



St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

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Sunday, December 17, 2016

Third Sunday of Advent

10 a.m.



Advent Wreath (week 3)

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

Friday Morning Prayer will NOT be Held December 22 & 29

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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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!

Third Sunday of Advent

Choral Eucharist 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."

Today is Gaudete Sunday, the Third Sunday of Advent.

"Gaudete" is Latin for "joyful," which derives from the traditional introit verse associated with this Sunday, "*Rejoice in the Lord always; and again I say, Rejoice; let your moderation be known unto all men; the Lord is at hand.*" (Philippians 4:4). This Sunday is a time of joy & celebration of Advent, as we anticipate God's coming to bless and save the world in Jesus Christ. The traditional liturgical color for this Sunday is rose or pink, as can be seen in the Advent Wreath candle.

Prelude

Suite in A Major

D. Buxtehude

The Word of God

At the tolling of the bell, all stand.

Processional Hymn 76

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry

Winchester New

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 (Sung 3 Times)

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.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

A Reading from Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion— to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory. They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations.

For I the Lord love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed. I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 126 (*Sung in unison*)



Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)

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- 1 *When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, **
then were we like those who dream.
- 2 *Then was our mouth filled with laughter, **
and our tongue with shouts of joy.
- 3 *Then they said among the nations, **
"The LORD has done great things for them."
- 4 *The LORD has done great things for us, **
and we are glad indeed.
- 5 *Restore our fortunes, O LORD, **
like the watercourses of the Negev.
- 6 *Those who sowed with tears **
will reap with songs of joy.
- 7 *Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, **
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

A Reading from 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil.

May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Gradual Hymn 70

Herald Sound the note of judgment Stanzas 1 & 2

Herald Sound

The people turn to face the Gospel.

Holy Gospel; John 1:6-8,19-28

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

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

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah." And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,'" as the prophet Isaiah said. Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, "Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal." This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Gradual Hymn 70

Herald Sound the note of judgment Stanzas 3 & 4

Herald Sound

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 *Jennifer, Mary Lee, and* all those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

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

Leader Give to *Audrey Ellis, Hilda Smiley, Richard Koryda, and* 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 adds a concluding collect.

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

The King Shall Come

arr. George Mabry

The King shall come when morning dawns, and light triumphant breaks;

When beauty gilds the eastern hills, and life to joy awakes.

Not as of old a little child to bear, and fight, and die,

But crowned with glory like the sun that lights the morning sky.

*The King shall come when morning dawns, and earth's dark night is past;
 O haste the rising of that morn, the day what aye shall last.
 And let the endless bliss begin, by weary saints foretold,
 When right shall triumph over wrong, and truth shall be extolled.
 Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace, thy welcome shall proclaim;
 And heaven's eternal arches ring with thy beloved name.
 The King shall come when morning dawns, and light and beauty bring:
 Hail, Christ the Lord! Thy people pray, Come quickly, King of kings.*

Presentation Hymn 724

People, look East Stanza 1 & 4

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

Organ Chorale on Woodlands

J. Wayne Kerr

Communion Hymns

Hymn 438

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!

Woodlands

Hymn 444

Blessed be the God of Israel

Thornbury

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

Recessional Hymn 539

O Zion, haste, thy mission high fulfilling

Tidings

Dismissal (BCP 366)

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Organ Chorale on Tidings

Mark Sedio

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Assisting in the Preparation and Conduct of Worship

Altar Guild		Michele Bumbarly, Bonnie Bunting, Judy Conroy, Emilia Mbonu, Jen Wilson, Kerrie Wilson
Counters		Keith Sinclair, Rhonda McGibbon
Ushers	8 am	Kent Miller, Tom Rust
	10 am	Jim McKinney, Julie Gray-Roller
Greeters	8 am	Jeanne Bennett
	10 am	Deke Smith
Lay	8 am	Eugene Nkomba, Ralph Tildon
Eucharistic Ministers	10 am	Ted Mankin, Andrew Guthrie, Sean Brady, Allan Stanley, Jane Burkett, Michael Cook
Acolytes	10 am	Chudi Mbonu, Danny Wechtenhiser, Evelyn Showalter, Emma Kimmel

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 **TODAY, Sunday, December 17.**

Thank You for Making A Difference!



