



St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

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Sunday, December 3, 2017

First Sunday of Advent

10 a.m.



Advent Wreath (week 1)

Craig Dubishar, Photographer

Sunday Worship Services

8:00 a.m. Rite I Holy Eucharist

10:00 a.m. Family Service (Rite II)

Opportunities for Children & Youth

10 a.m. Godly Play (*ages 3 & potty trained - grade 2*) - Room B1

10 a.m. *Children/ Youth grade 3 and up sit with their families today for family service. The sermon will be a children's sermon.*

Wednesday Healing Eucharist is held at 12:15 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Morning Prayer will be Held on Friday at 8 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Service in Spanish/ *Misa 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. Friday. If you would like to make an appointment to speak with the Rector, feel free to call the office at 703.437.3790.

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Vestry

(Class year in parenthesis)

Senior Warden – Genevieve Zetlan (2018)

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Hollis Colie (2019)

Vidai Genovez-Andrés (2020)

Hal Hallett (2018)

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Susy Nixon (2019)

Bill Outerbridge (2019)

Gerritt Peck (2020)

Elizabeth Witter (2020)

Sandy Wright (2020)

Trustees

Tom McLenigan Keith Sinclair Deke Smith



Don't forget to place your phone on silent/vibrate during today's service. Thank you!

First Sunday of Advent

Family Service Rite II

All hymns marked Hymnal are from the Hymnal 1982 (blue hymnals located in the front of the pews).

Hymns labeled WLP are from the green hymnal "Wonder, Love, and Praise."

Prelude

Piano Styling on Helmsley

Gregory Hamilton

The Word of God

At the tolling of the bell, all stand.

Processional Hymn 57

Lo! He comes, with clouds descending

Helmsley

The Opening Acclamation (BCP 355)

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People *And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

The Collect for Purity (BCP 355)

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Trisagion WLP 845

Holy God

Haywood

The Collect of the Day (BCP 357)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

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

The Lessons

A Reading from 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Gradual Hymn 454

Jesus Came, Adored by Angels Stanza 1 & 2

Lowry

Holy Gospel; Mark 13:24-37

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

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus said, "In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

“But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Gradual Hymn 454

Jesus Came, Adored by Angels Stanza 3 & 4

Lowry

Children’s Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Richard Bardusch, Rector

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,

the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,

God from God, Light from Light,

true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:

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

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

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

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

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

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

who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

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

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

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

The Prayers of the People, Form III (BCP 387)

Leader Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

People ***That we all may be one.***

Leader Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People ***That your Name may be glorified by all people.***

Leader We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

People ***That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.***

Leader We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

People ***That there may be justice and peace on the earth.***

Leader Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People ***That our works may find favor in your sight.***

Leader Have compassion on *Frances, Jim, and* all those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

People ***That they may be delivered from their distress.***

Leader Give to all the departed eternal rest;

People ***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

Leader We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

People ***May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.***

Leader Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

The people add their requests either silently or aloud.

Celebrant Almighty God, you have given your people the true Bread from heaven, your Son Jesus Christ: Grant that our souls may be so fed by him who gives life to the world, that we may be made strong for your service, and share with others what we have so richly received; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

Confession of Sin (BCP 360)

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 (BCP 360)

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.***

The Peace (BCP 360)

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

Welcome & Announcements

The Offering

The Holy Communion

Offertory Music

Light of Light

Nancy Gifford

Saint Timothy’s Children’s Choir

*Light of light, ever bright, bringing day to darkest night,
Everywhere hear our prayer, give us eyes to see. Laudamus te. (We praise you)*

*Blessed one, Mary’s son, Savior of a world undone,
Everywhere hear our prayer, give us hearts to love. Laudamus te.*

*Evermore we adore God of majesty and awe,
Everywhere hear our prayer, give us voice to praise, Laudamus te.*

*Evermore we adore, God of majesty and awe,
Everywhere hear our prayer, give us voice to praise.*

Laudamus te. (We praise you)

Benedicimus te. (We bless you)

Adoramus te. (We adore you)

Presentation Hymn 724

People, look East Stanza 1

Benancon Carol

The Great Thanksgiving, Prayer B (BCP 367)

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 Hymn S129

Holy, holy, holy Lord

Schubert

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,

Celebrant and People ***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 blessed 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 (BCP 364)

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People ***Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!***

Fraction Anthem S169

My Flesh is Food Indeed

Urwin

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The Administration of Communion

Music Before Communion

Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning

arr. Andre Thomas

Saint Timothy's Adult Choir

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, for this work's almost done.

