

Saint Timothy's Episcopal Church

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Do not be afraid; for see I am bringing you good news of great joy for all people."

The Gospel of Luke 2:10

Christmas Eve, December 24, 2017

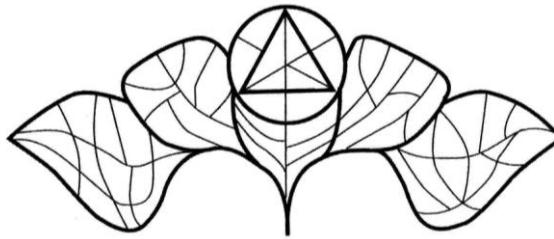
10 p.m. Service

Christmas Prelude

9:30 p.m.

Festival Eucharist

10:00 p.m.



Saint Timothy's Episcopal Church

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Weekly Services

Saturdays 7:30 p.m..	Santa Eucharista (<i>Service in Spanish</i>)
Sundays 8:00 a.m	Spoken Eucharist - Rite I
Sundays 10:00 a.m.	Choral Eucharist - Rite II
Wednesdays 12:15 p.m.	Holy Eucharist and Prayers for Healing

Opportunities for Children on Sundays

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

Visit www.saint-timothys.org for more info on our programs and ministries, including info on Adult Christian Education opportunities as well!

Staff

Regular church office hours are 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Monday - Thursday and 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. on Friday. If you would like to make an appointment to speak with a member of the clergy, feel free to call the office at 703.437.3790.

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Welcome...

to all who have come to celebrate the birth of Jesus, The Son of God.

Gloria in Excelsis! God is with us!

We welcome and invite all who are baptized to receive Christ's Body and Blood in the bread and wine of the Eucharist. If you would prefer not to partake of the Holy Eucharist but would like to receive a Christmas Blessing, please simply come to the altar rail and cross your hands over your chest.

If you are new to St. Timothy's, we invite you to sign the newcomer's book in the Narthex. We would like to have this information so we can thank you for worshipping with us.

Restrooms are located near the church offices. When exiting through the sanctuary doors, continue down the hall (to the left of the lobby). Pass the offices (to your right) and the restrooms will be on your left. There are also two restrooms available in Henry Hall.

If you are visiting from out of town, we thank you for including this service in your schedule. Please join us any time you are in the Herndon area. We hope you have a wonderful visit and a safe journey home when you return!

If you reside in the area, and are looking for a church home, we hope you will consider Saint Timothy's as your church home. You are always welcome at any of our services. (See page two of this bulletin for regular service times.)

If you would like more information about Saint Timothy's, including adult education, youth programs and ministries, or on the Episcopal Church in general, please call the Church office (703-437-3790). Individual staff extensions are listed on page 2 of this bulletin. You can also visit our web site at www.saint-timothers.org.

Festival Prelude Music (9:30 p.m.)

Elizabeth Schoepfle, *Flute*

Cerman Carol

A Christmas Pastorale

arr. Harold Owen

Charles Callahan

Jess Dovans, *Soprano*

O Holy Night

Saint Timothy's Handbell Choir

On This Day Earth Shall Ring

The Holly and the Ivy

Coventry Carol

arr. Carol Lynn Mizell

arr. Cathy Moglebust

arr. Brenda Austin

Marty Brady, *Soprano*

Sweet Was the Song the Virgin Sang

Mary Did You Know

arr. Johnson

Saint Timothy's Adult Choir

Ave, Ave, the Angel Sang

Robert Lau

*O lowly maiden, O blessed woman, you have been chosen to bring us the king.
Ave Maria, the angel sang. Peace be with you, O fairest holy one, Mary, mother, child of God.
Ave, ave, the angel sang.*

*Fair one so gentle, filled with the Spirit, you will bear Jesus, the savior for all.
Don't be afraid now, God's love surrounds you, Mary, mother, child of God.
Ave, ave, the angel sang.*

*What will you call him, O lovely maiden? Rulers and nations will bow at his name.
Let all creation give thanks for the holy one: Jesus, Savior, child of God. Ave, ave, Maria,
Ave, ave, the angel sang.*

Processional Hymn 83*O come, all ye faithful (vs 1,2,3,6)***Adeste Fideles**

*O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
 come and behold him, born the King of angels; O come, let us adore him,
 O come, let us adore him, O come let us adore him, Christ, the Lord.*

