



St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

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Sunday, December 18, 2016

Fourth Sunday of Advent

10 a.m.



Sunday Services:

8:00 a.m.

Spoken Eucharist - Rite I

10:00 a.m.

Family Service - Rite II

Opportunities for Children

10 a.m.

Godly Play (*ages 3 & potty trained - grade 2*) - Room B1

Morning Prayer will not be Held on Friday, December 23 or December 30.

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.

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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 (2017)

Vilma Lemus (2018)

Susy Nixon (2019)

Eugene Nkomba (2019)

Bill Outerbridge (2019)

Trustees

Tom McLenigan, Keith Sinclair, Deke Smith

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Prelude

Variation on Veni, Emmanuel

Sally D. Mossing

The Word of God

Processional Hymn 56

O Come, O Come Emmanuel (Stanzas 3-6)

Veni, veni Emmanuel

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

Celebrant 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

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

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Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord,

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Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord,

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The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Celebrant Let us pray.

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

The Lessons

A Reading from Isaiah 7:10-16

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

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

Gradual Hymn 265

The Angel Gabriel From Heaven Came

Gabriel's Message

Holy Gospel; Matthew 1:18-25

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

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

Celebrant Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

“Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,” which means, “God is with us.” When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

The Rev. Anne M. Turner, *Interim Rector*

The Nicene Creed (*read in unison*)

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 (All read bold, italicized responses)

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, 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 reasonable 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, 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 *Scott & John*, let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

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

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

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

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 (read in unison)

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

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning
Saint Timothy's Adult Choir

arr. **Andre Thomas**

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, the time is drawing nigh.

Children, don't get weary, until your work is done.

Christian, journey soon be over, the time is drawing nigh.

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, the time is drawing nigh.

Presentation Hymn WLP 724 People Look East (Stanza 4 & 5)

Besancon Carol

The Great Thanksgiving, Prayer B

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Celebrant

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

Sanctus S125

Proulx

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The people stand or kneel.

Celebrant 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

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The Administration of Communion

Music During Choir Communion *Chorale Setting on Savior of the Nations, come*

John Carter

Hymn 54 *Savior of the Nations, Come!* **Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland**

Hymn 497 *How Bright Appears the Morning Star* **Wie schön leuchtet**

Hymn 249 *To the Name of Our Salvation* **Grafton**

Commissioning of Lay Eucharistic Visitors

Celebrant Sarah, in the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts to David Tetteyfo, 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.

Blessing

Celebrant 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 66

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

Stuttgart

Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ!

People Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Variation on Stuttgart

John Carter

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Assisting in the Preparation and Conduct of Worship

Altar Guild		Maria Lawalt, Tricia Mussante, Diana Wright, and Carol Sinclair
Counters		Keith Sinclair, Rhonda McGibbon
Ushers	8 a.m.	Tom Rust, Bill Outerbridge
	10 a.m.	Bill Bate, Dean Rohrbaugh
Greeters	8 a.m.	Bill Outerbridge
	10 a.m.	Janet Muich
Lay	8 a.m.	Ralph Tildon, Hector Coronado
Eucharistic Ministers	10 a.m.	Catherine Lamb, Gayle Rippe, Edna Whittick, Ted Mankin, Keith Sinclair, Danny Wechtenhiser
Acolytes	10 am.	Carolyn Wright, Katie Wright



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!



Thank You for Making A Difference!

A very special thank you to **our wonderful St. Timothy's family who purchased and delivered gifts** for the Angel Tree. 40 families will be very happy on Christmas morning! Also, thank you to **The Wright Family, Holly and Duane Hartge, The Norcross Family, Marie Lally, Shon Beury, and all those who sorted the gifts.**

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

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

Beth Hwoschinsky
703.450.8599

Peter Hwoschinsky
703.450.8599



**STEPHEN
MINISTRY**



Last Names S - Z Please Bring Treats on December 25!

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 A - F on January 1.

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 12/18	8 & 10 a.m.	Holy Eucharist	Sanctuary
	9:15 a.m.	Christmas Participant Meeting	Sanctuary
	9:20 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal	Music Room
	11a.m.	Nativity Pageant Practice	Sanctuary
Monday 12/19	7 p.m.	Boy Scout Troop 159	Henry Hall
	7:30 p.m.	Vestry Meeting	B1
Tuesday 12/20		No Events Scheduled	
Wednesday 12/21	12:15 p.m.	Holy Eucharist / Healing Service	Sanctuary
	7 p.m.	Adult Handbell Choir Rehearsal	Music Room
	7 p.m.	Shawl Ministry	Narthex
	7:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts Leaders Meeting	Upper Room
Thursday 12/22	6 p.m.	Altar Guild Flower Set Up	Henry Hall
	7 p.m.	Adult Voice Choir Rehearsal	Music Room
Friday 12/23	4 p.m.	Christmas Decoration	Sanctuary
Saturday 12/24	1 p.m.	Luminary Set Up	Meet at the Bell
	4 p.m.	Christmas Eve Children's Service	Sanctuary
	7 p.m.	Christmas Eve Service, Bilingual	Sanctuary
	10 p.m.	Christmas Eve Service	Sanctuary
Sunday 12/25	10 a.m.	Christmas Day Service	Sanctuary

Birthdays will not be listed in the Christmas Bulletin, so the next two weeks are listed below.