Children, don't grow weary, for this work's almost done.

Darker midnight lies before us, for this work's almost done.

Christian, don't grow weary, for this work's almost done.

Lo, the Bridegroom soon is arising, for this work's almost done.

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, for this work's almost done.

Communion Hymns

Hymn 61

Sleepers, Wake!

Wachet auf

Hymn 53

Once he came in blessing

Gottes Sohn ist kommen

Commissioning of Lay Eucharistic Visitors

Celebrant Edna, in the Name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts to the Tetteyfo Family, that those to whom you 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 (BCP 366)

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.

The 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 among you. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn 486

Hosanna to the Living Lord!

Hosanna

Dismissal (BCP 366)

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Praeludium in Ab

Johann Fischer

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Assisting in the Preparation and Conduct of Worship

Altar Guild		Linda Grantham, Mary McLenigan, Stephanie Wolo, Sandy Wright
Counters		Keith & Tina Pinkard
Ushers	8 am	Tom Rust, Bill Outerbridge
	10 am	Dean Rohrbaugh, Vinny Donnelly
Greeters	8 am	Pat Rhoads
	10 am	Jill Cox
Lay	8 am	Ralph Tildon, Hector Coronado
Eucharistic Ministers	10 am	Adaku Nwachukwu, Allan Stanley, Jane Burkett, Rose Berberich, Keith Sinclair
Acolytes	10 am	Chudi Mbonu, Max & Gabe Fang-Weeden, Sophie Dodd

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 **Sunday, December 17.**

Thank You for Making A Difference!



Thanks to those who helped get us ready for Advent! **The Dodd family (Sophie, Kelly, Allison & Brian) and Holly Hartge** helped put up the Angel Tree. And to all of the St Tim's church family, thanks for taking all of the tags on the first day; a significant first for us! Also, thank you to **Heather Soliday and John Nixon** for leading the Advent Wreath Making event! *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!

You can call Peter or Beth Hwoschinsky @ 703.450.8599



**STEPHEN
MINISTRY**



Last Names G - L Please Bring Treats on December 10!

Please consider bringing a suitable snack to share with others at the weekly coffee hour. Simply place whatever you've brought on the table in Henry Hall before you head into the service. We also need two helpers before and after the 10 a.m. Service to replenish food and clean up. If you are able to help, please contact the Coffee Hour Captain for next week, Holly Hartge (mhhvirginia@verizon.net).

Upcoming: Last names M - R are on for December 17.

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 12/3	8 & 10 a.m.	Holy Eucharist Services	<i>Sanctuary</i>
	9:20 a.m.	Adult Choir Practice	<i>Music Room</i>
	11:20 a.m.	Children's Choir Rehearsal	<i>Music Room</i>
	4 p.m.	Institution Service for Fr. Rich	<i>Sanctuary</i>
Monday 12/4	7 p.m.	Boy Scout Troop 159 Meeting	<i>Henry Hall</i>
Tuesday 12/5	7 p.m.	Guitar Ensemble	<i>Sanctuary</i>
Wednesday 12/6	10 a.m.	Wednesday Bible Study	<i>Kitchen</i>
	12:15 p.m.	Midweek Healing Service	<i>Sanctuary</i>
	7 p.m.	Shawl Ministry	<i>Narthex</i>
	7 p.m.	Handbell Choir Rehearsal	<i>Sanctuary</i>
Thursday 12/7	7 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal	<i>Music Room</i>
Friday 12/8	8 a.m.	Morning Prayer	<i>Sanctuary</i>
	5 p.m.	Youth Lock In	<i>Entire Building</i>
Saturday 12/9	9 a.m.	Altar Guild Set Up	<i>Sanctuary</i>
	7:30 p.m.	Service in Spanish/Misa en Español	<i>Sanctuary</i>
Sunday 12/10	8 & 10 a.m.	Holy Eucharist Services	<i>Sanctuary</i>
	9:20 a.m.	Adult Choir Practice	<i>Music Room</i>
	11:20 a.m.	Children's Choir Rehearsal	<i>Music Room</i>



Mon. 12/4	Marion Hamilton
Tue. 12/5	Ava Gibbs, Ugo Nwachukwu
Wed. 12/6	Dariel Bonilla Lemus, Emily Reddington
Thu. 12/7	Lydia Gough
Fri. 12/8	Annabelle Brennan
Sat. 12/9	Peggy Curley
Sun. 12/10	Jeanne Bennett, Terrence Mahan

General Announcements

Today We Begin Advent.

