, I have come to do your will, O God' (in the scroll of the book it is written of me)." When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), then he added, "See, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

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

Holy Gospel; Luke 1:39-45

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

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

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People ***Praise be to thee, Lord Christ.***

Sermon

The Rev. Allison Z. Michael

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.*

The Prayers of the People

Leader Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers especially to Michael, Shannon, Susan, and Ted, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, especially Barack our president, Terry our governor, and Lisa our mayor, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort, and succor all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life, in thy faith and fear, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of Saint Timothy and all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People ***And with thy spirit.***

Welcome & Announcements

The Offering

Celebrant ‘Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb.’ Luke 1:28,42

The Holy Communion

Offertory

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

arr. by Fred Bock

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 Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

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 Ralph & Florita, in the Name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts to David Tetteyfi, 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 Let us go forth in the name of Christ!

People **Thanks be to God!**

Assisting in the Preparation and Conduct of Worship

Altar Guild		Donna Dickt, Maria Lawalt, Bobbe Duquette, Michele Bumbarly
Counters		Matt Maginniss, Barbara Bruno
Ushers	8 am	Kent Miller, Bill Outerbridge
	9:30 am	Dean Rohrbaugh, Bill Bate
	11 am	Pete Gleason, Dave Gough
Greeters	8 am	Bill Outerbridge
	9:30 am	Dave Tigar
	11 am	Deke Smith
Lay	8 am	Hector Coronado, Marie Lally
Eucharistic Ministers	9:30 am	Donna Marie Barrett, Michael Cook, Cheryl Brock
	11 am	Keith Sinclair, Adaku Nwachukwu, Liz Ward
Acolytes	9:30 am	Carolyn Wright, Gabe Fang-Weeden
	11 am	

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!



Thank You for Making A Difference!

Thank you to the many volunteers who will give of their time and talent in service to God and Saint Timothy's this coming week; serving to help make Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services special for the St. Tim's church family and our guests.

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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Peter Hwoschinsky
703.450.8599



**STEPHEN
MINISTRY**



Last Names S - Z:

Please Bring Something For Coffee Hours On December 27!

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.

Upcoming: **A - F** on January 3 and **G - L** on January 10.

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 12/20	8, 9:30, & 11 a.m.	Holy Eucharist	Sanctuary
	9 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal	Music Room
	12:15 p.m.	Christmas Services Participant Info Meeting	Sanctuary
	7 p.m.	Estudios Biblicos (<i>en español</i>)	B1
Monday 12/21	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
	7:30 p.m.	Vestry Meeting	B1
Tuesday 12/22	8:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer Service (20 minutes)	Sanctuary
	5 p.m.	Evening Prayer Service (20 minutes)	Sanctuary
Wednesday 12/23		No Morning Bible Study This Week	
	12:15 p.m. 7 p.m.	Holy Eucharist & Healing Service Handbell Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary Music Room
Thursday 12/24		No Morning Or Evening Prayer Service Today	
	4 p.m. 7 p.m.	Family Christmas Eve Service with Nativity Play Festival Eucharist (<i>with 6:30 p.m. Musical Prelude</i>)	Sanctuary Sanctuary
	10 p.m.	Festival Eucharist (<i>with 9:30 p.m. Musical Prelude</i>)	Sanctuary
Friday 12/25	11 a.m.	Bi-lingual Christmas Day Service	Sanctuary
Saturday 12/26	9 a.m. 7 p.m.	Altar Guild Santa Eucaristia	Sanctuary, AG Rm, HH Sanctuary & HH
	Sunday 12/27	8 & 10 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
9 a.m.		Choir Rehearsal	Music Room
7 p.m.		Estudios Biblicos (<i>en español</i>)	B1



Sun. 12/20	John Druitt
Mon. 12/21	Abigail Lehner
Tue. 12/22	Daniel McCarthy
Wed. 12/23	Michelle Krainak
Thu. 12/24	Adrianna Baldwin
Fri. 12/25	Colin Curtis, Gustavo Bonilla Lemus, Rev. Allison Michael
Sat. 12/26	Judy Wallis
Sun. 12/27	Florita Tildon, Christine Cozza

General Announcements

The Exhortation

...which is used in our worship service today, is an explanation of the spiritual purpose of Holy Communion and an encouragement to come to the Sacrament with careful preparation. The Exhortation is a traditional part of the Anglican Liturgy, developed by Archbishop Thomas Cranmer and included in the first Book of Common Prayer in 1549. In the past, it was used at every celebration of the Eucharist, but is now used only occasionally as a reminder of the serious and holy nature of this Sacrament. Part of the exhortation is a call to sacramental confession. **Father Mark will hear pre-Christmas confessions after Evening Prayer on Monday and Tuesday**, and at other times by appointment.