- Sun. 12/18** James Kidwell, Diana Wright
- Mon. 12/19** Bonnie Bunting, Jacqueline Lynch
- Tues. 12/20** John Druitt
- Wed. 12/21** Abigail Lehner
- Thu. 12/22** Daniel McCarthy
- Fri. 12/23** Michelle Krainak
- Sun. 12/25** Gustavo Bonilla Lemus, Colin Curtis
- Mon. 12/26** Judy Wallis
- Tue. 12/27** Christine Cozza, Florita Tildon
- Wed. 12/28** Dawn Dera, Jeannie Gallardo, Edna Whittick
- Fri. 12/30** Vivienne Lamoureux. Christopher Masters, Linda Parker
- Sat. 12/31** Benjamin James

General Announcements

Gifts to Glorify the Lord (GtGtL) Update:

As many of you have surmised, the return of our restored JD Moore organ has been delayed until early 2017. Due to unforeseen scheduling issues and technical challenges, John Farmer confirmed to us last week that our organ restoration is not yet completed. Going forward, Mr. Farmer will be restructuring his in-house workflow and will also provide us with more frequent updates. Once his shop staff works with the new process and schedule for a few weeks, he will be giving us a specific delivery date. Please continue to keep us, our pipe organ project and the Farmers & staff in your prayers during the holiday season.

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.

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.

Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Service Participant Meeting TODAY, Dec. 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.

Angel Tree Program Winter Accessories Collection Continues!

Our beloved Angel Tree is awaiting you in Henry Hall! Please drop off your scarves, hats, mittens, socks, and gloves for adult and children clients of the Embry Rucker Shelter and Laurel Learning Center. In this way, our Angel Tree continues to give to our local community during this blessed holiday season as well as into the winter months.

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.

General Announcements *(continued)*

End of the Year Financial Reminders

For those requiring a reimbursement for church/ministry related expenses taking place in calendar year 2016, you must submit your signed payment voucher no later than 5 p.m. this Wednesday, December 21 for payment. Please ensure you gain the required signatures for the voucher. Payment vouchers are available in one of the boxes in the hallway (leading from the Narthex to the church offices.)

Also, in order for charitable giving to count towards the calendar year 2016, donations are required to be in the church office by December 31. The last Sunday of 2016 is December 25. Gifts received via mail up to December 31 will be accepted. All donations received into the church on or after January 1, 2017 cannot be credited to 2016. **Thank you!**

Help Decorate for Christmas on December 22 or 23!

The Altar Guild begins decorating Dec. 22 at 6 p.m. by prepping the poinsettias. We will decorate the Sanctuary and Narthex for Christmas services on December 23, starting at 4 p.m. until completed. We welcome anyone who wishes to help. 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 to set 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.

Church Office Closes Noon, December 23 and Reopens Tuesday, January 3, 2017.

Staff will periodically check voicemail for emergencies. The staff would like to wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year!

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!

Join the Bell Choir!

The St. Timothy's bell choir currently has two positions available for bell ringers: one in the bass section and one in the upper treble section. We rehearse on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 - 8:30 in the Sanctuary. Our goal is to play in our worship services one Sunday per month. Please see Roger Long after worship today or contact him at Longr158@hotmail.com or 703- 984-9236 if you are interested. And remember... He/She who sings/rings, prays twice!

General Announcements *(continued)*

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

Inclement Weather Cancellation Notices

Inclement weather cancellation notices for Sunday, Wednesday, or special services and church-wide events are provided on church voicemail (after 7:30 a.m. for Sunday mornings), the front page of our website at www.saint-timothys.org, and our Facebook page. Subscribers to our weekly eNews also receive an email notification of cancellations. For Church Office closures, we follow Fairfax County Public Schools. Please note, when the church is closed, the entire building is closed and ministries should follow the closure notice when posted.

Bulletin & eNews Submissions Reminder

Submissions for the 1.1.2017 bulletin and 12.23/12.30 eNews editions are due Monday, December 19 by 9 a.m. due to the Holiday Schedule. 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.*

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, Belinda, *Scott, and John.*

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.

Please Note: *Email requests to Prayer@saint-timothys.org with the name of the person and prayer request. Please note; the request itself will only be placed on the list for the Pastoral Care Team to pray for; first names will be placed in the bulletin. If you don't have access to email, call the church office & leave your request with the Director of Parish Operations, 703.437.3790 x.10.*



Celebrate Christmas @ Saint Tims!

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 Christmas Day and New Years Day.*