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

The Great Litany...

which sometimes begins our service, is one of the great treasures of the Anglican liturgical tradition. Originally composed by Archbishop Thomas Cramner in 1544, it was the first liturgical text to be composed in English and predates the earliest Book of Common Prayer. The litany is a powerful reminder of God’s loving mercy and our need for His protection and help. It holds before God the needs of the whole world, asking for His blessing and grace. The Great Litany will be included in this afternoon’s Institution Service for Fr. Rich at 4 p.m.

General Announcements *(Continued)*



Stewardship Update- Thank you to the 129 families/individuals who have made a pledge, our current total is \$428,711! If you missed the opportunities to hand in your pledge card, you can drop it in the offering today or mail it in to the church. Blank pledge cards are available in envelopes on the cabinets in the Narthex.

Additional End of the Year Extra General Fund Giving Match

A Saint Tim's member has graciously challenged the Saint Timothy's church family to finish strong this year with an additional \$5000 match for any extra General Fund Giving through the end of the year. That means any donations given with the designation of "Extra GF Giving" on the memo line or offering envelope between Sunday, November 26 and the end of the year will be matched dollar for dollar up to \$5,000. For those who missed an opportunity to be a part of the previous match challenge, this is your chance to be a part of this additional challenge. Thank You!

Beans and Greens Pickup This Sunday

If you ordered Haitian coffee or holiday wreaths and centerpieces, please stop by Henry Hall during coffee hour this Sunday to pick up your order. There will also be a few pieces of Haitian art for sale, hand-carried back here by our Mission Team. The tin angels make great holiday gifts! If you cannot pick up your order on Sunday, please contact Genevieve Zetlan (gzetlan@gmail.com). For anyone that was not able to pre-order, there are beans and greens available for purchase and pickup today only!

Book Exchange Today, December 3

The books return December 3 and we will have a few new books to exchange with your contributions. Bring one - Take one is the policy. We may extend the opportunity to twice a month in the New Year, but we would welcome volunteer to set up and dismantle. If interested, please contact Danna Wechtenhiser (mrvnnk92@aol.com) or Jill Cox (jillcoxva@verizon.net).

Institution Service for Fr. Rich this Afternoon, December 3, at 4 p.m.

This special service institutes Fr. Rich as our new Rector. Fr. Rich joined the staff in September of 2017 and will be officially installed by the Rt. Rev. Edwin F. "Ted" Gulick Jr. on Sunday, December 3, at 4 p.m. in the afternoon. A reception will follow the service. For those who are participating in the service as a presenter, LEM, Usher, etc. there will be a brief meeting following the 10 a.m. service the morning of December 3 where Fr. Rich will briefly outline the service and who participants where they will stand, etc.

St. Timothy's Viewpoint Book Club

We will read Ordinary Grace by Wm Kent Kreuger during December. The date for the next meeting will be announced by December 3rd. Copies of the book may be obtained at church from Sandy Schanne 703-476-6799 or by arrangement from December 3 from Jill Cox 703-963-8251 or e-mail jillcoxva@verizon.net.

General Announcements *(Continued)*

Angel Tree Update

All Angel Tree gifts should be returned by Sunday, December 3. You may:

- Return your unwrapped gift to the church on Sunday or during the church office's regular business hours. (See page 2 of your bulletin for hours.) Attach the tag to your unwrapped gift.
- If you took a gift card, please place it in a plain envelope and attach the card to the outer envelope. You may put the envelope in the offering plate or turn it in to the church office. Please do not place gift cards under the tree.
- If you are unable to locate the gift specifically requested, feel free to substitute an item suitable for the age group on the tag.

If you have questions, or are unable to get your gift to the church in time please contact Carolyn Hamm (carolynhamm@verizon.net). *The Service Ministry thanks you for putting your faith to work!*

Help Decorate for Christmas on December 22 or 23!

The Altar Guild will begin decorating on December 22 at noon by prepping the poinsettias. We will decorate the Sanctuary and the Narthex for Christmas services on December 23, starting at 9 a.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. The deadline for poinsettia donations is Sunday, December 17. For more info contact Mary McLenigan at 703-391-2950.

