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Third Sunday of Advent

10 a.m.

Sunday, December 11, 2016



### Sunday Services:

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

## **Opportunities for Children**

| 10 a.m. | Godly Play (ages 3 er potty trained - grade 2) - Room B1 |
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| 10 a.m. | Spark + <i>(grades 3-5)</i> - Room A-5                   |
| 10 a.m  | Christian Education (Grades 6-7) - Room A-8              |
| 10 a.m. | Christian Education (Grades 8-12) - Upper Room           |

## 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.

## **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.

The Rev. Anne Turner, Interim Rector (x.12) Mrs. Christine Hoyle, Director of Children/Youth Ministries (x.17) Mr. Kevin Hamilton, Director of Parish Operations (x.10) Mr. Roger Long, Interim Musician Mr. Jay Foster, Bookkeeper (x. 13) Mrs. Monica Despins, Director of Saint Timothy's Preschool Mrs. Alba Padilla, Ms. Elba Peralta, Nursery Attendants annet@saint-timothys.org christineh@saint-timothys.org office@saint-timothys.org Longrl58@hotmail.com bookkeeper@saint-timothys.org Preschool phone #: 703.437.4767

## Vestry

(Class year in parenthesis)

Senior Warden – Robert Henry (2017)Treasurer – Jean ShepherdHollis Colie (2019)Larry (2018)Duane Hartge (2018)StephaVilma Lemus (2018)Susy NBill Outerbridge (2019)

*Junior Warden* – Genevieve Zetlan *(2018) Registrar* – Rose Berberich

Larry Grantham (2017) Stephanie Kenis (2017) Susy Nixon (2019) Hal Hallett *(2018)* Bob Kimmel *(2017)* Eugene Nkomba *(2019)* 

Tom McLenigan, Keith Sinclair, Deke Smith

## The Third Sunday of Advent

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

### Today is Gaudete Sunday, the Third Sunday of Advent.

"Gaudete" is Latin for "joyful," which derives from the traditional introit verse associated with this Sunday, "Rejoice in the Lord always; and again I say, Rejoice; let your moderation be known unto all men; the Lord is at hand." (Philippians 4:4). This Sunday is a time of joy & celebration of Advent, as we anticipate God's coming to bless and save the world in Jesus Christ. The traditional liturgical color for this Sunday is rose or pink, as can be seen in the Advent Wreath candle.

Prelude

Two Variations on Savior of the Nations, Come A. Vetter, G.F. Kaufman

## The Word of God

Processional Hymn 68

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

Llangloffan

## **Opening Acclamation**

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People His mercy endures for ever.

*Celebrant* If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:8,9* 

Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. *Hebrews 4:14,16* 

## **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 S96



## The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

#### People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.* 

## The Lessons

## A Reading from Isaiah 35:1-10

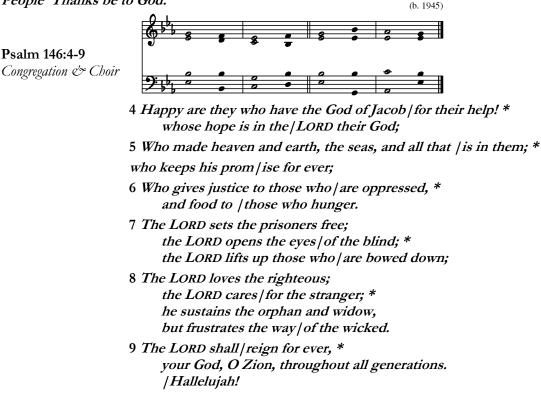
The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God.

Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you."

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Robert Knox Kennedy

Reader The Word of the Lord. *People Thanks be to God.* 



## A Reading from James 5:7-10

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Reader The Word of the Lord. **People Thanks be to God.** 

## Gradual Hymn 67

## Comfort, Comfort Ye my People

Psalm 42

## Holy Gospel; Matthew 11:2-11

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

## People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me."

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you." "Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to thee, 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.

