



St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

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Sunday, December 6, 2015

The Second Sunday of Advent

8:00 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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Nikki O'Malley

Trustees

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The Second Sunday of Advent

Holy Eucharist: Rite I

Prelude

Creator of the Stars at Night

Richard Warner (b. 1908)

The Word of God

At the tolling of the bell, all stand.

Opening Acclamation

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

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Decalogue

Celebrant God spake these words, and said: I am the Lord thy God who brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have none other gods but me.

People **Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Celebrant Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven image, nor the likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth; thou shalt not bow down to them, nor worship them.

People **Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Celebrant Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain.

People **Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Celebrant Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day.

People **Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Celebrant Honor thy father and thy mother.

People **Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Celebrant Thou shalt do no murder.

People **Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Celebrant Thou shalt not commit adultery.

People **Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Celebrant Thou shalt not steal.

People **Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Celebrant Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

People **Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Celebrant Thou shalt not covet.

People **Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.**

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.

Merciful God, who sent thy 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 liveth and reigneth with thee 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.

Canticle 4

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he hath visited and redeemed his people;

And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us in the house of his servant David,
As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, which have been since the world began:

That we should be saved from our enemies, and from the hand of all that hate us;
To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers, and to remember his holy covenant;
To perform the oath which he sware to our forefather Abraham, that he would give us,
That we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies might serve him without fear,
In holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life.
And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest, for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways;
To give knowledge of salvation unto his people for the remission of their sins,
Through the tender mercy of our God, whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us;
To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. **Amen.**

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.*

Holy Gospel; Luke 3:1-6

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

People *Glory be to thee, O Lord.*

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 Iturea 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

*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 Especially Jeanne and Jane, 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 “Wilt thou not turn again and quicken us, O God, that thy people may rejoice in thee? Show us thy mercy, O Lord, and grant us thy salvation.” Psalm 85:6-7

The Holy Communion

Offertory

On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry

Malcom Archer (b. 1952)

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.

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		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!

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

Peter Hwoschinsky
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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.

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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.

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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.*