

### Saint Timothy's Episcopal Church 432 Van Buren Street, Herndon, Virginia 20170 www.Saint-timothys.org

# Christmas Eve Children's Service & Festival Eucharist

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# Children's Nativity Pageant & Holy Eucharist



## Saint Timothy's Episcopal Church

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**Reminder:** Our new two service schedule begins Sunday, December 27. Our Rite I service remains at 8 a.m. and our Choral Eucharist Rite II service takes place at 10 a.m.

#### Weekly Services

Sundays 8:00 a.m. Spoken Eucharist - Rite I Sundays 10:00 a.m. Choral Eucharist - Rite II

Saturdays 7:00 p.m. Santa Eucharista (Service in Spanish)

Wednesdays 12:15 p.m. Holy Eucharist and Prayers for Healing Morning Prayer, 8:45 a.m. Mondays, Tuesdays, & Thursdays (20 minutes) Evening Prayer, 5:00 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays, & Thursdays (20 minutes)

#### **Christian Education**

9 a.m. Adult Education (Begins January 3)- Henry Hall 10 a.m. Godly Play (ages 3 & potty trained - grade 2) - Room B1

10 a.m. Spark + (grades 3-5) - Room A-5

10 a.m. Christian Education (Grades 6-8) - Room A-8
10 a.m. Christian Education (Grades 9-12) - Upper Room

Visit www.saint-timothys.org, for more info on our programs and ministries.

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## Welcome...

to all who have come to celebrate the birth of Jesus, The Son of God. Gloria in Excelsis! God is with us!

We welcome and invite all who are baptized to receive Christ's Body and Blood in the bread and wine of the Eucharist. If you would prefer not to partake of the Holy Eucharist but would like to receive a Christmas Blessing, please simply come to the altar rail and cross your hands over your chest.

If you are new to St. Timothy's, Father Mark Michael, our Interim Rector, would love for you to introduce yourself to him after the service. He will be outside (weather permitting). You may also write your name and address on one of the pew cards and put it in the offering basin, or sign the newcomer's book under the cross in the Narthex. We would like to have this information so we can thank you for worshiping with us. We have a Christmas gift for you, a copy of "The Case for Christmas," a book by journalist Lee Strobel that explores the true identity of the child in the manger and the difference he makes for all of us. Pick up your book at the back of the church on the way out.

Restrooms are located near the church offices. When exiting through the sanctuary doors, continue down the hall (to the left of the lobby). Pass the offices (to your right) and the restrooms will be on your left. There are also two restrooms available in Henry Hall.

If you are visiting from out of town, we thank you for including this service in your schedule. Please join us any time you are in the Herndon area. We hope you have a wonderful visit and a safe journey home when you return!

If you reside in the area, and are looking for a church home, we hope you will consider Saint Timothy's as your church home. You are always welcome at any of our services. (See page two of this bulletin for regular service times.)

If you would like more information about Saint Timothy's, including adult education, youth programs and ministries, or on the Episcopal Church in general, please call the Church office (703-437-3790). Individual staff extensions are listed on page 2 of this bulletin. You can also visit our web site at www.saint-timothys.org.

A Note For Parents: 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 on both sides of the Chancel.

**Processional Hymn 83** 

O come, all ye faithful

**Adeste Fideles** 

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem; come and behold him, born the King of angels; O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, O come let us adore him, Christ, the Lord.

God from God, Light from Light eternal, lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb; only begotten Son of the Father; O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, sing, all ye citizens of heaven above; glory to God, glory in the highest; O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, O come let us adore him, Christ, the Lord.

See how the shepherds, summoned to his cradle, leaving their flocks, draw nigh to gaze; we too will thither bend our joyful footsteps; O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, O come let us adore him, Christ, the Lord.

Child, for us sinners poor and in the manger, we would embrace thee, with love and awe; who would not love thee, loving us so dearly? O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, O come let us adore him, Christ, the Lord.

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning; Jesus, to thee be glory given; Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing; O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, O come let us adore him, Christ, the Lord.

#### The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

#### The Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.* 

#### The Kyrie

Celebrant Lord, have mercy.

People Christ, have mercy.

Celebrant Lord, have mercy.

#### The Collect for Christmas

Celebrant The Lord be with you. **People** And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.* 

Hymn 79

O little town of Bethlehem

St. Louis

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie! Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by. Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light; The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars together, proclaim the holy birth,
And praises sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth!

How silently, how silently, the wondrous Gift is giv'n; So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of His Heav'n. No ear may hear His coming, but in this world of sin, Where meek souls will receive Him still, the dear Christ enters in.

#### Children's Nativity Pageant

Away in a Manger

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Away in a manger, no crib for his bed, the little Lord Jesus, laid down his sweet head. The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay, the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes, but little Lord Jesus no crying he makes. I love thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky, and stay by my side until morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay close by me for ever, and love me I pray. Bless all the dear children in thy tender care, and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

#### The Prayers of the People

Leader: Let us pray.

Leader: Let us pray to our incarnate Lord, who has brought us out of darkness and into his own marvelous light. Christ born for us, Son of God given for us: help us to know you, to worship and to serve you ...

