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Sunday, October 11, 2026

Proper 23 (20th Sunday after Pentecost)

10 am



Weekly Services:

Sunday, 8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist Rite I, spoken
Sunday, 10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist Rite II with choir (Godly Play for ages 3–9 in Rm. B-1)
Sábado, 7:00 p.m.	Santa Eucaristía Rito II, 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.

Vestry

Sr. Warden – Rob Huizar (2027)

Christine Cozza (2029)

Varun Lal (2029)

Sharon Nachman (2027)

Terry Dominiak (alternate)

John McGrath (2028)

Jr. Warden – Wanda Rixon (2028)

Johnny Ellis (2028)

Gene Mechling (2029)

Rick Wilson (2027)

Trustees

Tom McLenigan

Deke Smith

Betsy Bosworth

HOLY EUCHARIST

The Word of God

Prelude

Brother James' Air

arr. Dale Wood

At the tolling of the bell, all stand.

Opening Hymn 556

(v 1-3, 6-7)

Rejoice, ye Pure in Heart!

Marion

Opening Acclamation (BCP 355)

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

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

The Collect of the Day (BCP 234-235) - *Children may head downstairs after this reading.*

Celebrant: Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons**Ezra 7.1-10, 25-28**

After this, in the reign of King Artaxerxes of Persia, Ezra son of Seraiah, son of Azariah, son of Hilkiah, son of Shallum, son of Zadok, son of Ahitub, son of Amariah, son of Azariah, son of Meraioth, son of Zerahiah, son of Uzzi, son of Bukki, son of Abishua, son of Phinehas, son of Eleazar, son of the chief priest Aaron— this Ezra went up from Babylonia. He was a scribe skilled in the law of Moses that the Lord the God of Israel had given, and the king granted him all that he asked, for the hand of the Lord his God was upon him.

Some of the people of Israel and some of the priests and Levites, the singers and gatekeepers, and the temple servants also went up to Jerusalem in the seventh year of King Artaxerxes. They came to Jerusalem in the fifth month, which was in the seventh year of the king. On the first day of the first month the journey up from Babylon was begun, and on the first day of the fifth month he came to Jerusalem, for the gracious hand of his God was upon him. For Ezra had set his heart to study the law of the Lord and to do it and to teach the statutes and ordinances in Israel.

“And you, Ezra, according to the God-given wisdom you possess, appoint magistrates and judges who may judge all the people in the province Beyond the River who know the laws of your God, and you shall teach those who do not know them. All who will not obey the law of your God and the law of the king, let judgment be strictly executed on them, whether for death or for banishment or for confiscation of their goods or for imprisonment.”

Blessed be the Lord, the God of our ancestors, who put such a thing as this into the heart of the king to glorify the house of the Lord in Jerusalem and who extended to me steadfast love before the king and his counselors and before all the king’s mighty officers. I took courage, for the hand of the Lord my God was upon me, and I gathered leaders from Israel to go up with me.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23

Jerome Webster Meachen

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



- 1 The Lord is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

A Reading from Philippians 4:1-9

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone.

The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

Sequence Hymn WLP 763

As We Gather At Your Table

Raquel

Holy Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

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, Form II (BCP 385)

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for Sean, our Presiding Bishop, for Mark, our Diocesan Bishop; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the church.

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the families of the departed. Pray for the families of those who have died.

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Confession of Sin (BCP 360)

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

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

Absolution

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 & Stewardship Moment

Offertory Sentence

The Offering

Choral Anthem

Brother James' Air

arr. Mack Wilberg

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want,
He makes me down to lie
In pastures green: He leadeth me
The quiet waters by.

Yea, though I pass thro' shadowed vale,
Yet will I fear no ill;
For Thou art with me,
And Thy rod and staff me comfort still.

My soul He doth restore again,
And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of blessedness,
E'en for His own name's sake.

My table thou hast furnished
In presence of my foes;
My head thou dost with oil anoint,
And my cup overflows

Goodness and mercy all my days
Will surely follow me;
And in my Father's heart always
My dwelling place shall be.
(adapted from Psalm 23)

Please stand as able.