We Are In The Midst Of 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.

Treasurer’s Note- Update On Giving

Last Sunday's giving to the General Fund totaled \$13,343. This leaves \$117,127 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.

Want To Make A Difference At St. Tim’s But Don’t Know Where To Start?

Become a **STAR** (*Small Tasks Are Rewarding*) volunteer! It’s a great starting point for getting involved!

- Simply email Nikki O’Malley at nikki.omalley@gmail.com to sign up. When a Ministry needs assistance for a one-time or short-term task, the ministry sends an email requesting assistance.
- If you can help, simply reply directly to the ministry’s email. If you can’t help with a particular request, no problem! You will remain on the STAR list and will be emailed again in the future.

Becoming a STAR is a wonderful way to find your Ministry niche as you give your time and talent to God. If you’re currently signed up and your availability has changed and you’d like to be removed, email Nikki. Thank you to all of our current STARS for all you do to make a difference!

Angel Tree Program Collection!

Our beloved Angel Tree awaits you in Henry Hall after today's services! Please drop off your scarves, hats, mittens, socks, and gloves for adult & children clients of the Embury Rucker Shelter and LAWS. In this way, our Angel Tree continues to give to our local community during this holiday season.

Christmas Eve Participant Info Meeting Today, Sunday, Dec. 20, After The 11 a.m. Service!

There will be an important info meeting for all participating in our Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Services in a volunteer role. This group includes ushers, greeters, Lay Eucharist Ministers, etc. The meeting will begin promptly at 12:15 p.m. We will discuss logistics and important information that will help us prepare for our beautiful Christmas Services here at St. Tim’s!

General Announcements *(Continued)*

Looking For An Opportunity To Serve Those In Need This Christmas?

Epiphany Episcopal Church, in partnership with FACETS* and other area churches, will host a Hypothermia Shelter each day December 20 – 27. Homeless members of our community will be offered a hot meal, fellowship and a dry, warm place to sleep. The support of several churches is needed to make this event a success. Volunteers are needed to prepare and serve dinner, help with sack lunches, provide entertainment, and assist with transportation. Donated items are also needed such as board games, reading material and warm clothing. If you are interested in volunteering your time, please sign up at www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0c45acae23a3fc1-hypothermia.

To donate items, please check this link: <http://tinyurl.com/ow5k48t>. Please consider volunteering to assist those most in need in our community. If you are interested please contact Carolyn Hamm (carolynhamm@verizon.net). Sponsored by the Service Ministry, Putting your faith to work.

** FACETS is a well known non-profit in Fairfax County helping people in need of emergency shelter, food and medical needs. FACETS staff will be present at all times.*

End of the Year Financial Reminders

For those requiring a reimbursement for church/ministry related expenses taking place in calendar year 2015, you must submit your signed payment voucher no later than 5 p.m. this Tuesday, December 22 for payment. Please ensure you gain the required signatures for the voucher. Payment vouchers are available in one of the boxes in the hallway *(leading from the Narthex to the church offices.)*

Also, in order for charitable giving to count towards the calendar year 2015, donations are required to be in the church office by December 31. The last Sunday of 2015 is December 27. Gifts received via mail up to December 31 will be accepted. All donations received into the church on or after January 1, 2016 cannot be credited to 2015. Thank you!

Help Decorate For Christmas On December 22 Or 23!

The Altar Guild begins decorating on the 22nd at 6 p.m. by prepping the poinsettias. We'll decorate the Sanctuary and Narthex for Christmas services on Dec. 23, starting at 10 a.m. until completed. The Altar Guild welcomes anyone wishing to help. Don't have time but still want to help? Please consider making a donation for poinsettias. For more info. contact Mary McLenigan at 703.391.2950.