*God from God, Light from Light eternal, lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb;
 only begotten Son of the Father; O come, let us adore him,
 O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord.*

*Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
 glory to God, glory in the highest; O come, let us adore him,
 O come, let us adore him, O come let us adore him, Christ, the Lord.*

*Yea, Lord we greet thee, born this happy morning; Jesus, to thee be glory given;
 Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing; O come, let us adore him,
 O come, let us adore him, O come let us adore him, Christ, the Lord.*

Opening Acclamation

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

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen!**

The Celebrant continues

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.**

Gloria 96*Angels we have heard on high***Gloria**

*Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing through the night
 and the mountains in reply echoing their brave delight.
 Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

*Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why these songs of happy cheer?
 What great brightness did you see? What glad tidings did you hear?
 Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

*Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing;
 come, adore on bended knee Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.
 Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

*See him in a manger laid whom the angels praise above;
 Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.
 Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

A Reading from Isaiah 9:2-4, 6-7

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness - on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

From a Far-Off Land
Saint Timothy's Adult Choir

arr. Sondra K. Tucker

*From a far-off land we greet the Holy Baby, Guided by the Eastern Star so brightly shining.
Oh, the brilliant start that tells of the new dawning, May it always shine, and never fail to guide us!
Glory in the highest to our Holy Savior; In the highest heaven, and on the earth, sing praise!*

*To the newborn King, the Lord of all the nations, Gift of finest gold, for the building of His temples.
For God's holy Son we offer fragrant incense, Perfume whose fragrance rises to the heavens.
To the Child of Heaven, who for us became a mortal, Bitter myrrh we bring, His sacrifice fore telling.*

A Reading from Titus 2:11-14

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn 87

Hark! the herald angels sing (vs. 1 & 2)

Mendelssohn

*Hark! the herald angels sing glory to the newborn King!
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies;
with the angelic host proclaim Christ is born in Bethlehem!
Hark! the herald angels sing glory to the newborn King!*

*Christ, by highest heaven adored; Christ, the everlasting Lord;
late in time behold him come, offspring of the Virgin's womb,
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail the incarnate Deity.
Pleased as man with us to dwell; Jesus, our Emmanuel!
Hark! the herald angels sing glory to the newborn King!*

Holy Gospel; Luke 2:1-14

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

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

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.

But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see-- I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Gradual Hymn 87

Hark! the herald angels sing

Mendelssohn

*Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.
Risen with healing in his wings, light and life to all he brings,
hail, the Sun of Righteousness! hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace
Hark! the herald angels sing glory to the newborn King!*

The Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Richard Bardusch, Rector

The Nicene Creed

All

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

Leader: Let us pray to our incarnate Lord, who has brought us out of darkness and into his own marvelous light. Christ born for us, Son of God given for us: help us to know you, to worship and to serve you.

People: Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer.

Leader: Wonderful counsellor, you order all things with your wisdom: help the Church to reveal the mystery of your love and fill her with the Spirit of truth.

People: Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer.

Leader: Mighty God, the government is on your shoulders: guide the leaders of the nations and bring in your kingdom of justice and righteousness.

People: Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer.

Leader: Everlasting father, you call us to live together in unity: protect by your mercy all your children, bless our families and renew our communities.

People: Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer.

Leader: Prince of peace, you bring reconciliation through the cross: by your healing power give to all who suffer your gift of wholeness and peace.

People: Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer.

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Father, full of the Spirit, hear our prayer, receive our praises, fill our lives.

People: Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer. Amen.

Celebrant: Blessed Christ, we pray that your Spirit will live and grow within us. Transform us with your love. Perfect our worship, witness, and service, that love, peace, hope, faith, and joy may spread throughout the world. *Amen.*

Confession of Sin

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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

Absolution

Priest 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

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

Welcome & Announcements

Anthem

To Bethlehem Two Strangers Came

arr. Robert Hobby

Saint Timothy's Adult Choir & **Congregation Joins in on the Refrain**

1. To Bethlehem two strangers came
to find a lodging place.
The night was cold, their bodies worn,
but none would give them space.

Refrain – All Sing

2. *They walk again on city streets
where people pass them by.
They hold out empty hands but hear
this answer to their cry:*

Refrain – All Sing

3. In stricken lands across the sea,
in pockets of the poor,
the people knock on neighbors' hearts
but find no open door.

