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Sunday, December 7, 2025

Second Sunday of Advent

10 am



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Weekly Services

Sunday, 8:00 am	Holy Eucharist Rite I, spoken
Sunday, 10:00 am	Holy Eucharist Rite II, with Choir (Godly Play for ages 3–8, Sunday School for ages 9-12)
Sábado, 7:00 pm	La Santa Misa, en español

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Information For Our First-Time Guests

We invite you to fill out a Welcome Card in the pew rack in front of you or on the podium in the Narthex. Please place the completed card in the offertory plate or give it to an usher.

Children are welcome to stay with parents in the Sanctuary or they may head downstairs for Godly Play after the reading of the Collect. For your convenience, there are also rocking chairs located at the back of the sanctuary to soothe little ones and worship bags with quiet activities in the Narthex.

We invite you to share in Holy Communion. To receive, come forward and kneel/stand at an open space on the altar rail. Both bread and wine will be offered (or a rice wafer/separate chalice for those allergic to wheat/ gluten intolerant). If you do not wish to receive communion, we invite you to come forward for a blessing. Please indicate that by placing your arms across your chest.

HOLY EUCHARIST The Word of God

Prelude

Prelude on Repton

Charles Callahan

At the tolling of the bell, all stand

Opening Hymn (59)

Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding

Merton

Opening Acclamation (BCP 355)

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

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

Celebrant: 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 (S 100)

Holy God

David Hurd

Opening Collect (BCP 211) - *Children may head downstairs after this reading.*

Celebrant: Merciful God, who sent your 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 lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, *
like showers that water the earth.

7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; *
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

18 Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel, *
who alone does wondrous deeds!

|| 19 And blessed be his glorious Name for ever! *
and may all the earth be filled with his glory. Amen. Amen.

A Reading from Romans 15:4-13

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name"; and again he says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people"; and again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope." May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

Sequence Hymn (75)

There's A Voice in the Wilderness Crying

Ascension

Holy Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

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

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

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths

straight.” Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. “I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

Marie Esther Duvert

Please stand as you are able.

The Nicene Creed (BCP 358)

People: **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.

Please stand, or kneel, as you are able

The Prayers of the People (written by the Social Justice Ministry)

Leader: Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Leader: For peace throughout the world,

People: **that God's justice may guide relations between nations.**

Leader: For the holy church of God,

People: **that it may grow spiritually, living out the values of the Gospel in good times and in bad times.**

Leader: For all bishops, priests, and deacons,

People: **that they worthily preach the Word and administer the Sacraments.**

Leader: For all who hold executive, legislative or judicial office in our nation, state and community.

People: **that they may exercise their authority to ensure that all people are treated with due process of law.**

Leader: For immigrants in our own country and throughout the world,

People: **that they may know God's love through our ministry to them.**

Leader: For the poor, for refugees, for those who have lost health care and for the unemployed,

People: **that we may redouble our efforts to stand by them and seek justice for them.**

Leader: For the sick, their families and those who care for them,

People: **that they may know God's healing touch.**

Leader: For the dead, the dying and their loved ones,
People: **that they may know God's comfort and peace.**

Leader: For us and our community,
People: **that united in love with St. Timothy and all the saints, we may grow in loving acceptance of all God's creation.**

Leader: Send down your blessings on your servants who labor in government, who so generously devote themselves to helping others. Grant them courage when they are afraid, wisdom when they must make decisions, strength when they are weary, and compassion in all their work. In these trials and tribulations, grant them the peace that passes all understanding and allow them the patience and courage to continue to faithfully serve you in their neighbor.

People: **Amen.**

Silence.

Celebrant will add 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.**

Please stand.

The Peace (BCP 360)

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Welcome and Announcements

Offertory Sentence

The Offering

Lord, before this fleeting season is upon us,
 Let me remember to walk slowly.
 Lord, bless my heart with love and with quiet.
 Give my heart a leaning to hear carols.
 Grace our family with contentment,
 And the peace that comes only from You.
 Lord, help us to do less this busy season;
 Go less; stay closer to home; kneel more.
 May our hearts be Your heart.
 May we simply, peacefully, celebrate You.
 -MaryAnn Jindra

Please stand as able.

Presentation Hymn*Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow*

Veni Emmanuel

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all
 crea-tures here be-low; praise him a-bove, ye heaven-ly host:
 praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. Re-joice! Re-joice!
 Em-man-u-el shall come to thee, O Is-ra-el!

Holy Communion – Eucharistic Prayer D (BCP 372)**The Great Thanksgiving**

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 truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every magnify you as we sing:

Sanctus (S 124)

Holy, Holy, Holy

David Hurd

Please stand or kneel, as you are able.

Celebrant: We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new. And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

**All: We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

Celebrant: Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with Timothy and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and 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.

