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Sunday, November 27, 2016

First Sunday of Advent



Sunday Services:

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

Opportunities for Children

There are no Christian Education Programs this morning due to the Thanksgiving Holiday. Children and Youth sit with their families today.

Morning Prayer is Held on Fridays at 8 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

Holy Eucharist (in Spanish) Santa Eucharistia (en español): Saturday (Sabado) @ 7:30 p.m.

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.

10 a.m.

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.

<u>Staff</u>

Regular church office hours are 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Monday - Thursday and 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. on Friday. If you would like to make an appointment to speak with a member of the clergy, feel free to call the office at 703.437.3790.

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The First Sunday of Advent

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

Sleepers, Wake!

arr. by J.G. Walther

The Word of God

At the tolling of the bell, all stand.

The Great Litany

Celebrant O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth,

People Have mercy upon us.

Celebrant O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

People Have mercy upon us.

Celebrant O God the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faithful,

People Have mercy upon us.

Celebrant O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God,

People Have mercy upon us.

Celebrant Remember not, Lord Christ, our offenses, nor the offenses of our forefathers; neither reward us according to our sins. Spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and by thy mercy preserve us for ever.

People Spare us, good Lord.

Celebrant From all evil and wickedness; from sin; from the crafts and assaults of the devil; and from everlasting damnation,

People Good Lord, deliver us.

Celebrant From all blindness of heart; from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice; and from all want of charity,

People Good Lord, deliver us.

Celebrant From all inordinate and sinful affections; and from all the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil,

People Good Lord, deliver us.

Celebrant From all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart, and contempt of thy Word and commandment,

People Good Lord, deliver us.

Celebrant From lightning and tempest; from earthquake, fire, and flood; from plague, pestilence, and famine,

People Good Lord, deliver us.

Celebrant From all oppression, conspiracy, and rebellion; from violence, battle, and murder; and from dying suddenly and unprepared,

People Good Lord, deliver us.

Celebrant By the mystery of thy holy Incarnation; by thy holy Nativity and submission to the Law; by thy Baptism, Fasting, and Temptation,

People Good Lord, deliver us.

Celebrant By thine Agony and Bloody Sweat; by thy Cross and Passion; by thy precious Death and Burial; by thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension; and by the Coming of the Holy Ghost,

People Good Lord, deliver us.

Celebrant In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment,

People Good Lord, deliver us.

Celebrant We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may please thee to rule and govern thy holy Church Universal in the right way,

People We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Celebrant That it may please thee to illumine all bishops, priests, and deacons, with true knowledge and understanding of thy Word; and that both by their preaching and living, they may set it forth, and show it accordingly,

People We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Celebrant That it may please thee to bless and keep all thy people,

People We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Celebrant That it may please thee to send forth laborers into thy harvest, and to draw all mankind into thy kingdom,

People We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Celebrant That it may please thee to give to all people increase of grace to hear and receive thy Word, and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit,

People We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Celebrant That it may please thee to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred, and are deceived,

People We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Celebrant That it may please thee to give us a heart to love and fear thee, and diligently to live after thy commandments,

People We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Celebrant That it may please thee so to rule the hearts of thy servants, the President of the United States, and all others in authority, that they may do justice, and love mercy, and walk in the ways of truth,

People We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Celebrant That it may please thee to make wars to cease in all the world; to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord; and to bestow freedom upon all peoples,

People We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Celebrant That it may please thee to show thy pity upon all prisoners and captives, the homeless and the hungry, and all who are desolate and oppressed,

People We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Celebrant That it may please thee to give and preserve to our use the bountiful fruits of the earth, so that in due time all may enjoy them,

People We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Celebrant That it may please thee to inspire us, in our several callings, to do the work which thou givest us to do with singleness of heart as thy servants, and for the common good,

People We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Celebrant That it may please thee to preserve all who are in danger by reason of their labor or their travel,

People We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Celebrant That it may please thee to preserve, and provide for, all women in childbirth, young children and orphans, the widowed, and all whose homes are broken or torn by strife,