## The Prayers of the People, Form I

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 Belinda, 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 *Ian and Betsy, and* 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*.

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 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.* 

## The Prayer For Our Rector Search

Heavenly Father, thank you for your infinite blessings and for making us instruments of your holy work during this time of renewal and discernment, as we prepare to welcome our new Rector to St. Timothy's.

Holy Spirit, thank you for guiding, inspiring and strengthening us so that we may glorify God through our work. Open our hearts to one another in God's love, patience and joy during this time of spiritual growth and decision.

Lord Jesus, thank you for keeping us united in your grace, hope and love as we minister to each other during our time of transition. Grant us faith to appreciate one another and shepherd us toward your will in selecting a new Rector.

We are most grateful for the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit. Amen

### The Peace

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

### Welcome & Announcements

The Offering

**Offertory Anthem** 

## The Holy Communion

O Thou, the Central Orb Saint Timothy's Adult Choir **Charles Wood** 

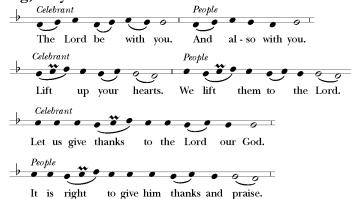
O Thou, the central orb of righteous love, Pure beam of the most High, eternal Light Of this our wintry world, Thy radiance bright Awakes new joy in faith, hope soars above.

Come, quickly come, and let thy glory shine, Gilding our darksome heaven with rays Divine.

Thy saints with holy lustre round Thee move, As stars about thy throne, set in the height Of God's ordaining counsel, as Thy sight Gives measured grace to each, Thy power to prove. Let Thy bright beams disperse the gloom of sin, Our nature all shall feel eternal day In fellowship with thee, transforming day To souls erewhile unclean, now pure within. Amen.

#### **Presentation Hymn WLP 724** *People Look East (Stanza 3)*

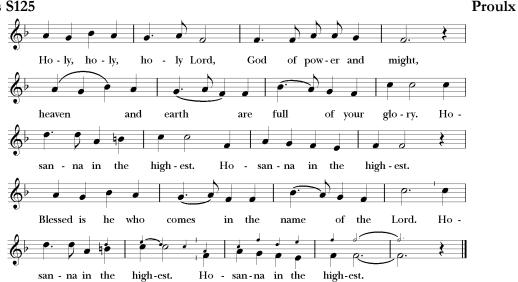
The Great Thanksgiving, Prayer B



#### 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.

## Breaking of the Bread

*Celebrant* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. *People Therefore let us keep the feast.* 

| Fraction Anthem WLP 877 | The Disciples Knew the Lord Jesus | M. Sedio |
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Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

## The Administration of Communion

| Music During Choir Communion | Chorale setting on O Heavenly Word | Firedrich Zipp   |
|------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------|
| Hymn 64                      | O Heavenly Word                    | O Heiland, reiss |
| Hymn 640                     | Watchmen, Tell Us of the Night     | Aberystwyth      |
| Hymn WLP 889                 | Blessed be the God of Israel       | Shepherd's Pipes |

## **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.

## Blessing

*Priest* May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; 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 72  | Hark the Glad Sound   | Richmond  |
|--|-----------------------|-----------|
| Dismissal  |                       |           |
| CelebrantLet us go forth in the name ofPeopleThanks be to God! | f Christ!             |           |
| Postlude   | Variation on Richmond | C.S. Lang |

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| Assisting in the Preparation and Conduct of Worship |                   |  |
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| Altar Guild   |                   | Michele Bumbary, Bonnie Bunting, Judy Conroy, Emilia Mbonu,<br>Kerrie Wilson   |
| Counters  |                   | Pat McGibbon, Charlie Poandl   |
| Ushers  | 8 a.m.<br>10 a.m. | Hal Hallett, Kent Miller<br>Peter Gleason, Dave Gough  |
| Greeters  | 8 a.m.<br>10 a.m. | Pat Rhoads<br>Jill Cox   |
| Lay<br>Eucharistic<br>Ministers                     | 8 a.m.<br>10 a.m. | Diane Miller, Marie Lally<br>Rose Berberich, Kaworu Yanagihara, Edna Whittick, Sean Brady,<br>Laura Dendtler, Liz Ward, Danny Wechtenhiser |
| Acolytes  | 10 am.            | Ike Mbonu, Camille Koenig, Julius Koenig   |

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!