Greeters Needed

Greeters are needed for special services during the Christmas season to greet visitors & congregants alike. If you would like to volunteer your services, please contact Jill Cox on 703-936 5021 or e-mail: jillcoxva@Verizon.net as soon as possible. Special Services are Christmas eve, 12/24, at 4 p.m. (service with children's Nativity Play), 7 p.m., and 10 p.m. as well as Christmas day, 12/25, at 11 a.m.

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.

General Announcements *(Continued)*

Church Office Christmas and New Years Closures

The Church Office will close on Christmas Eve, Thursday, December 24, and will reopen on Monday, January 3. The staff will periodically check voicemail. The staff would like to wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year!

New Sunday Morning Schedule Begins December 27.

12/27 begins our new regular schedule of two Sunday morning services. Holy Eucharist Rite I remains at 8 a.m. and Choral Eucharist (Rite II) will be held at 10 a.m. A Misa en Español is celebrated Saturdays at 7 p.m. An adult education class will be offered in Henry Hall at 9 a.m. on Sundays beginning 1/3, and Godly Play & Christian Education will take place at 10 a.m. beginning 1/10. *(Due to the Holidays, there are no Christian Education programs on 12/27 & 1/3).*

Also, the Children's Choir rehearsal will move from its current time on Monday afternoon to Sunday after church beginning, Sunday, January 17 from 11:15 a.m. - 12 p.m. All children in grades 1-6 are welcome to join.

Two New Adult Bible Study Classes Are Beginning In The New Year.

"In the Beginning" is a seven-week course about the Book of Genesis taught by Fr. Mark and Rev. Allison Michael on Sunday mornings at 9 am in Henry Hall, beginning January 3. We will survey some of the Bible's best known and most compelling stories and how they have shaped Christian thought and Western culture. Jane Burkett will lead a Bible study on I Corinthians on Tuesday nights in the Narthex at 7:30, beginning January 5. One of the New Testament's most fascinating books, I Corinthians takes us inside the joys and struggles of the early church, which often have surprising relevance for living as Christians today. Jane recently completed an M. A. in New Testament at Duke University.

All are welcome. Starting on January 10, a Godly Play class for children 3-8 will be offered concurrently with the Sunday morning study.

Holy Baptism On January 10

Holy Baptism will be administered on January 10 at the 10:00 Service. If you would like to present a candidate for Baptism, please contact the Church Office.

Save The Date: Our Annual Meeting Will Be Sunday, January 10 At 11:30 A.M. (New Time)!

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.

St. Timothy's View Point Book Club

We will be reading "The Aviator's Wife" by Melanie Benjamin over the next few weeks and we will meet on Saturday January 16 at 9:30 a.m. at Panera Bread, Elden St. Herndon. The book is available from the book kit near the mail boxes outside the office from today, December 20. Please be sure to sign the list if you borrow a book! You are welcome to borrow a book even if you cannot attend the discussion group and you are invited to submit your comments in paper or by e-mail to jillcoxva@verizon.net from whom you can obtain information or you can phone 703.963.8251.

General Announcements *(Continued)*

GtGtL Update (Gifts to Glorify the Lord)

In case you haven't heard, our organ builder John Farmer has begun rebuilding his main workshop barn that burned in March 2015. They hope to complete it in January and will then be able to move the heavy machinery in and start work on the larger elements of our organ restoration project. We are thankful the Farmers have persistently worked through a lot of building permit issues and continue to pray for a safe and efficient rebuilding of their primary workspace. **ALLELUIA!**



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, Kevin, Jeanne, and Jane.

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.*

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

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. **Submission Opportunities have passed for the 12/27 and 1/3 bulletins as well as the 12/25 and 1/1 eNews. The next submission deadline for announcements is January 5th at 9 a.m. for the 1/10 bulletin and 1/8 eNews.** If you would like to submit a church related announcement, you can email the Director Of Parish Operations at office@saint-timothys.org. You will receive a reply email to confirm your submission was received.*