People We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Celebrant That it may please thee to visit the lonely; to strengthen all who suffer in mind, body, and spirit; and to comfort with thy presence those who are failing and infirm,

People We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Celebrant That it may please thee to support, help, and comfort all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation,

People We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Celebrant That it may please thee to have mercy upon all mankind,

People We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Celebrant That it may please thee to give us true repentance; to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances; and to endue us with the grace of thy Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to thy holy Word,

People We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Celebrant That it may please thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts,

People We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Celebrant That it may please thee to strengthen such as do stand; to comfort and help the weakhearted; to raise up those who fall; and finally to beat down Satan under our feet,

People We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Celebrant That it may please thee to grant to all the faithful departed eternal life and peace,

People We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Celebrant That it may please thee to grant that, in the fellowship of Saint Timothy and all the saints, we may attain to thy heavenly kingdom,

People We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Celebrant Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us. People Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.

Celebrant O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

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Celebrant O Christ, hear us.

People Have mercy upon us. People Have mercy upon us. People Grant us thy peace. People O Christ, hear us. Kyrie S96



The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

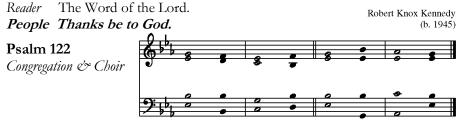
Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons

A Reading from Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!



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- 1 I was glad when they |said to me, *
 "Let us go to the house | of the LORD."
 2 Now our | feet are standing *
 - within your gates, O Je | rusalem.
- 3 Jerusalem is built | as a city * that is at unity | with itself;
- 4 To which the tribes go up, the tribes |of the LORD, * the assembly of Israel, to praise the Name |of the LORD.
- 5 For there are the |thrones of judgment, * the thrones of the |house of David.
- 6 Pray for the peace of Je | rusalem: * "May they prosper | who love you.
- 7 Peace be with | in your walls * and quietness with | in your towers.
- 8 For my brethren and com | panions' sake, * I pray for | your prosperity.
- 9 Because of the house of the |LORD our God, * I will seek to |do you good."

A Reading from Romans 13:11-14

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

ReaderThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn 61

Sleepers, Wake! A Voice Astounds Us

Wachet auf

Holy Gospel; Matthew 24:36-44

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to the disciples, "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

CelebrantThe Gospel of the Lord.PeoplePraise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Anne M. Turner, 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.

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

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you. *People* And also with you.

Welcome & Announcements

The Offering

The Holy Communion

Offertory

O Heavenly Word

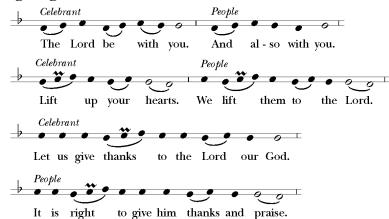
R. Shephard

O heavenly Word, eternal Light, begotten of the Father's might; Who, in these latter days, was born, for blessing to a world forlorn. Our hearts enlighten from above, and kindle with thine own true love; That we, who hear thy truth today, all wrong desires, may cast away. O let us not, for evil past, be driven from thy face at last; But with the saints for evermore, Behold Thee, love Thee, and adore. To God the Father, God the Son and God the spirit, ever One; Praise, honor, might and glory be, from age to age eternally. Amen.

Presentation Hymn WLP 724 People Look East (Stanza I)

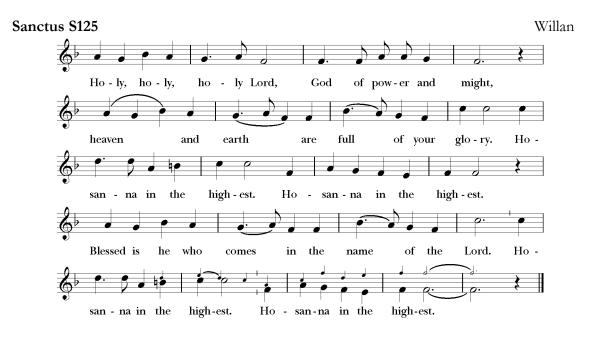
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The Great Thanksgiving



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:



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."

