



St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

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Sunday, December 10, 2017

Second Sunday of Advent

8 a.m.



Advent Wreath (week 2)

Craig Dubishar, Photographer

Sunday Services:

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

Opportunities for Children

- 10 a.m. Godly Play (*ages 3 & potty trained - grade 2*) - Room B1
10 a.m. Spark + (*grades 3-5*) - Room A-5
10 a.m.. Christian Education (*Grades 6-7*) - Room A-8
10 a.m. Christian Education (*Grades 8-12*) - Upper Room

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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Vidai Genovez-Andrés (2020)

Hal Hallett (2018)

Duane Hartge (2018)

Vilma Lemus (2018)

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!

Second Sunday of Advent

Holy Eucharist: Rite I

Prelude

Variations on Comfort, comfort ye my people

Georg Boehm

Word of God

At the tolling of the bell, all stand.

The Opening Acclamation (BCP 323)

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

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

The Collect for Purity (BCP 323)

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

Summary of the Law (BCP 324)

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Kyrie (BCP 324)

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

The Collect of the Day (BCP 325)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Merciful God, who sent thy messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

A Reading from Isaiah 40:1-11

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins.

A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever.

Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13 (Responsive)

1 You have been gracious to your land, O LORD, *

you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.

2 You have forgiven the iniquity of your people *

and blotted out all their sins.

8 I will listen to what the LORD God is saying, *

*for he is speaking peace to his faithful people
and to those who turn their hearts to him.*

9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, *

that his glory may dwell in our land.

10 Mercy and truth have met together; *

righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

11 Truth shall spring up from the earth, *

and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

12 The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, *

and our land will yield its increase.

13 Righteousness shall go before him, *

and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

A Reading from 2 Peter 3:8-15a

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.

Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.

Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The people turn to face the Gospel.

Holy Gospel; Mark 1:1-8

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

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

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'"

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Richard Bardusch, *Rector*

The Nicene Creed (BCP 326)

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 (BCP 328)

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. **Amen.**

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. **Amen.**

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. **Amen.**

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, especially Donald 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. **Amen.**

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. **Amen.**

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor *the Wildfire Victims in California* and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. **Amen.**

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. **Amen.**

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

Confession of Sin (BCP 330)

Celebrant Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

All *Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.*

Absolution (BCP 332)

Celebrant Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Comfortable Words (BCP 332)

Celebrant Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. *Matthew 11:28*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *John 3:16*

The Peace (BCP 332)

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Welcome & Announcements

The Offering

The Holy Communion

Offertory

Variation on Psalm 42

Georg Boehm

The Great Thanksgiving (Prayer II, BCP 340)

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 (BCP 334)

Celebrant and People: **Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

The people stand or kneel.

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for 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 to thee, he broke 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 this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, 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, we thy people do celebrate and make, 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; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies.

Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in 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 (BCP 337)

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

The Administration of Communion (BCP 338)

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Postcommunion Prayer (BCP 339)

Celebrant Let us pray.

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.

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 and remain with you always. ***Amen.***

Dismissal (BCP 339)

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

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

Postlude

Organ Chorale on Richmond

Kristina Langlois

Assisting in the Preparation and Conduct of Worship

Altar Guild		Jean Lammers, Adaku Nwachukwu, Carol Sinclair
Counters		Pat McGibbon, Frank Martin
Ushers	8 am	Hal Hallett, Robin Mullet
	10 am	Don & Carol Durand
Greeters	8 am	Bill Outerbridge
	10 am	Janet Muich
Lay	8 am	Rose Berberich, Diane Miller
Eucharistic Ministers	10 am	Laura Dendtler, Kaworu Yanagihara, Catherine Lamb, Gayle Rippe, Edna Whittick, Chris Brock
Acolytes	10 am	Rob Huizar, James & Olivia Nwachukwu, Brayden Cuadro

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!



Thank you to all those who helped make Fr. Rich's Institution Service such a wonderful event in the life of St. Tim's including, but not limited to, the Altar Guild, Hospitality Committee, Lectors, LEMs, Music Ministry, Presenters, Ushers, and those who attended!

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 M - R Please Bring Treats on December 17!

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, Amy Schrock (amyroseschrock@gmail.com).

Upcoming: Last names S - Z are on for December 24.

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 12/10	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>
Monday 12/11	7 p.m.	Boy Scout Troop 159 Meeting	<i>Henry Hall</i>
	7 p.m.	Service Ministry Meeting	<i>B1</i>
Tuesday 12/12	7 p.m.	Guitar Ensemble	<i>Sanctuary</i>
	7:30 p.m.	Vestry Meeting	<i>B1</i>
Wednesday 12/13	10 a.m.	Wednesday Bible Study	<i>Kitchen</i>
	12:15 p.m.	Midweek Healing Service	<i>Sanctuary</i>
	7 p.m.	Handbell Choir Rehearsal	<i>Sanctuary</i>
Thursday 12/14	7 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal	<i>Music Room</i>
Friday 12/15	8 a.m.	Morning Prayer	<i>Sanctuary</i>
Saturday 12/16	8 a.m.	Finance Ministry Meeting	<i>Upper Room</i>
	9 a.m.	Altar Guild Set Up	<i>Sanctuary</i>
	7:30 p.m.	Service in Spanish/Misa en Español	<i>Sanctuary</i>
Sunday 12/17	8 & 10 a.m.	Holy Eucharist Services	<i>Sanctuary</i>
	9 a.m.	Christmas Eve & Day Service Participants Meeting	<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>