Fraction Anthem (S 154)

Christ our Passover

David Hurd

The Invitation (BCP 364)

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

Administration of Communion

Communion Hymn (69)

What is the Crying at Jordan

St. Mark's, Berkeley

Please stand or kneel, as you are able.

Postcommunion Prayer (BCP 365)

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 this 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.

Blessing

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

Closing Hymn (67)

Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

Psalm 42

Dismissal (BCP 366)

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Prelude & Fugue in G Minor

Johann S. Bach

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PRAYER LIST:

(Please email careteam@saint-timothys.org with any prayer concerns.)

Rest of the Soul: Keith Sinclair, Mark Cornwell (Donna Cornwell's brother), McKinlee Hope Culkin

Health: Deb Angerman (breast cancer), Peter Hwoschinsky, Joseph Sieh (brother of Kathryn Sieh), Harrison Jack, Dan Nichols, George Green, Mike Savage, Melissa Druitt (concussion/vision), Randy Davis, Maddox Schneider (grandson of the McGraths)

Long Term: Sid, Maryanne, Chris W., Donna W., Chris, Chuck and Peggy, Catherine Hutcheon (Long Covid & sudden hearing loss), David & Mabel Tettyfio (stroke, arthritis, hip pain), Brian Law, Jane Perry, Jerry Vandenberg, Chris Connelly (Barb Kimmel's brother, severe depression), Barb Benson (Parkinson's), Eric Benson (heart failure), Elizabeth Martinson, Cecelia Kimble (Shon Beury's mother), Philly Hoffman (kidney cancer), Marie Fernandez, Ed Patterson (brain tumor), Dick Joyce, Mike Delacy and Arnie Goldman (friends of Ron Boggio), MaryAnn Garrahan, Eleanor Day

CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL – Today!

The Generations Ministry is hosting a Christmas Carnival today, **beginning at 9 am**. Fun for all is promised -- pictures with Santa, train rides for toddlers, a bake sale, heavenly henna painting, raffle for adult prizes and more! Tickets are \$2 each. We accept cash, check and paperless purchase. Invite your friends, neighbors & families. Every booth will be run by our youth. Please come and support them.

THIS WEEK at ST. TIMOTHY'S

Sunday, December 7

- 8:00 AM Rite I Holy Eucharist – Sanctuary
- 9:00 AM Christmas Carnival – Henry Hall
- 9:15 AM Adult Choir Warm-up – Music Room
- 10:00 AM Rite II Holy Eucharist – Sanctuary/Livestream
- 11:00 AM Community Engagement Meeting – Conf. Rm.

Monday, December 8

- 12:15 PM Step into Recovery – AA
- 7:30 PM Social Justice Ministry – Conference Room
- 7:30 PM Service Ministry Meeting – Conference Room
- 8:30 PM Monday Night Milkshake Group – AA

Tuesday, December 9

- 9:30 AM Staff Meeting – Conference Room

Wednesday, December 10

- 12:15 PM Advent Healing Eucharist – Sanctuary
- 4:00 PM DanceWorx – Narthex
- 6:30 PM Worship Committee Meeting – Zoom
- 7:30 PM Finance Committee Meeting – Zoom

Thursday, December 11

- 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal – Music Rm./Sanctuary
- 7:00 PM Debtors Anonymous

Friday, December 12

No Events

Saturday, December 13

- 9:00 AM Altar Guild Set-Up – Sanctuary
- 4:00 PM Master Singers of Virginia - Sanctuary
- 7:00 PM La Santa Misa – Sanctuary

CHRISTMAS with the MASTER SINGERS of VIRGINIA

Join us Saturday at St. Timothy's, Herndon, **December 13th at 4 pm** for a luminous Christmas concert featuring shimmering choral works, beloved carols, and a special performance of Stephen Paulus' *Jesu Carols* with harpist Cate Cannon Todd. Tickets at msva.org or at the door.

CHRISTMAS REVELS

Please join your church family, **December 19th at 6 pm**, for an informal evening of fellowship, entertainment and s'mores around a warm crackling bonfire. Please consider contributing something, such as a song, a poem, a reading, a joke, or a skit. If you have a contribution, please let Joe Weeden know in advance at joeweeden99@yahoo.co.uk. Please don't be shy! If it is raining, we will move indoors.

WATER and WILDERNESS CHURCH

Our guest celebrant last week (Father Pete the Wilderness Priest) shared some details on his ministry while serving last Sunday. From the website (<https://waterandwilderness.org/>): "Water and Wilderness Church is for anyone, anywhere who yearns for a wilder faith in a bigger God. It's more than a church; it's a watershed community of people near and far who seek authentic connection to God and one another through nature-based worship, book studies, and immersive nature retreats. We are expansively Christian, radically affirming, and unbounded by artificial borders and rigid doctrine. Bring your mess, your voice, your whole self!" Sunday Services held at 3 pm during the summer months with lots more worship and formation opportunities to be explored on the website.