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Sunday, January 4, 2026

Feast of the Epiphany

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

Staff

Church office hours are 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM Monday through Friday.

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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

Noel sur les flutes

Louis Claude Daquin
(1692 - 1772)

At the tolling of the bell, all stand.

Opening Hymn (616)

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

Es flog ein kleins
Waldvögelein

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.**

Gloria (S 278)

Gloria in excelsis

William Mathias

Opening Collect (BCP 214) - Children may head downstairs after this reading.

Celebrant: O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the Peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

A Reading from Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

Robert Knox Kennedy

Move to the next note of the chant on the underlined text.



- 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.
- 10 The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute, *
and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.

- 11 All kings shall bow down before him, *
and all the nations do him service.
- 12 For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress, *
and the oppressed who has no helper.
- 13 He shall have pity on the lowly and poor; *
he shall preserve the lives of the needy.
- 14 He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence, *
and dear shall their blood be in his sight.

A Reading from Ephesians 3:1-12

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles-- for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power.

Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

Sequence Hymn (117)

Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning

Morning Star

Holy Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

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

People: Glory be to you, Lord Christ.

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at

its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: `And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

The Reverend Charles R. Cowherd

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

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 may 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.**

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; 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/Announcements

Offertory Sentence

The Offering

Choral Anthem

How Far is it to Bethlehem

English Carol
arr. Douglas Wagner

How far is it to Bethlehem? Not very far.
Shall we find the stable room lit by a star?
Can we see the little child, is he within?
If we lift the wooden latch, may we go in?

Great kings have precious gifts, and we have naught,
Little smiles and little tears are all we brought.
For all weary children, Mary must weep.
Here, on his bed of straw, sleep, children, sleep.

May we stroke the creatures there, ox, ass, or sheep?
May we peep like them and see Jesus asleep?
If we touch his tiny hand, will he awake?
Will he know we've come so far just for his sake?

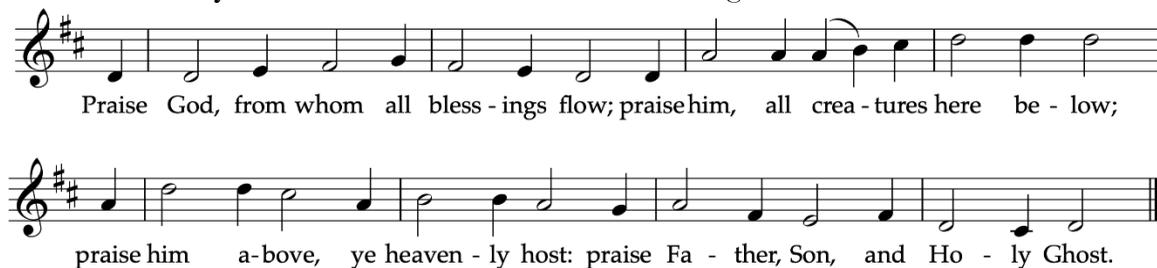
God in his mother's arms, babes in the byre,
Sleep, as they sleep who find their heart's desire.

Please stand as able.

Presentation Hymn

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

Puer nobis



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here be - low;
praise him a - bove, ye heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Holy Communion – Eucharistic Prayer C (BCP 369)

The Great Thanksgiving (BCP 369)

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: God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People: **Glorify to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant: At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People: **By your will they were created and have their being.**

Celebrant: From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People: Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Celebrant: Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

**People: By his blood, he reconciled us.
By his wounds, we are healed.**

Celebrant: And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus (S 128)

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

William Mathias

Please stand or kneel, as you are able,

Celebrant: And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord. On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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." Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

People: We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Celebrant: Lord God of our Ancestors: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People: Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Celebrant: Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

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

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but

**deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever.
Amen.**

The bread is broken. Silence is kept.

The Fraction (S 165)

Jesus, Lamb of God

William Mathias

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 (333)

Now the Silence

Now

Please stand or kneel, as you are able.