#### People: Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer.

Leader: Wonderful counsellor, you order all things with your wisdom: help the Church to reveal the mystery of your love and fill her with the Spirit of truth.

#### People: Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer.

*Leader:* Mighty God, the government is on your shoulders: guide the leaders of the nations and bring in your kingdom of justice and righteousness.

#### People: Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer.

*Leader:* Everlasting father, you call us to live together in unity: protect by your mercy all your children, bless our families and renew our communities.

#### People: Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer.

Leader: Prince of peace, you bring reconciliation through the cross: by your healing power give to all who suffer ... your gift of wholeness and peace.

#### People: Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer.

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Father, full of the Spirit, hear our prayer, receive our praises, fill our lives. Amen.

Celebrant: Blessed Christ, we pray that your Spirit will live and grow within us. Transform us with your love. Perfect our worship, witness, and service, that love, peace, hope, faith, and joy may spread throughout the world. **Amen.** 

#### Confession of Sin

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

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

#### Absolution

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

#### The Peace

Leader: May the peace, love, and joy of Jesus Christ be with you always!

All: And also with you!

#### Welcome & Announcements

"Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad before the Lord when he comes." Psalm 96:11, 12.

Offertory

O holy night

Adolphe Adam arr. by Fred Bock

Presentation Hymn 96

Angels we have heard on high

Gloria

Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o'er the plains, And the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.

Refrain: Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong? What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heavenly song?

#### Refrain

Come to Bethlehem and see Christ whose birth the angels sing; Come, adore on bended knee, Christ the Lord, the newborn King.

#### Refrain

#### The Holy Eucharist

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

All Holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel.

Celebrant We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

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

*Celebrant* And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the Blessed Virgin Mary and Jospeh, Blessed Timothy and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *Amen.* 

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.

Celebrant: (The Bread is broken) Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

All: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

#### **Administration Of Communion**

(We welcome all who are baptized to receive Holy Communion. If you'd like to come forward for a blessing only, please place your arms across your chest and one of the ministers will bless you.)

What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping? Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?

#### **Refrain**

This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing; haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

Why lies he in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding? Good Christian, fear: for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.

#### Refrain

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh, come, peasant, king, to own him; the King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him.

#### **Refrain**

#### Communion Hymn 89

It came upon the midnight clear

Carol

It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old, from angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, good will to men, from heaven's all-gracious King."
The world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come with peaceful wings unfurled, and still their heavenly music floats o'er all the weary world; above its sad and lowly plains, they bend on hovering wing, and ever o'er its Babel sounds the blessed angels sing.

Yet with the woes of sin and strife the world has suffered long: Beneath the heavenly hymn have rolled two thousand years of wrong; And warring human-kind hears not the tidings which they bring; O hush the noise and cease your strife and hear the angels sing!

For lo! the days are hastening on, by prophet seen of old, when with the ever-circling years shall come the time foretold, when peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling, and all the world give back the song which now the angels sing.

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice; give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today; ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now.

Christ is born today! Christ is born today!

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice; now ye hear of endless bliss; Jesus Christ was born for this! He hath opened heaven's door, and we are blest for evermore. Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice; now ye need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save! Calls you one and calls you all to gain his everlasting hall. Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

#### Post Communion Hymn 111

Silent Night

Stille Nacht

Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright round you virgin mother and child. Holy infant, so tender and mild, sleep in heavenly peace. Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight, glories stream from heaven afar, Heavenly hosts sing alleluia; Christ the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!

Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light radiant beams from thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth. Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

#### Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### The Solemn Blessing of Christmas

May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness. *Amen.* 

May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel. *Amen.* 

May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you his peace and favor. *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.* 

Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth receive her King; let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the world! the Savior reigns; let us our songs employ, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains, repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground; he comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove the glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.

#### **Dismissal**

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

People Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

Postlude Hark the Herald Angels Sing arr. Fred Bock

#### A Very Special Thank You To Our Wonderful Cast For The Nativity Pageant...

Max Fang-Weeden, Carolyn Wright, Nathaniel Lamoureaux, Camille Koenig, Ellen Grace Burke, Madeleine Lamoureaux, Lily Burke, Gillian DiPardo, Sophie Dodd, Vivienne Lamoureaux, Tess Miller, Evelyn Smith, Virginia Williams, Katie Wright, Alex Gallardo, Emma Kimmel, Annemarie Smith, Aiden Gallardo, Ethan Kimmel, Peter Michael, Philip Michael, Charlie Schumann, Cooper Schumann, Cameron Williams, James Burke, Austin Franco, Gabe Fang-Weeden, Julius Koenig.

# Thank You Jeanne Marie Burke For Heading Up This Year's Nativity Pageant With The Help Of The Following Adult Leaders...

Ching Fang-Weeden, Diana Wright, Diana Franco, Allison Michael, Alex Schumann, Melissa DiPardo, Jill Koenig, Allison Dodd, Barbara Kimmel, Jill Koenig, Catherine Lamoureaux, and Jeannie Gallardo.