Refrain – All Sing

4. *O Christ, whose parents sought in vain
a room to give you birth,
in these, the poor, you seek again
a welcome on the earth.*

Refrain – All Sing

5. Lord, open wide all hearts kept closed
by selfishness and fear
until no doors are shut to those
in whom you still draw near.

Refrain–All Sing

Refrain–All Sing



1. Earth	had	no room	for	them	that night.	Earth
2. <i>There</i>	<i>is</i>	<i>no room</i>	<i>for</i>	<i>you</i>	<i>to - night.</i>	<i>We</i>
3. There	is	no room	for	them	to - night.	Earth
4. <i>Will</i>	<i>there</i>	<i>be room</i>	<i>for</i>	<i>you</i>	<i>to - night?</i>	<i>Will</i>
5. Lord,	help	us wel -	come	you	to - night!	Let



had	no	space	to	spare.
<i>have</i>	<i>no</i>	<i>space</i>	<i>to</i>	<i>spare.</i>
has	no	space	to	spare.
<i>we</i>	<i>have</i>	<i>space</i>	<i>to</i>	<i>spare.</i>
love	make	space	to	share!

Presentation Hymn 94 *While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night (vs 1, 2 & 6)* **Winchester Old**

*While shepherds watched their flocks by night, all seated on the ground,
the angel of the Lord came down, and glory shone a-round.*

*“Fear not,” said he, for mighty dread had seized their troubled mind;
“Glad tidings of great joy I bring to you and all man-kind.*

*“All glory be to God on high and on the earth be peace;
good will henceforth from heaven to men begin and never cease.”*

The Great Thanksgiving, Prayer B

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Celebrant

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

Sanctus WLP 858

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. * Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The people stand or kneel.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world.

In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

All We remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;

Celebrant

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Timothy and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

*The disciples knew the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread.
 The disciples knew the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread.
 The bread which we break, alleluia, is the communion of the body of Christ.
 The disciples knew the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread.
 One body are we, alleluia, though many we share one bread.
 The disciples knew the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread.*

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Administration Of Communion

(We welcome all who are baptized to receive Holy Communion. If you'd like to come forward for a blessing only, please place your arms across your chest and one of the ministers will pray for you.)

Communion Hymn 79 *O little town of Bethlehem* (vs. 1,2,3, & 4)

Forest Green

*O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
 Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by;
 yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light;
 the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.*

*For Christ is born of Mary; and gathered all above,
 while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love.
 O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth!
 and praises sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.*

*How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given!
 So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heaven.
 No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin,
 where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.*

*O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
 cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today.
 We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
 O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!*

Communion Hymn 81

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming

Es ist ein Ros

*Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung!
Of Jesse's lineage coming as seers of old have sung.
It came, a blossom bright, amid the cold of winter, when half spent was the night.*

*Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the Rose I have in mind,
with Mary we behold it, the Virgin Mother kind.
To show God's love aright, she bore to us a Savior, when half spent was the night.*

*O Flower, whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air,
dispel in glorious splendor the darkness everywhere; true man, yet very God,
from sin and death now save us, and share our every load.*

Communion Hymn 107

Good Christian friends, rejoice

In dulci jubilo

*Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today;
ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!*

*Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
now ye hear of endless bliss; Jesus Christ was born for this!
He hath opened heaven's door, and we are blest for evermore.
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!*

*Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
now ye need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all to gain his everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!*

Postcommunion Hymn 111

Silent night, holy night

Stille Nacht

*Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright
round yon virgin mother and child. Holy infant, so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace. Sleep in heavenly peace.*

*Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight,
glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing alleluia;
Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!*

*Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light
radiant beams from thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth. Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.*

Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Solemn Blessing of Christmas

May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness. **Amen.**

May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel. **Amen.**

May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you his peace and favor. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn 100

Joy to the World

Antioch

*Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.*

*Joy to the world! the Savior reigns; let us our songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains,
repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.*

*No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow
far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found,
far as, far as the curse is found.*

*He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness
and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders of his love.*

Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ! Alleluia, alleluia!

People **Thanks be to God! Alleluia, alleluia!**

Postlude

Organ Chorale on Antioch

Hugo Gehrke

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**The Saint Timothy's Church Family Thanks
Those Assisting With Our 2017 Christmas Services...**

4:00 p.m.

