



**ST. TIMOTHY'S EPISCOPAL**  
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Sunday, December 7, 2025

*Second Sunday of Advent*

8 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.

For those with little ones, there are rocking chairs located at the back of the sanctuary 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.

### Vestry

**Sr. Warden** – Rick Wilson (2027)

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Midori Yanagihara (2026)

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### Trustees

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## **HOLY EUCHARIST- RITE I**

*At the tolling of the bell, please stand.*

### **Opening Acclamation and Collect for Purity (BCP 323)**

**Celebrant:** Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

**People:** **His mercy endureth for ever.**

**Celebrant:** 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.**

### **Trisagion (BCP 324)**

**Celebrant:** Lord, have mercy upon us.

**People:** **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

**Celebrant:** Lord, have mercy upon us.

## **The Collect for the Day (BCP 159)**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People: And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant: Merciful God, who didst send 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 11:1-10**

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalms 72: 1-7, 18-19 (Read Responsively)**

- 1 Give the King your justice, O God, \*  
**and your righteousness to the King's Son;**
- 2 That he may rule your people righteously \*  
**and the poor with justice;**
- 3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, \*  
**and the little hills bring righteousness.**
- 4 He shall defend the needy among the people; \*  
**he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.**

5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, \*  
**from one generation to another.**

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 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.*

### **Holy Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12**

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

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

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 be to thee, Lord Christ.**

## Sermon

Marie Esther Duvert

*Please stand as able.*

### **The Nicene Creed (BCP 326)**

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.**

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

**People: Amen.**

### **Confession of Sin (BCP 331)**

Celebrant: Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God:

**People: 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.**

Celebrant: 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)*

*Please stand.*

## **The Peace (BCP 332)**

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

**People: And with thy spirit.**

*Please be seated.*

## **Welcome and Announcements**

### **The Offering**

*Please Stand*

## **The Holy Communion**

### **The Great Thanksgiving (Prayer I, BCP 333)**

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 (BCP 334)**

**All: 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.**

*Stand or kneel, as you are able.*

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 hath 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 Invitation (BCP 338)**

Celebrant::        The Gifts of God for the People of God.

### **Administration of Communion**

### **Post-Communion Prayer (BCP 339)**

Celebrant:        Let us pray.

**All:** 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.

## **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.**

*Please stand.*

## **Dismissal (BCP 340)**

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## **PRAYER LIST:**

*(Please email [careteam@saint-timothys.org](mailto: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 Room/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 13<sup>th</sup> 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](https://msva.org) or at the door.

## CHRISTMAS REVELS

Please join your church family, **December 19<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 last Sunday while serving. 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, and 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.

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**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7TH**

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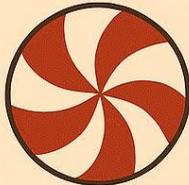


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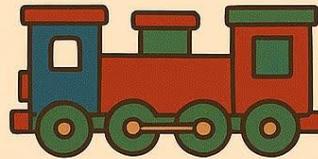


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