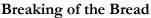
Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

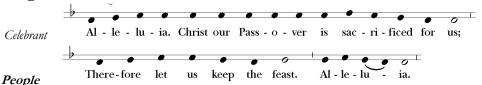
All We remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory; Celebrant

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.





Fraction Anthem WLP 877 The Disciples Knew the Lord Jesus

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The Administration of Communion

M. Sedio

Communion Hymn 53	Once He Came in Blessing	Gottes Sohn ist kommen
Communion Hymn 600	O Day of God, Draw Nigh	Bellwoods
Communion Hymn 542	Christ is the World's True Light!	St. Joan

Commissioning of Lay Eucharistic Visitors

Celebrant Sarah, in the Name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts to David Tetteyfio, that those to whom we go may share with us in Christ's Body and Blood.

All We who are many are one body, because we all share in one bread, one cup.

Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

All 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 486Hosanna to the Living Lord!HosannaDismissal

CelebrantAlleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ!PeopleThanks be to God! Alleluia!

Postlude

Voluntary in Ab

J. Stanley

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Assisting in the Preparation and Conduct of Worship				
Altar Guild		Jean Lammers, Adaku Nwachukwu, Carol Sinclair, Liz Ward		
Counters		Andy Hamm, Jan Lyons		
Ushers	8 a.m.	Kent Miller, Tom Rust		
	10 a.m.	Olga Marinenko, Julie Gray-Roller		
Greeters	8 a.m.	Jeanne Bennett		
	10 a.m.	Deke Smith		
Lay	8 a.m.	Marie Lally, Ralph Tildon		
Eucharistic	10 a.m.	Gayle Rippe, Betsy Bosworth-Knoizen, Edna Whittick, Ted Mankin		
Ministers		Adaku Nwachukwu, Liz Ward		
Acolytes	10 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 **Wednesday, December 13**.

Thank You for Making A Difference!



Thank you to **Beth Lumnitzer** for organizing last week's lunch to celebrate confirmations and those being received **and to all the volunteers who helped prepare lunch, set up, serve, and clean up!** Thank you to **Nikki O'Malley** for preparing the certificates for the candidates that were confirmed / received!

Have someone you'd like to thank for contributing to St. Timothy's in some way? Send an email to thanks@sainttimothys.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!

<u>Beth Hwoschinsky</u> 703.450.8599 Peter Hwoschinsky 703.450.8599





Last Names A - F Please Bring Treats on December 4!

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: Last Names G - L on December 11.

Please consider signing up on the sheet in Henry Hall, just outside of the kitchen, to help make coffee and/or clean up on your particular week.

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 11/27	8 & 10 a.m.	Holy Eucharist	Sanctuary
	9 a.m.	The Story of the Bible (Adult Bible Study Class)	A1
	9:20 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal	Music Room
Monday 11/28	7 p.m.	Boy Scout Troop 159	Henry Hall
	7:30 p.m.	Vestry Meeting	B1
Tuesday 11/29	7:30 p.m.	Adult Bible Study- The Psalms	Music Room
Wednesday 11/30	12:15 p.m.	Holy Eucharist / Healing Service	Sanctuary
	7 p.m.	Adult Handbell Choir Rehearsal	Music Room
Thursday 12/1	7 p.m.	Adult Voice Choir Rehearsal	Music Room
Friday 12/2	8 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Henry Hall
Saturday 12/3	All Day	Youth Group Trip to Antietam	Offsite
	9 a.m.	Altar Guild	AG Rm, HH
	7:30 p.m.	Santa Eucharistia (Eucharist in Spanish)	Sanctuary
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Mon. 11/28 Emma Spence

Wed. 11/30	Lee Bissell, Carol Durand, Michael Gibbs, Paul Lehner,
	Mary McLenigan, John Nixon
Thu. 12/1	Janet Dopsovic, Mel Lew
Fri. 12/2	Noah Starinieri
Sat. 12/3	Charles Poandl
Sun. 12/4	Marion Hamilton

General Announcements

Today We Begin Advent.