Sean Brady, Mike Colie, Michael Cook, Brayden Cuadro, Vinny Donnelly, Emma Kimmel, Madeleine Lamoureux, Nathaniel Lamoureux, Vivienne Lamoureux, Jay LaWalt, Olga Marinenko, Hugh and Patty Masters, Danny Wechtenhiser, and parking volunteers.

7:00 p.m.

Carol Beckett, Rose Berberich, Sean Brady, Betsy Bosworth, Michael Cook, Mike Colie, Gabe Fang-Weeden, Julie Gray-Roller, Jay LaWalt, Ted Mankin, Chudi Mbonu, Emilia Mbonu, Keith Sinclair, Kaworu Yanagihara, and parking volunteers.

10:00 p.m.

Rose Berberich, Sean Brady, Carmela Condro, Max Fang-Weeden, Andrew Guthrie, Diane Miller, Dean Rohrbaugh, Keith Sinclair, Danny Wechtenhiser, Edna Whittick, and Karen Wilkins.

Christmas Day; 10 a.m.

Olga Marinenko and Dean Rohrbaugh.

Altar Guild

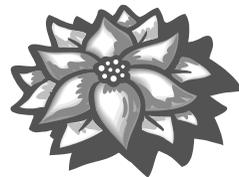
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Thank you to those whose names are not listed because they volunteered to serve after the printing of our bulletins.

Our thanks to all whose gifts made possible the beautiful Christmas decorations.

A sincere thank you to both the Saint Timothy's Adult Choir and Handbell Choir, soloists, and our congregation's instrumentalists for the wonderful way they have supported worship this Christmas season. Bravo!

Christmas Flower Dedications



- The Condro Family** *In Memory of Mary & Joseph Ieraci, and Victoria & Frank Condro.*
- Judy Conroy** *In Memory of Paul Conroy and in Thanksgiving for the Norcross and Georgeadis Families.*
- Lisa Cody-Smith** *In loving memory of my blessed mother Sue Cody Van Meers and Louis Van Meers.*
- Paul, Christine, & Danny Cozza** *In Loving Memory of those who have passed and Joy of those to come.*
- Carol Van Evera Durand** *In Memory of Jes and Andrew Van Evera and in Thanksgiving for the birth of Christ.*
- Kathy, Ashley, & Courtney Froemming** *In Thanksgiving for the birth of Christ and in memory and love of Richard Froemming.*
- David & Julie Hixon and Family** *In Loving Memory of Amy Elizabeth Hixon.*
- Bob & Barb Kimmel** *In Memory of Clift & Virginia Kimmel and Dolores Connelly.*
- Diane & Kent Miller** *In Thanksgiving for the gift of our families and friends.*
- Nikki & Charles O'Malley** *In Memory of Our Parents and Departed Loved Ones and in Thanksgiving for Charlotte, K.C., Molly, our church family, & Kevin, Fr. Rich, Fernanda, & Roger.*
- Mary Perry** *In Memory of Muriel & Jim Daley.*
- Pat & Deke Smith** *In Memory of Nancy, Bill, Mary Gay, Tuddie, Bill, Jim, & Kevin and in Thanksgiving for Sandy, Justin, Riley, Rowen, Megan, Josh, Mason, Wyatt, Scott, & Joan.*
- Kerrie & Rick Wilson and Bonnie Bunting** *In Thanksgiving for Family and Loved Ones*

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SOON!

Fifth Sunday Joint Coffee Hour December 31

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.

New Youth Group Kicks off Saturday, January 6 @ 5 P.M.

Our New Youth Group kicks off with a special two hour meeting that will include fun games, sing-along, Pizza and more! After that, we will meet on the first and third Saturdays from 6 - 7 p.m. These meetings are designed for youth 6 - 12th grade to have a lot of fun in a positive environment while building friendships.

New 9 a.m. Children's Mass begins Sunday, February 18

This half-hour service includes Holy Eucharist and is designed for families with children age 2 - 12 (although any one may attend); featuring limited music, a more relaxed liturgy, and movement. The service features a come-as-you-are environment, so casual dress is welcome. Worried that you won't have enough time to get the kids home to change for sports practice? No problem, feel free to bring them in uniform so they are ready for the field or court!



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!

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!

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.

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.