Sun. 12/10	Jeanne Bennett, Terrence Mahan
Mon. 12/11	Carmela Condro, Brian Dodd, Andrew Fletcher
Tue. 12/12	Matthew Horne
Wed. 12/13	Andrew Hamm, Eric Horne, David Tetteyfo, Jennifer Wilson
Thu. 12/14	Kathryn Byford, Keith Dera
Fri. 12/15	Megan James
Sun. 12/17	Ana Hernandez

General Announcements

Embracing & Growing  **in God's LOVE**

Stewardship Update- Thank you to the 132 families/individuals who have made a pledge, our current total is \$434,571! 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!

General Announcements *(Continued)*

Angel Tree Program Continues with our Winter Accessories Collection !

Now that we've blessed the lives of fifty children with an array of Christmas treasures, it's time to think of warming the hearts, hands and feet of those who are cold, homeless, or simply in need of a reminder that they are loved. Phase 2 of the Angel Tree project continues; please drop off hats, scarves, gloves, mittens and socks for adults and children who are clients of the Embry Rucker Shelter and the Laurel Learning Center. The Service Ministry thanks you for putting your faith to work for our friends and neighbors during this blessed Christmas season and into the winter months.

December Food Drive for LINK

One final food drive this year to benefit the LINK Holiday program. The Service Ministry is collecting donations of non-perishable food anytime through Friday, Dec. 15. Please drop off your donations at the grocery cart in Henry Hall. On Saturday, Dec. 16 LINK will serve over 800 families for the Christmas holiday. Volunteers and donations are needed to help our neighbors enjoy a blessed Christmas. To volunteer, please visit the website, www.linkagainsthunger.org. For more information, contact Shon Beury, shonbeury@aol.com. *Thank you for putting your faith to work to serve our community.*

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.

Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Service Participant Meeting Dec. 17 @ 9 a.m.

There will be a meeting on Sunday, December 17 at 9 a.m. in the Sanctuary for all those serving during one of our three Christmas Eve and/or our Christmas day services. This brief meeting will cover the flow of services. We ask all those serving during the Christmas Eve/Day services as Lay Eucharistic Ministers (LEMs), Ushers, Greeters, Vergers, Acolytes, or on the Altar Guild to attend this brief meeting between our Worship Services.

Communication Submission Deadline for the Holiday Season

Due to the Holiday schedule, the bulletin submission deadline for Sunday December 24 & 31, as well as eNews additions for December 22 & 29, are **due by 9 a.m. on Monday, December 18**. Submissions after this deadline will not be accepted. Please note, per usual there are no announcements listed in our Christmas Eve (4, 7, & 11 pm) or Christmas Day Bulletins.

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.

General Announcements *(Continued)*

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

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.

Health:

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, *Wildfire Victims in California.*

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.



Celebrate Christmas @ Saint Timothy's

Invite family, friends, and neighbors to one of our Christmas services here at Saint Timothy's. These meaningful services provide a great opportunity to invite those close to you to be your guests as we celebrate this special season of the year.

Christmas Revels, Friday, December 22 @ 6 p.m.

Please join Fr. Rich and the church family for an informal evening of fellowship, entertainment and s'mores around a warm crackling bonfire. This is a new event that we are trying for the first time this year, so the more who join, the merrier! The evening will be made up of entertainment provided by yourselves, whatever the spirit moves you to do, or feel free just to come, watch and provide applause. If you'd like to contribute something, such as a song, poem, reading, joke, or skit, please let Joe Weeden know in advance at joeweeden99@yahoo.co.uk. Please don't be shy! The evening starts at 6 pm and will be outdoors. If raining, we'll move indoors.

Saturday Service in Spanish, December 23 @ 7:30 p.m.

Our regular Saturday evening service in Spanish will be held. *Nursery care provided!*

Christmas Eve Morning Service, Sunday, December 24, Rite II @ 10 a.m.

There will be one combined morning service on Christmas eve at 10 a.m. This service will be a Rite II service. There will be no Christian Education programs on this day. *Nursery care provided!*

Christmas Eve Services

Children's Service with Nativity Play @ 4 p.m. *Nursery care provided!*

Bilingual Festival Eucharist @ 7 p.m., (Musical Prelude begins at 6:30 p.m.) *Nursery care provided!*

Festival Eucharist @ 10 p.m., (Musical Prelude begins at 9:30 p.m.)

Christmas Day Service @ 10 a.m.

This is a shorter Rite II service without music.

New Years Eve Morning Services

On December 31 we return to our normal schedule of services; Rite I @ 8 a.m. and Rite II @ 10 a.m. There will be no Christian Education programs offered on this day, so children attend services with their families. *Nursery care provided!*