A very special thank you to **Carolyn & Andrew Hamm** for always finding ways to help others and show appreciation to the people around them. The list of odd jobs and special tasks they each take on in service to the St. Tim's community is too numerous to name; therefore, this recognition is for every time they've identified a need and filled it quietly and selflessly.

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!

Beth Hwoschinsky 703.450.8599 Peter Hwoschinsky 703.450.8599





## Last Names M - R Please Bring Treats on December 18!

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 **S - Z** on December 25.

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

| Day                    | Time        | Event                                    | Location   |
|------------------------|-------------|--|------------|
| Sunday 12/11           | 8 & 10 a.m. | Holy Eucharist                           | Sanctuary  |
|                        | 9:20 a.m.   | Choir Rehearsal                          | Music Room |
| Monday 12/12           | 7 p.m.      | Boy Scout Troop 159                      | Henry Hall |
| Tuesday 12/13          | 7:30 p.m.   | Adult Bible Study- The Psalms            | Music Room |
| Wednesday 12/14        | 12:15 p.m.  | Holy Eucharist / Healing Service         | Sanctuary  |
|                        | 7 p.m.      | Adult Handbell Choir Rehearsal           | Music Room |
| Thursday 12/15         | 7 p.m.      | Adult Voice Choir Rehearsal              | Music Room |
| Eridov 12/16           | 8 a.m.      | Morning Prayer                           | Henry Hall |
| Friday 12/16           | 4 p.m.      | Cub Pack 156 Event                       | Henry Hall |
| 8 a.m.                 |             | Finance Meeting                          | Upper Room |
| Saturday 12/17         | 9 a.m.      | Altar Guild                              | AG Rm, HH  |
|                        | 7:30 p.m.   | Santa Eucharistia (Eucharist in Spanish) | Sanctuary  |
| Sunday 12/18 8 & 10 a. |             | Holy Eucharist                           | Sanctuary  |
| , , -                  | 9:20 a.m.   | Choir Rehearsal                          | Music Room |

Only ministry related events are listed. Visit www.saint-timothys.org and click on the calendar link to see the full calendar.



Sun. 12/11 Carmela Condro, Brian Dodd, Andrew Fletcher, James RizzoMon. 12/12 Matthew Horne, Avery Louis

Tues. 12/13 Andrew Hamm, Eric Horne, David Tetteyfio, Jennifer Wilson
Wed. 12/14 David Abbott, Kathryn Byford, Keith Dera, Jean Shepherd
Thu. 12/15 Megan James
Eri 12/16 Kethleen Klinfel

Fri. 12/16 Kathleen Klipfel

Sun. 12/18 James Kidwell, Diana Wright

## **General Announcements**

## Rector Search Committee (RSC) Clarification

Our congregation has experienced several changes over the past month, some of which may have given the impression the RSC has completed their work. To keep you as informed as possible we want to explain that it is premature to assume our work is finished. The Diocese, vestry, and RSC remain committed to completing the search process, which will continue into 2017. In December, the RSC will deliver to the vestry the OTM Portfolio for their approval. Once approved, it will be sent to the Diocese to publicize the open Rector position. Rev. Anne Turner, who is serving as our Bridge Interim Rector, may be considered for the position if she is interested. The RSC is striving to make every effort to offer all interested candidates fair consideration for the position. The patience and continued support of the congregation in allowing us to complete our work is greatly appreciated. Questions or concerns about the search process may be sent to RSC@saint-timothys.org.