Thanks to **the Hobsons** for organizing the youth assembling and lighting of luminaries at Antietam. Of course, we couldn't have done it without the youth: **Erika & Rebecca Hobson, Danielle Druitt, Max Fang Weeden, and Davis Zetlan** as well as adult helpers **Keith and Carol Sinclair**. For those who weren't able to attend, they missed the full moon shining brightly on the 23,000 luminaries spread out across the battlefield representing those who died, or were injured.

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**



NO COFFEE HOUR ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24!

Upcoming: Joint Coffee Hour on Sunday, December 31. See announcement.

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 12/17	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>
Monday 12/18	7 p.m.	Boy Scout Troop 159 Meeting	<i>Henry Hall</i>
Tuesday 12/19	7 p.m.	Guitar Ensemble	<i>Sanctuary</i>
Wednesday 12/20		No Morning Bible Study	
	12:15 p.m.	Midweek Healing Service	<i>Sanctuary</i>
	6 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal	<i>Sanctuary</i>
Thursday 12/21	6 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal	<i>Music Room</i>
Friday 12/22	12 p.m.	Altar Guild Christmas Decorating	<i>Sanctuary</i>
	6 p.m.	Christmas Revels	<i>Outdoor Chapel</i>
Saturday 12/23	9 a.m.	Altar Guild Christmas Decorating	<i>Sanctuary</i>
	1 p.m.	Nativity Play Rehearsal	<i>Sanctuary</i>
	7:30 p.m.	Service in Spanish/Misa en Español	<i>Sanctuary</i>
Sunday 12/24	9:20 a.m.	Adult Choir Practice	<i>Sanctuary</i>
	10 a.m.	Holy Eucharist Service	<i>Music Room</i>
	1 p.m.	Luminary Set Up	<i>Grounds</i>
	4 p.m.	Christmas Eve Children's Service	<i>Sanctuary</i>
	7 p.m.	Christmas Eve Festival Eucharist (Musical Prelude begins 6:30 p.m.)	<i>Sanctuary</i>
	10 p.m.	Christmas Eve Festival Eucharist (Musical Prelude begins 9:30 p.m.)	<i>Sanctuary</i>



Sun. 12/17	Ana Hernandez
Mon. 12/18	James Kidwell, Diana Wright
Tue. 12/19	Bonnie Bunting, Jacqueline Lynch
Wed. 12/20	John Druitt
Thu. 12/21	Abigail Lehner
Fri. 12/22	Daniel McCarthy
Sat. 12/23	Michele Krainak

General Announcements

Extra General Fund Giving Match Update

A Saint Tim's member 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. **We are excited to announce that we are currently at \$3,985, and are just \$1,015 shy of meeting the match goal!** Thank You!

General Announcements *(Continued)*

A Message from the Stewardship Committee

We would like to thank all of those who have turned in their 2018 pledge cards. Your commitment to the work of Saint Timothy's is inspiring! For those who have not yet turned in a pledge card, we would ask that you consider doing so. Pledges are a key component of our budgeting process so that we can prepare properly for the coming year. We have a lot of exciting programs coming this year and your pledges will allow us to properly plan for what is to come. You can pick up a pledge card in the Narthex. As a reminder, if you donate using our online giving platform via our website, we ask that you still fill out a pledge card for our planning purposes. **Thank you!**

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.

Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Service Participant Meeting TODAY, 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.

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 26, 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!

General Announcements *(Continued)*

Coming Soon- Video Streaming Test

St Timothy's Building and Grounds ministry is exploring options to test video recording and streaming of our worship services so that housebound parishioners can participate from home, and for outreach to our broader community. We would appreciate your inputs as we test various options. Be on the lookout for more details as we aim for Christmas to begin testing this new technology. Any questions or inputs may be emailed to bandg@saint-timothys.org.