The word "Advent" means "coming," and in this special season, the Church focuses on the "comings of Christ." In these four weeks before Christmas, we are preparing ourselves spiritually to celebrate the coming of Jesus as the Baby of Bethlehem. Many of the Advent Scripture lessons also focus on Jesus' Second Coming, when he will return in glory to judge the living and the dead. We are also called in Advent to meditation, fasting, and other spiritual practices, which help us to welcome Christ into our own hearts with increased devotion.

The Great Litany...

which begins our service, is one of the great treasures of the Anglican liturgical tradition. Originally composed by Archbishop Thomas Cramner in 1544, it was the first liturgical text to be composed in English and predates the earliest Book of Common Prayer. The litany is a powerful reminder of God's loving mercy and our need for His protection and help. It holds before God the needs of the whole world, asking for His blessing and grace.

General Announcements (continued)

Angel Tree Program Collection Continues This Week!

Our beloved Angel Tree is awaiting you in Henry Hall after today's services! Please drop off your unwrapped gift with the original name tag firmly attached under the Angel Tree and/or take one of the remaining tags left on the tree. Shop online or in-store for the requested items and return the gifts unwrapped, with the original tags firmly attached, to St. Timothy's by 11 a.m. on Sunday, December 11. Gifts and/or gift cards may also be handed to Kevin Hamilton, Director of Parish Ops, during normal church business hours any weekday the office is open for business. Sorting will occur after the 10 a.m. service on December 11 in order to ensure timely delivery to Cornerstones.

Gift items are suggestions – a suitable substitution may be made if a particular item is unavailable or hard-to-find. It is difficult to predict which gifts will be "the" popular items for the holidays, and so quantities of some items may be limited. For more info., contact Diana Wright 703-298-0391.

Our Angel Tree is also the collection point for scarves, hats, mittens, socks, and gloves for adult and children clients of the Embry Rucker Shelter and Laurel Learning Center. In this way, St. Timothy's continues to give to our local community during this blessed holiday season and into the winter months.

Midweek Service Resumes this Wednesday, November 30.

The Midweek Service will resume Wednesday, November 30, at 12:15 p.m.

The Youth Group's Annual Trip to Antietam will be on Saturday, December 3.

Please let Christine know if you are interested in going. We need at least 5-6 adult helpers and 12-15 youth helpers. It is a fun, full day that ends with a trip to IHOP on the way home! For more information on the event, please go to http://www.nps.gov/anti/planyourvisit/luminary.htm. To RSVP or to get more details on the day, please email Christine at christineh@saint-timothys.org.

St. Timothy's View Point Book Club

St. Timothy's Viewpoint Book will be reading "The Cellist of Sarajevo" by Steven Galloway. Copies of the books are available today or by arrangement from Jill Cox (Tel. 703-963-8251). The group will meet for discussion on Saturday, December 10 at Panera Bread, Elden Street, Herndon at 9:30 a.m.. All are welcome. All books MUST be returned on or before that date, please. For further information please call Jill Cox on the aforementioned number or e-mail jillcoxva@verizon.net.

Christmas Eve Nativity Play

We will be having a Nativity Play for the Children's Christmas Eve Service on December 24. If you have a child who is age 3 - grade 5 who is interested in participating, please email Jeanne-Marie Burke by <u>December 4</u> for more information at jeanne_marie_raymond@hotmail.com.

Haitian Coffee Sales are Coming - December 4th!

Once again, we will be selling Singing Rooster Coffee. All your favorites are back – Ground and whole bean decaf, K-cups (medium roast Vienna), French Roast (whole bean and ground), Medium Roast Vienna (ground and whole bean), and Medium Full City (ground and whole bean). Look for us in Henry Hall.

General Announcements (continued)

Christmas Wreaths Pick-up is December 4 and We Have Extra Wreaths for the Procrastinators!