Christmas Eve Nativity Play

We will be having a Nativity Play for the 4 p.m. Children's Christmas Eve Service on December 24. Rehearsal will take place on Saturday, December 23 at 1 p.m. If you have a child who is age 3 - grade 5 who is interested in participating, please sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/StTim-sNativity2017> by December 16. If you have any questions or need more information, email Jeanne-Marie Burke at jeanne_marie_raymond@hotmail.com.

Annual Christmas Eve Illumination Set-Up

We are looking for any and all to join us on Christmas Eve, 1 p.m., just outside the main entrance by the bell. We will have the "production line" ready so we can make and set out approximately 500 luminaries around our church property. There will be Christmas music (playing from Mr. D's car) and plenty of camaraderie! With sufficient help we will be done by 3 p.m. Does the fun stop there? NO! Join us on December 26th, 10 a.m. to clean up the property and properly dispose of the bag candles. Please bring large yard garbage bags to assist with clean up. Questions? Please text Craig Dubishar at 703.850.1751. Thanks for all of your support these many years!

Are You Called to the Vestry?

St. Timothy's will hold Vestry elections on January 14 for four members and one alternate to the Vestry. Vestry members serve 3 year terms, and meet for a weekend retreat January 27, and then every second Tuesday of the month afterwards. Serving on the Vestry is a tremendous opportunity to learn more about the temporal workings of the church, enrich your spiritual life, and move St. Timothy's forward in partnership with Fr. Rich. If you feel you may be called to serve, please contact Sr. Warden Genevieve Zetlan at gzetlan@gmail.com

General Announcements *(Continued)*

Join us for our annual

Holiday

POTLUCK AND SING ALONG

*Saturday, December 16th
at 5:00 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.*

Children of all ages are welcome.

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

Bulletin & eNews Submission Deadlines

Submissions for the Sunday bulletin and eNews are **due Mondays by 9 a.m.** of the week they are published unless otherwise communicated. To submit a church-related announcement, email office@saint-timothys.org. You'll receive a reply via email to confirm your submission was received.



Saint Timothy's Prayer List

Submissions added this week are in italics.



Deceased: Bill Sanger, Lynn Staulcup.

Health: Dan.

Long Term Needs: Analise, Arnaldo's family in P.R., Barbara, Beth, Bill, Carolyn, Danny, Dave, David, Dolores, Emmanuel, Florita, Fred, Geraldine, Helen, Hurricane Victims, Jake, Jane, Jerry, Joanne, John, Julie, Laura, Lauren, Leslie, Mabel, Marie, Martha, Matthew, Michael, Pam, Prof. Dr. Sakr, Ralph, Timothy, Virginia & Cameron, and Wallace.

Other needs: *Frances, Jim*

Please Note: *Email requests to Prayer@saint-timothys.org with the name of the person and prayer request. Request details will only be placed on the Pastoral Care Team listing; first names only 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. **Prayer requests, unless specifically requested as a Long Term Need (in cases of prolonged illness, etc.) will remain on the Prayer List for three Sundays with the exception of Thanksgivings which remain for one week.***



St. Timothy's Episcopal, founded on November 1, 1868, is a member of Region V of the Diocese of Virginia, one of the Episcopal Church's 9 original dioceses and the largest diocese in the domestic U.S. The bell from our 1881 church building has been electrified and continues to ring before every Sunday service and major holy day. Our 1870 James D. Moore Tracker pipe organ was restored and reinstalled April, 2017.

We have a long history of outreach within and beyond the Herndon/Reston community. We staff The Closet, which had its beginnings at St. Timothy's in the 1970s. The first homeless shelter in Fairfax County began in our Henry Hall in 1984 and became the Embry Rucker Shelter, which we continue to staff. We run a school supply drive and holiday Angel Tree in addition to supporting LINK, Helping Hungry Kids, and Cornerstones, among others. We serve the poorest in our state, our nation, and our hemisphere with yearly mission trips to Dungannon, VA, Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, SD, and Chapoteau, Haiti.

We worship 4 times per week, in English and in Spanish, and we welcome everyone who would like to worship with us and become a part of our community. If you are visiting us, please sign the guest book in the Narthex and introduce yourself to our clergy and vestry members.