Fifth Sunday Joint Coffee Hour December 31

The Hospitality Ministry introduced The Fifth Sunday Joint Coffee Hour in January as a special way to gather in fellowship when a fifth Sunday occurs in a calendar month. On Sunday, December 31 we will join in fellowship for a final coffee hour of 2017 to be held between the 8:00 and 10:00 Services. Bring a treat to share (hot or cold), grab your name tag, and come by Henry Hall to mingle with your fellow parishioners! We hope that the 8:00 attendees will linger a bit and that the 10:00 folk will come early so that we can get to know each other better. We will wind things up at 9:50 so that we have time to tidy up before the 10:00 Service begins. Questions? Want to help? Please contact Carolyn Hamm (carolynhamm@verizon.net).

Next Baptismal Sunday

The next Baptismal Sunday is January 7, 2018. Anyone desiring to be baptized or to have a child baptized should contact Father Rich at 703-437-3790 or by email at rbardusch@saint-timothys.org immediately. Those who are to be baptized are to have at least two Godparents, both of whom must be baptized and members of a Christian church. It is permitted to have more than two God-parents, but two is the minimum. Godparent preparation is scheduled for Wednesday, January 3, 2018, at 7 p.m. in the church. Those adults being baptized and Godparents for all candidates must be present. Young children do not need to be present, but may if their parents wish it.



Plug In To Volunteer Ministry @ Saint Timothy's!

Are you looking to make a difference by plugging in to volunteer ministry here at Saint Timothy's? Check out these opportunities below! We will feature opportunities for ministry on a monthly basis in our bulletins. If you lead a ministry and would like to feature an opportunity, please email a draft description to office@saint-timothys.org. Requests will be featured in the next edition available and must be resubmitted for future editions.

150th Anniversary Team

In November of 2018, Saint Timothy's will celebrate our 150 anniversary! This historic year will be one filled with thanksgiving and celebration for the past blessings as well as looking forward to the future of our work together. We are assembling a team of St. Tim's members who are interested in helping to plan special events as well as support all that goes into planning, communication, and holding the events. If you are interested in being a part of this team, join Fr. Rich in the Sanctuary for a brief meeting after our 10 a.m. service on Sunday, January 28. We'll see you there!

Healing Prayer Team

If you are interested in being a part of the Healing Prayer Team for Saint Timothy's, please plan on attending a brief meeting with Fr. Rich after the 10 a.m. service on Sunday, January 21. This team will have a special ministry of healing prayer and will receive training from Fr. Rich. Please note, this ministry is not tied to our Healing Prayer midweek service, but is a separate ministry of Parishioners who focus on healing prayer in the congregation.

Kirking of the Tartans Service & Reception Team

This service will be a new one for St. Tim's and celebrates Scottish heritage and culture. Being held at 4 p.m. on April 8, 2018, the service and reception will feature many Scottish elements and requires a team to help plan for those elements in advance. If you are interested in being a part of the team to plan this new service and reception, please email office@saint-timothys.org with Kirking of the Tartans in the subject line. You do not have to be familiar with Scottish Heritage to participate.

Shrove Tuesday Team

We will continue our annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on February 13, 2018, but will also include a few new elements that are a part of the Episcopal Traditions surrounding Shrove Tuesday. We are looking for a team of folks who are interested in helping Rick Wilson, our lead for this event. If you are interested, please email office@saint-timothys.org with Shrove Tuesday in the subject line.

Support Group Liaison

St. Timothy's has a long history of supporting the important work that happens in support group meetings like AA, Al-anon, and NA; evidenced by our hosting of over 20 different groups on our campus. We are looking for someone who may be interested in being our Support Group Liaison between these groups and St. Tim's. This is not an administrative role, but a contact point to check in on the groups and to build relationships. This volunteer role would check in periodically with group leaders, communicate any upcoming church services and events that may be of interest to their attendees, and will be someone the groups could contact for any spiritual support they may need or for prayer requests. It is a plus if you're familiar with 12 step programs, but not a must. If interested, please contact Kevin Hamilton, Director of Parish Operations, at office@saint-timothys.org.



Saint Timothy's Prayer List

Submissions added this week are in italics.



Deceased: *Audrey Ellis, Hilda Smiley, Richard Koryda*

Health: *Jennifer, Mary Lee*

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 Ed programs or Coffee Hour. *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!*