Postcommunion Prayer (BCP 366)

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Blessing

Celebrant: May Almighty God, who led the Wise Men by the shining of a star to find the Christ, the Light from Light, lead you also, in your pilgrimage, to find the Lord. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn (119)

As with Gladness Men of Old

Dix

Dismissal (BCP 366)

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

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude

Tous les Bourgeois de Châtres

Claude-Bénigne Balbastre
(1727-1799)

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PRAYER LIST

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

Rest of the Soul: Dennis Beard (pneumonia), Andy Keithly, John Hammond

Health: Deb Angerman (breast cancer), Peter Hwoschinsky, Melissa Druitt (concussion/vision), Maddox Schneider (grandson of the McGraths), Dan Nichols (cancer), Karen Nichols (cancer), Bill Nichols (heart disease), Giovanni Tagnesi, Wendy Liberator

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), Maria Fernandez, Ed Patterson (brain tumor), Dick Joyce, Mike Delacy and Arnie Goldman (friends of Ron Boggio), MaryAnn Garrahan, Eleanor Day, Vicki Beeman (cancer)

THIS WEEK at ST. TIMOTHY'S

Sunday, January 4 – Feast of Epiphany

8:00 AM Rite I Holy Eucharist – Sanctuary

9:15 AM Adult Choir Warm-up – Music Room

10:00 AM Rite II Holy Eucharist – Sanctuary/Livestream

11:00 AM Generations Ministry Meeting – Conference Room

Monday, January 5

12:15 PM Step into Recovery – AA

7:00 PM Hope For Today – Al Anon

8:30 PM Monday Night Milkshake Group – AA

Tuesday, January 6

9:30 AM Staff Meeting – Conference Room

Wednesday, January 7

10:00 AM Hablamos Espanol - Conference Room

1:00 PM Shawl Ministry - Narthex

Thursday, January 8

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

7:00 PM Freedom from Debt

Friday, January 9

No Events

Saturday, January 10

9:00 AM Altar Guild Set-Up – Sanctuary

7:00 PM La Santa Misa – Sanctuary

Vestry

Sr. Warden – Rick Wilson (2027)

Johnny Ellis (2028)

Emily Litz (2026)

Matt Schumann (2027)

Varun Lal (alternate)

John McGrath (2028)

Midori Yanagihara (2026)

Jr. Warden – Rob Huizar (2027)

Vilma Lemus (2026)

Wanda Rixon (2028)

Trustees

Tom McLenigan

†Keith Sinclair

Deke Smith

POINSETTIA FLOWERS

Thank you for all who contributed to beautify the sanctuary with Christmas Poinsettias. Please feel free to pick up your plant after the services today.

ST. TIMOTHY'S PRE-SCHOOL 2026 - 2027 REGISTRATION

January 12: Registration begins for currently enrolled families

January 20: Registration begins for church members and alumni families

January 26: Registration begins for new families

Contact sttimothypreschool432@gmail.com or 703-437-4767 for more information.

2026 VESTRY ELECTIONS AND ANNUAL MEETING

Vestry Elections

On Saturday and Sunday, January 24-25, St. Timothy's will hold elections for Vestry members at all three of our weekend services. Voting by absentee ballot will be permitted provided a Qualified Voting Member presents the ballot in person to the Parish Administrator or a Warden at least two days prior to the election. Anyone who is 16 years of age or older and is a communicant in good standing may cast a vote.

Vestry members, the governing body of the church, serve a three-year term, and this year we will elect three new members to fill the expiring terms of Vilma Lemus, Emily Litz, Midori Yanagihara. We will also elect one alternate.

Annual Parish Meeting

On January 25, 2026, after the 10 am service in Henry Hall, come hear, discuss, and participate in various topics including the Vestry elections, Church Ministries reports, and the 2026 budget. Lunch will be served.

If you are able to assist with setup, cleanup, or serving at the luncheon, please email hospitality@saint-timothys.org.