



St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

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Sunday, December 6, 2015

The Second Sunday of Advent

11:00 a.m.



Advent Wreath (week 2)

Craig Dubishar, Photographer

Sunday Services

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| 8:00 a.m. | Spoken Eucharist - Rite I |
| 9:30 a.m. | Choral Eucharist - Rite II |
| 11:00 a.m. | Eucharist With Hymns- 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. | Spark + (<i>grades 3-5</i>) - Room A-5 |
| 9:30 a.m. | Christian Education (<i>Grades 6-8</i>) - Room A-8 |
| 9:30 a.m. | Christian Education (<i>Grades 9-12</i>) - Upper Room |

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday (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 Second Sunday of Advent

Holy Eucharist: Rite II

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

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

Prelude

Creator of the Stars at Night

Richard Warner (b. 1908)

The Word of God

At the tolling of the bell, all stand.

Processional Hymn 59

Hark, a thrilling voice is sounding

Merton

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People ***His mercy endures for ever.***

Decalogue

Celebrant Hear the commandments of God to his people: I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage. You shall have no other gods but me.

People ***Amen. Lord have mercy.***

Celebrant You shall not make for yourself any idol.

People ***Amen. Lord have mercy.***

Celebrant You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

People ***Amen. Lord have mercy.***

Celebrant Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy.

People ***Amen. Lord have mercy.***

Celebrant Honor your father and your mother.

People ***Amen. Lord have mercy.***

Celebrant You shall not commit murder.

People ***Amen. Lord have mercy.***

Celebrant You shall not commit adultery.

People ***Amen. Lord have mercy.***

Celebrant You shall not steal.

People ***Amen. Lord have mercy.***

Celebrant You shall not be a false witness.

People ***Amen. Lord have mercy.***

Celebrant You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

People ***Amen. Lord have mercy.***

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.**

Kyrie S91

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

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

A Reading from Baruch 5:1-9

Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem, and put on forever the beauty of the glory from God. Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God; put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting; for God will show your splendor everywhere under heaven. For God will give you evermore the name, "Righteous Peace, Godly Glory." Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height; look toward the east, and see your children gathered from west and east at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that God has remembered them. For they went out from you on foot, led away by their enemies; but God will bring them back to you, carried in glory, as on a royal throne. For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low and the valleys filled up, to make level ground, so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God. The woods and every fragrant tree have shaded Israel at God's command. For God will lead Israel with joy, in the light of his glory, with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

A Reading from Philippians 1:3-11

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

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

Sequence Hymn 75

There's a voice in the wilderness crying

Ascension

Holy Gospel; Luke 3:1-6

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

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

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.' "

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

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

The Nicene Creed

***We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.***

***We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.***

*Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have
no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

The Prayers of the People

Leader

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, have mercy.”
For the peace from above, for the loving kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us
pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all
peoples, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For our Bishops, Michael, Shannon, Susan, and Ted. Grant, and for all the clergy and people, let us
pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For our Barack our president, Terry our governor, and Lisa our mayor; for the leaders of the nations,
and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For this town of Herndon, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray
to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to
the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air [or through outer space], let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray
to the Lord. Lord, have mercy. For *Jeanne and Jane*, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives,
and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the
Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the absolution and remission of our sins and offenses, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O Lord, by thy grace. Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of Blessed Timothy and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God. **To thee, O Lord our God.**

Celebrant Lord Jesus Christ, at your first coming you warned us to prepare for the day when you would come to be our judge: Mercifully grant that being awake from the sleep of sin, we may always be watching and intent upon the work you have given us to do; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People *And also with you.*

Welcome & Announcements

The Offering

Celebrant “Will you not give us life again, O God, so that your people may rejoice in you? Show us your mercy, O Lord, and grant us your salvation.” Psalm 85:6-7.

The Holy Communion

Offertory

Comfort, Comfort, Now My People

Gerald Near (b. 1942)

Presentation Hymn 76

On Jordan's bank, the Baptist's cry

Winchester New

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People *We lift them to the Lord.*

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People *It is right to give God thanks and praise.*

Celebrant

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

Sanctus S114

Willan

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

The people stand or kneel.