Come to Henry Hall to pick up your wreaths on December 4! Please email Natalie Dubishar at n.dubishar@gmail.com if you need her to put your wreath aside, so you can come pick it up at church on a different day than Sunday, December 4. Thank you. And . . . we have 14 extra wreaths for those who missed us!

Haitian Handmade Art for Sale (on December 4th)

Sant Art Center in Cange was started by Jackie to help local Haitian artists sell their art and make a living. Jackie has lived in Cange, Haiti since the 1960s. She said the St. Tim's mission team was the first people to visit the Sant Art Center in a long time. We brought several items to sell and help support these Haitian artists. Please visit our table in Henry Hall.

An Invitation from the Bishops of Virginia

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, during this time of changes and uncertainty after the presidential election, the three bishops of the Diocese of Virginia invite you to a Service of Light and Hope. We will pray together for the light of Christ to shine in the darkness. In the words of Saint John, *"the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it."* John 1:5. Join us the second Sunday of Advent - December 4, 2016, at 5 p.m. at Iglesia de Santa Maria (7000 Arlington Blvd. Falls Church, Va). Let us walk together in the light of the Lord

Christmas Flower Offering (December 13th 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 13.

Help Decorate for Christmas on December 22 or 23!

The Altar Guild will begin decorating on December 22 at 6 p.m. by prepping the poinsettias. We will decorate the Sanctuary and the Narthex for Christmas services on December 23, starting at 4 p.m. until completed. The Altar Guild welcomes anyone who wishes to help. Don't have time but still want to help? Please consider making a donation for poinsettias. For more information contact Mary McLenigan at 703-391-2950.

The Endowment Fund Committee Re-start

The purpose of an endowment fund is for long-term investment to guarantee the ability for future generations to continue and enhance the mission of our church community. The Endowment Fund at St. Timothy's was started in 2000 as a way to ensure that our parish will be able to continue its good works long into the future. A committee was established to oversee the fund and met quarterly until 2008 when activity stopped due to market declined and reduced interest rates.

The Vestry wants to re-start the committee. The goal of re-convening the committee at this time is to provide education to the parish of the advantages of including St. Timothy's in gifts and bequests. Now we are seeking three members to be elected at the Annual Parish meeting in January to serve on a newly established committee. We are looking for individuals with a variety of backgrounds and a willingness to serve for up to a 3-year commitment. If you are interested in serving or if you would like more information, please contact Hollis Colie at hollis211@gmail.com or (703) 499-7936.



Saint Timothy's Prayer List Submissions added this week are in italics.

Health & Other Needs

Ralph, Bill, Dave, Florita, Jean, Ted, Laura, Mary, Jean, Loran, Julie, Geoff, Mabel, Dave, Melissa, Paige, Phyllis, Pam, Cheryl, David, Diane, Christine, Richard, 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, Damien, Elaine, Jeanne, Jane, Jan, Kathy, Thelma, Carol, Cleveland, Peggi, Jim, Ching, Diane, Donna L., Eduardo, Jim, Beth, Meghan, Matthew, Larry, Nancy, Joseph, Elizabeth, Martha, Jeanee, Sue, Barb, Rick, Michael, Alice Pat, Kyle, Fr. Brad, Simfarosa, Marie, Carolyn, Nicki, Natalie, Bobbe, Peck Family, Julia, Quinton, the Augustine Family, and Syreeta.

<u>Friends and Family Members of Parishioners</u>: Evelyn, Pete, Lenore, Cheryl, Doug, Buzz, Charles, Kevin and Hannah, Annette, Roger, Will, Marcel, Sally, Dr. Sakr, Dara, Bill, Dolores, J. C., Martha, Cathy, and Dave.

<u>Please Note</u>: 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.

Bulletin & eNews Submissions Reminder

Submissions for the weekly bulletin and eNews are due <u>Wednesdays by 9 a.m.</u> of the week they are published unless otherwise communicated. If you would like to submit a church-related announcement, you can email the Director of Parish Operations at office@saint-timothys.org. You will receive a reply via email to confirm your submission was received.