

St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

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Sunday, December 11, 2016

Third Sunday of Advent

8 a.m.



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 & potty trained - grade 2) - Room B1

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

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.

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)

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Vestry

(Class year in parenthesis)

Senior Warden – Robert Henry (2017) Junior Warden – Genevieve Zetlan (2018)

Treasurer – Jean Shepherd *Registrar* – Rose Berberich

Hollis Colie (2019) Larry Grantham (2017) Hal Hallett (2018)
Duane Hartge (2018) Stephanie Kenis (2017) Bob Kimmel (201

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Vilma Lemus (2018) Susy Nixon (2019) Eugene Nkomba (2019)

Bill Outerbridge (2019)

Trustees

Tom McLenigan, Keith Sinclair, Deke Smith

The Third Sunday of Advent

Holy Eucharist, Rite I

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

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

People His mercy endureth 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 is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:8, 9

Seeing that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need. Hebrews 4:14, 16

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Confession of Sin

Celebrant Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

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.

Stir up thy power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let thy bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be honor and glory, world without end. *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.

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 146:4-9

- 4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! whose hope is in the LORD their God;
- Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; who keeps his promise for ever;
- 6 Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger.
- 7 The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
- 8 The LORD loves the righteous; the LORD cares for the stranger; he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.
- 9 The LORD shall reign for ever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

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.

Holy Gospel; Matthew 11:2-11

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

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

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 Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man;

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried;

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son;

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Leader 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 and succor all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, *especially Belinda*.

And we also bless thy holy Name for *Ian and Betsy* and 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.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. Amen.

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 with thy spirit.

Welcome & Announcements

The Offering

The Holy Communion

Offertory O Savior, Rend the Heavens Wide Friedrich Zipp

The Great Thanksgiving

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd with thy spirit.CelebrantLift 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 & Benedictus

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.

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.

Commissioning of Lay Eucharistic Visitors

Celebrant Ralph & Florita, 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 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.

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.*

Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ!

People Thanks be to God!

Postlude Variation on Richmond C.S. Lang

Assisting in the Preparation and Conduct of Worship				
Altar Guild		Michele Bumbary, Bonnie Bunting, Judy Conroy, Emilia Mbonu, Kerrie Wilson		
Counters		Pat McGibbon, Charlie Poandl		
Ushers	8 a.m.	Hal Hallett, Kent Miller		
	10 a.m.	Peter Gleason, Dave Gough		
Greeters	8 a.m.	Pat Rhoads		
	10 a.m.	Jill Cox		
Lay	8 a.m.	Diane Miller, Marie Lally		
Eucharistic	10 a.m.	Rose Berberich, Kaworu Yanagihara, Edna Whittick, Sean Brady,		
Ministers		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**.

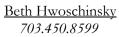


Thank You for Making A Difference!

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@saint-timothys.org with the person's name and what they did, and we will thank them in a future bulletin \mathfrak{C} eNews.

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



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.

<u>Upcoming</u>: 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

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 12/11	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
vveullesuay 12/14	7 p.m.	Adult Handbell Choir Rehearsal	Music Room
Thursday 12/15	7 p.m.	Adult Voice Choir Rehearsal	Music Room
Friday 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.m.	Holy Eucharist	Sanctuary
	9:20 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal	Music Room



Sun. 12/11 Carmela Condro, Brian Dodd, Andrew Fletcher, James Rizzo

Mon. 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

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.

LORD prayers

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, 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

<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.

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.

Join us for our annual

Holiday

POTLUCK AND SING ALONG

Saturday, December 17th at 5:30 p.m.

at the home of

John, Susy, Timothy, & Elizabeth Nixon 12712 Builders Road :* Herndon, VA 20170

We will provide the entrée. Please bring an appetizer, side dish, beverage, or dessert to share.

RSVP 703-437-0370 or senixon@verizon.net



Celebrate Christmas @ Saint Tims!

Feel free to invite friends, family, & neighbors to attend one of our Community Christmas Services!

Saturday, December 24, 2016 Community Christmas Eve Services

4:00 p.m.* Children's Service with Nativity Play

7:00 p.m. * Bilingual Festival Eucharist

(Music Prelude Begins at 6:30 p.m.)

10:00 p.m. Festival Eucharist

(Music Prelude Begins at 9:30 p.m.)

Sunday, December 25, 2016 Community Christmas Day Service

10 a.m. Christmas Day Service (We will not have our regular Sunday 8 a.m. Rite I Service)

We'll kick off 2017 with one service, Rite II, at 10 a.m. on New Year's Day, Sunday, January 1!

* Nursery Care on Christmas Eve at 4 & 7 p.m. only. No Nursery on Christmas Day and New Years Day.