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

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

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

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

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

Celebrant

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Timothy and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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

All Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast.

Fraction Anthem S158

Willan

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

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The Administration of Communion

Communion Hymn 67

Comfort, comfort ye my people

Psalm 42

Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

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

Solemn Blessing

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

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

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

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

Recessional Hymn 65

Prepare the way, O Zion

Bereden väg för Herran

Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ!

People **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry

Malcom Archer (b. 1952)

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Assisting in the Preparation and Conduct of Worship

Altar Guild		Bonnie Bunting, Judy Conroy, Emilia Mbonu, Kerrie Wilson
Counters		Keith Pinkard, Tina Pinkard
Ushers	8 am	Bill Outerbridge, Hal Hallett
	9:30 am	Carmela Condro, Stephanie Kenis
	11 am	Julie Gray-Roller, Jim Wallis
Greeters	8 am	Beth Hwoschinsky, Peter Hwoschinsky
	9:30 am	Muriel Turner
	11 am	Thelma Hubert
Lay Eucharistic Ministers	8 am	Hector Coronado
	9:30 am	Betsy Bosworth-Knoizen, Donna Marie Barrett, Gayle Rippe, Sean Brady, Chris Brock
	11 am	Ted Mankin, Keith Sinclair
	9:30 am	Max Fang-Weeden, Sara Zetlan, Katie Wright
Acolytes	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!



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



Thank You for Making A Difference!

Many thanks to **Diana Wright, Ching Weeden, and their team of volunteers** for leading the Family Wreath Making Event on November 29. It was a wonderful way to celebrate the first Sunday of Advent.

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

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

Beth Hwoschinsky
703.450.8599

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**STEPHEN
MINISTRY**



Last Names G - L:

Please Bring Something For Coffee Hours On December 13!

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: M - R on Dec. 20 and **S - Z** on Dec. 27.

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 12/6	8, 9:30, & 11 a.m.	Holy Eucharist	Sanctuary
	9 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal	Music Room
	6 p.m.	Lessons & Carols	Sanctuary
	7 p.m.	Estudios Biblicos (<i>en español</i>)	B1
Monday 12/7	8:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer Service (20 minutes)	Sanctuary
	5 p.m.	Evening Prayer Service (20 minutes)	Sanctuary
	5 p.m.	Children's Choir	Music Room
	7 p.m.	BSA Troop 159 Meeting	Henry Hall
Tuesday 12/8	8:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer Service (20 minutes)	Sanctuary
	5 p.m.	Evening Prayer Service (20 minutes)	Sanctuary
	7 p.m.	Shrine Mont Planning Meeting	Narthex
Wednesday 12/9	10 a.m.	Morning Bible Study	Kitchen
	12:15 p.m.	Holy Eucharist & Healing Service	Sanctuary
	7 p.m.	Handbell Choir Rehearsal	Music Room
Thursday 12/10	8:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer Service (20 minutes)	Sanctuary
	5 p.m.	Evening Prayer Service (20 minutes)	Sanctuary
	5:30 p.m.	Pre Advent Service Dinner	Henry Hall
	6:30 p.m.	Weekly Advent Service	Sanctuary
	7 p.m.	Adult Choir Practice	Music Room
Friday 12/11	6 p.m.	Choir Practice (<i>En Español</i>)	Music Room
	6 p.m.	Boy Scout Lock In (Until Saturday Morning)	Henry Hall
Saturday 12/12	9 a.m.	Altar Guild	Sanctuary, AG Rm, HH
	2 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
	7 p.m.	Santa Eucaristia	Sanctuary & HH
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Sun. 12/6 Emily Reddington, Dariel Bonilla Lemus
Mon. 12/7 Lydia Gough, Robert Bacha
Tue. 12/8 Jasmine Lynch, Michael Boatright, Annabelle Brennan, Abigail Abbott
Wed. 12/9 Peggy Curley, Blake Clayton, Cristopher Nolasco
Thu. 12/10 Jeanne Bennett, Terrence Mahan
Fri. 12/11 Carmela Condro, Brian Dodd, Andrew Fletcher, James Rizzo
Sat. 12/12 Matthew Horne, Avery Louis
Sun. 12/13 David Tetteyfo, Andrew Hamm, Eric Horne

General Announcements

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 \$5,684. This leaves \$141,760 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.

