



**St. Timothy's Episcopal Church**

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Sunday, December 18, 2016

*Fourth Sunday of Advent*

8 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.

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## 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

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Hollis Colie (2019)

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Stephanie Kenis (2017)

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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 I

Prelude

*Variation on Veni, Emmanuel*

Sally D. Mossing

## 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*

### Confession of Sin

*Celebrant* Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

***All*** ***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

*Celebrant* 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

*Celebrant* Lord, have mercy upon us.

*People* ***Christ, have mercy upon us.***

*Celebrant* 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.

We beseech thee, Almighty God, to purify our consciences by thy daily visitation, that when thy Son our Lord cometh he may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, 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.*

### Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18 (read in unison)

- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.*
- 2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, stir up your strength and come to help us.*
- 3 Restore us, O God of hosts; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.*
- 4 O Lord God of hosts, how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people?*
- 5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; you have given them bowls of tears to drink.*
- 6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, and our enemies laugh us to scorn.*
- 7 Restore us, O God of hosts; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.*
- 16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.*
- 17 And so will we never turn away from you; give us life, that we may call upon your Name.*
- 18 Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.*

### A Reading from Romans 1:1-7

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People Thanks be to God.*

## **Holy Gospel; Matthew 1:18-25**

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

*People* ***Glory be to thee, O Lord.***

*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 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 Scott and John.*

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life, in thy faith and fear, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of Saint Timothy and all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

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

## **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 with thy spirit.***

## **Welcome & Announcements**

## **The Offering**

## **The Holy Communion**

### **Offertory**

*Chorale Setting on Savior of the Nations, Come*

**John Carter**

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* ***And with thy spirit.***

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

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

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

*People* ***It is meet and right so to do.***

*Celebrant* It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Because thou didst send thy beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

### **The Sanctus & 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.*

*Celebrant* 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 (read in unison)**

***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** *(read in unison)*

*We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.*

### **The Administration of Communion**

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

### **Postcommunion Prayer**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*All* **Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

### **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 Stuttgart*

**John Carter**

## Assisting in the Preparation and Conduct of Worship

<b>Altar Guild</b>		Maria Lawalt, Tricia Mussante, Diana Wright, and Carol Sinclair
<b>Counters</b>		Keith Sinclair, Rhonda McGibbon
<b>Ushers</b>	8 a.m.	Tom Rust, Bill Outerbridge
	10 a.m.	Bill Bate, Dean Rohrbaugh
<b>Greeters</b>	8 a.m.	Bill Outerbridge
	10 a.m.	Janet Muich
<b>Lay</b>	8 a.m.	Ralph Tildon, Hector Coronado
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	10 a.m.	Catherine Lamb, Gayle Rippe, Edna Whittick, Ted Mankin, Keith Sinclair, Danny Wechtenhiser
<b>Acolytes</b>	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](mailto: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](http://www.saint-timothys.org) and click on the calendar link to see the full calendar.*

Day	Time	Event	Location
<b>Sunday 12/18</b>	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
<b>Monday 12/19</b>	7 p.m.	Boy Scout Troop 159	Henry Hall
	7:30 p.m.	Vestry Meeting	B1
<b>Tuesday 12/20</b>		No Events Scheduled	
<b>Wednesday 12/21</b>	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
<b>Thursday 12/22</b>	6 p.m.	Altar Guild Flower Set Up	Henry Hall
	7 p.m.	Adult Voice Choir Rehearsal	Music Room
<b>Friday 12/23</b>	4 p.m.	Christmas Decoration	Sanctuary
<b>Saturday 12/24</b>	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
<b>Sunday 12/25</b>	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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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.*