## A Note from Your 2016 Stewardship Committee

If you have not turned in your 2017 pledge card, please do so as soon as possible, so that the Finance Committee and Vestry can finalize the planned budget for 2017. Pledge Cards are available in the narthex, or you can download one from www.saint-timothys.org, by clicking on the giving tab.

## General Announcements (continued)

## Angel Tree Items Due TODAY, Sunday, December 11.

Please drop off your unwrapped gift, with the original tag 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. 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. If for any reason you are unable to purchase or deliver your gift please contact carolynhamm@verizon.net, or by telephone at (703) 593-4149 so the Service Ministry may make alternate arrangements.

A huge thank you to St. Timothy's for their tremendous support to this worthy project, helping children who might otherwise go without a "special something" to open this Christmas.

Until January 8th, our Angel Tree remains 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.

## Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Service Participant Meeting December 18 @ 9:15 a.m.

There will be a meeting on Sunday, December 18 at 9:15 a.m. in the Sanctuary for all those serving during one of our three Christmas Eve and/or our Christmas day services. This brief meeting will cover the flow of services. We ask all those serving during the Christmas Eve/Day services as Lay Eucharistic Ministers (LEMs), Ushers, Greeters, Vergers, Acolytes, or on the Altar Guild to attend this brief meeting between our Worship Services.

## Communication Submission Deadline for the Holiday Season

Due to the Holiday schedule, the bulletin submission deadline for Sunday January 1, as well as eNews additions for December 23 and 30, are due by 9 a.m. on Monday, December 19. Submissions after this deadline will not be accepted. Please note, per usual there are no announcements listed in our Christmas Eve or Christmas Day Bulletins.

## 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.

## Christmas Eve Luminaries - Come Join Us!

At 1 p.m. on Christmas Eve, 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. The only thing that slows us down (or stops this event) is rain, snow, or wind. Mr. D will have the Christmas music blaring from his car and there might even be hot chocolate. Clean up is December 26 at 10 a.m. (bring several trash bags to help haul away the luminaries). Thank you! Questions? Text Mr. Dubishar at 703.850.1751.

## General Announcements (continued)

Attention Families with Children Age 3 - 5th Grade-

**Save the Date, January 6, 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m. for a Fun Family Event!** Families with children age 3 to 5th grade are invited to a special meet and greet with Mother Anne. We will have some fun for Epiphany! More details to follow soon!



## 2017 Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of Saint Timothy's will be convened on Sunday, January 8 following the 10 a.m. Service. The meeting is significant in starting a new year of our church life together, and includes the installation of newly elected members of the Vestry. We will celebrate the successes of our ministries in 2016, discuss plans for mission in the year ahead, review the budget, and hear a report from the Rector Search Committee. Please plan to attend!

## New Young Adult Mission Trip - Summer 2017!

A new mission trip is in the works! This trip is to St. Paul in Southwest Virginia. The focus of this mission trip is for young adults (ages 20-30) to immerse themselves into the community through carpentry work as well as camaraderie and compassion within the community. Dates are not set yet. Contact Courtney Pinkard for more information - pinkardca@gmail.com

### 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.



Saint Timothy's Prayer List Submissions added this week are in italics. <u>Health & Other Needs</u>: 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, Ching, Diane, Donna L., Eduardo, Jim, Beth, Meghan, Matthew, Larry, Nancy, Joseph, Elizabeth, Martha, Jeanee, Sue, Barb, Rick, Michael, Alice Pat, Kyle, Simfarosa, Carolyn, Nicki, Natalie, Bobbe, Peck Family, Julia, the Augustine Family, Syreeta, Steve, Julia, Eugene, Mary Lee and Belinda.

## Recently Deceased: Betsy Dye, Ian Guthrie

Friends and Family Members of Parishioners: 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.