Wreath Order Pickup Today In Henry Hall!

If you ordered a wreath, centerpiece, or other holiday decor item back in October, it's ready for pickup! Come to Henry Hall today after any service to retrieve your item(s). We have 9 extra wreaths and 2 centerpieces, so if you didn't get a chance to order and would like to purchase an item, come by Henry Hall while supplies last!

Angel Tree Program Collection Ends Today!

Our beloved Angel Tree is awaiting your generous gifts in Henry Hall! Please drop off your unwrapped gift with the original name tag firmly attached under the Angel Tree by 11 a.m. today so that volunteers may begin sorting the gifts for delivery to Cornerstones. 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. Beginning today, 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. For more information, contact Diana Wright 703-298-0391.



Presented by the choirs of Saint Timothy's this Evening, December 6 at 6 p.m. Advent 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.

Weekly Advent Services On Thursday Evenings At 6:30 p.m.

O Come, O Come Emmanuel is the theme of our Advent weekday worship services. We use the evocative Service of Light from the Book of Common Prayer, and Fr. Mark offers a meditation each evening on one of the traditional O Antiphons that form the verses of the beloved hymn. This week's meditation will be on the antiphon "O Root of Jesse." Bring a pot of soup or loaf of bread to share for a simple supper beforehand at 5:30 in Henry Hall.

General Announcements *(Continued)*

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.

Bulletin & eNews Announcement Deadlines

Due to the busy season and office closures, all bulletin announcements for Dec. 27 and Jan. 3, as well as all eNews announcements for Dec. 25 and Jan. 1, are due by 9 a.m. on December 16.

LINK Holiday Food Drive

The LINK Holiday Food Distribution will be held Saturday, December 19th at Trinity Presbyterian in Herndon and Christ the Redeemer Catholic Church in Sterling. Toys will be distributed at Herndon United Methodist. Please drop off donations of non-perishable food at the collection bin in Henry Hall. Most needed items include: pasta, sauce, black & kidney beans, rice, canned fruit, canned meat and tuna, peanut butter, jelly and cereal. Volunteers are also needed Dec. 14-19 to collect donations, sort food and escort clients the day of the distribution. To volunteer, please visit the Sign-up Genius link at www.SignUpGenius.com/go/904044EA9A7292-201510 For more information, please contact Shon Beury, shonbeury@aol.com.

Annual Holiday Potluck & Sing Along Saturday, December 19 At 5:30 p.m.

The Nixon Family invites you to their home for their Annual Holiday Potluck and Sing Along (12712 Builders Road, Herndon, VA 20170). The Nixon's will provide the entrée. Please bring an appetizer, side dish, beverage, or dessert to share. If you cannot join for dinner, please come around 6:30 to join us for singing and dessert. Please RSVP by calling 703.437.0370 or email senixon@verizon.net.

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.*

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.

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

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.

New Sunday Morning Schedule Begins December 27.

After Christmas, we will move to a regular schedule of two Sunday morning services. Our service of Holy Eucharist Rite I will remain at 8 a.m. and a service of Choral Eucharist (Rite II) will be held at 10 a.m. A Misa en Español will be celebrated each Saturday evening at 7 p.m. An adult education class will be offered in Henry Hall at 9 a.m., and Godly Play and Christian Education will take place at 10 a.m.

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.

Vestry Elections Take Place January 10, 2016.

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

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

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

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

General Announcements *(Continued)*

GtGtL (Gifts to Glorify the Lord) Update

In case you haven't heard, our organ builder John Farmer has begun to rebuild his main workshop barn that burned in March of this year. 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 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. **Submissions for December 18 - January 3 are due on Wednesday, December 16 at 9 a.m.** If you would like to submit a church related announcement, you can email the Parish Administrator at office@saint-timothys.org. You will receive a reply email to confirm your submission was received.*