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# The Saint Timothy's Church Family Thanks Those Assisting With Our 2015 Christmas Services...

#### 4:00 p.m.

Allan Stanley, Bill Bate, Carolyn Wright, Carolyn Wright, Cheryl Brock, Chris James & Family, David Parker, Helen Guest, Hugh Masters, Jim McKenney, Katie Wright, Madeleine Lamoureux, Mary Perry, Michael Cook, Mike Colie, Nathaniel Lamoureux, Patty Masters, Ralph Tildon, Robert Bumbary, and parking volunteers.

#### 7:00 p.m.

Andre Dupuy, Chris Brock, Chudi Mbonu, Dave Tigar, Deke Smith, Donna Marie Barrett, Emilia Mbonu, Gabe Fang-Weeden, Ike Mbonu, Jane Burkett, Jose Ovido, Jose Vasques, Julie Gray-Roller, Juventino Rodriguez, Lisa Erdeljon, Max Fang-Weeden, Michael Cook, Mike Colie, Muriel Turner, Olga Marinenko, Robin Mullet, Rose Berberich, Verner So, Vincent Donnelly, and parking volunteers.

#### 10:00 p.m.

Carmela Condro, Dean Rohrbaugh, Donna Marie Barrett, Edna Whittick, Liz Ward, Ralph Tildon.

#### Christmas Day; 11 a.m.

Adan Guardado, Cheryl Brock, Chris Brock, Jane Burkett, Olga Marinenko, Ralph Tildon, Robin Mullet.

#### Altar Guild

Donna Dickt, Maria Lawalt, Bobbe Duquette, Michele Bumbary Linda Grantham, Mary McLenigan, Sandy Wright, Stephanie Wolo

Our thanks to all whose gifts made possible the beautiful Christmas decorations.

A sincere thank you to all of the Saint Timothy's choirs (Adult Voice, Adult Handbells and Children) for the wonderful way they have supported worship throughout the entire Advent and Christmas season. Bravo choirs! You are awesome!

# **Christmas Flower Dedications**

Edward & Sharon Borosky In Thanksgiving for all our blessings.

Wendy Budd In Memory of Stella Budd.

**The Condro Family** In Memory of Mary & Joseph Ieraci, and Victoria & Frank Condro.

Eleanor Day In Thanksgiving for all my many blessings

**Don and Carol Durand** In Memory of Jes Van Evera & In Thanksgiving for St. Timothy's

Church.

**The Froemming Family** In Memory of and with love for Richard Froemming and in

Thanksgiving for Christ's birth!

**Dave & Lydia Gough** In Memory of Walter Gough and Joan Bayfield and in Thanksgiving for

our family and friends.

Jackson & Suzanne

Hauslein

In Memory of Jeff Wickersham, Jackson & Helen Anne Hauslein and

in Thanksgiving for Eva Wickersham.

**John & Carol Jensen** *In Thanksgiving for God's many blessings.* 

Mary Keiler In Thanksgiving for my daughter, Leslie Keiler.

Kent & Diane Miller In Loving Memory of our fathers Thaddeus Gronkiewicz & Kenton

Miller

**Charles & Nikki O'Malley** In memory of departed loved ones and in Thanksgiving for K.C. and

Molly, Charlotte & Calvin, and our St. Tim's Family!

Mary Perry In Thanksgiving for Amelia & Anna.

**The Pinkard Family** To the glory of God!

Sandra Schanné In Thanksgiving for the blessings of a loving family.

**The Sinclairs** In Memory of Jeff & Nan Sinclair.

Pat & Deke Smith In Memory of Kevin, Mary Gay, Adelene, Bill and in Thanksgiving for

Sandy, Justin, Riley, Megan, Josh, Wyatt, Mason, Scott, & Joan.

**Muriel Turner** In Memory of Harlin G. Turner.

Sue & Louis Van Meers In Memory of Marty Burke, Sue's sister.



# **Upcoming Events**

**Christmas Day** Bi-lingual Christmas Day Service, 11 a.m.

**December 27** Holy Eucharist- 8 a.m. (Rite I) & 10 a.m. (Rite II)

**December 30** Midday Prayer Service, 12:15 p.m.

January 3 Christmas Lessons & Carols, 8 & 10 a.m.

**January 10** Balloting for Vestry Class of 2015

January 10 Annual Parish Meeting & luncheon, after 10 a.m. Service

**February 9** Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, 6 p.m.

**February 10** Ash Wednesday Service with Holy Eucharist

6:30 a.m., 12:15 p.m., & 7:30 p.m.

**February 26 - 27** 30 Hour Famine Event for Youth

March 13 Lenten Choral Evensong, 6 pm

March 20 Palm Sunday Services, 8, 9:30, & 11 a.m.

March 24 Maundy Thursday Service, 7:30 p.m.

**March 25** Good Friday Services, 12:15 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.

March 27 Easter Sunday Services, 8, 9:30, & 11 a.m.

March 27 Easter Egg Hunt, after 11 a.m. service

**April 29 - May 1** Annual Parish Family Retreat at Shrine Mont

July 11 - 15 Vacation Bible School