Presentation Hymn 488

Be Thou My Vision

Slane

Holy Communion - Eucharistic Prayer A (BCP pg. 361)

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 right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world. 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 S 114

Holy, Holy, Holy

Healy Willan

Please stand, or kneel, as you are able.

Celebrant: Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when

we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 the 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again

Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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.

The bread is broken. Silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem WLP 865

Christ our Passover

Thaddeus Cavuoti

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

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.

Closing Hymn 345

Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise

Ellers

Dismissal (BCP 366)

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

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude

Prelude & Fugue in F

Johann S. Bach

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*Flowers given in memory of Martha Phillips
by Tom & Mary McLenigan*

PRAYER LIST:

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

Thanksgiving for the Wedding Engagement: Jill Koenig and Erin Long; Jackson Tournillon and Graycen Dunn

Repose of the Soul: Barbara Williamson (mother of Paige)

Health: Melissa Druitt (concussion/vision), Karen Nichols (cancer), Bill Nichols (heart disease), Weldon Showalter, Sr. (father of Jim Showalter), Walter Hinostrroza (stroke), John Freeman, Terry Jones, Leslie Brown, Woody Moore (skin cancer), Gary Capron (friend of Ron Boggio), Judy Cromb (cancer), Dorothy Griffin (grandmother of Eric Gomez), Ron Dunn, Mark Thompson (father-in-law of Nia Ravenstahl), Ashley M., David Gheen (Cancer, Pneumonia, and internal bleeding), Lila Dubishar (upcoming surgery)

Long Term: Sid, Maryanne, Chris W., Donna W., Chris, Chuck and Peggy, Catherine Hutcheon (Long Covid), 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 (spinal surgery), Mike Delacy, Eleanor Day, Krista Warnock (Parkinson's), Molly Reed, Craig Bilsborough (friend of Belinda Collins), Lynn W. (abdominal cancer), Linda Phillips, Mary Judith Perez, Eve & Richard MacMaster, Diane Golliday

THIS WEEK at St. TIMOTHY'S

Sunday, October 11 - LINK Food Drive

8:00 AM Rite I Holy Eucharist – Sanctuary

9:15 AM Choir Rehearsal – Music Room

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

Monday, October 12

12:15 PM Step into Recovery – AA

7:00 PM Hope for Today – Al Anon

7:30 PM Monday Night Milkshake Group – AA

7:30 PM Service Ministry Meeting - Conference Room

Tuesday, October 13

No Events Scheduled

Wednesday, October 14

4:00 PM DanceWorx - Narthex

4:00 PM Walk in Love Initiative - Parking Lot

5:00 PM St. Timothy's Pre-School Book Fair - Henry Hall

7:00 PM Endowment Committee Meeting (ZOOM)

7:00 PM Social Justice Ministry Meeting – C1

Thursday, October 15

7:00 PM Town of Herndon Council Election Town Hall -
Sanctuary & Henry Hall

Friday, October 16

10:30 AM St. Timothy's Pre-School Book Fair - Henry Hall

5:30 PM Herndon Parent's Group Meeting – Henry Hall

Saturday, October 17

9:00 AM Altar Guild Set-Up – Sanctuary

10:30 AM St. Tim's Pre-School Trunk or Treat -Parking Lot

12:00 PM Social Justice Ministry Prayer Service -
Off Campus

6:30 PM St. Timothy's Pre-School Book Fair - Henry Hall

7:00 PM La Santa Misa – Sanctuary & HH & Kitchen



PRESENTS

Everything Christmas

Your first stop for Christmas and seasonal items
for holiday décor, gifts, entertaining, and toys.

Friday, October 16 ☞ 3:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, October 17 ☞ 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Moose Lodge, 779 Center Street, Herndon, VA
Proceeds are returned to the community as grants and scholarships!

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JOIN US!

The Town of Herndon Town Council Candidate Forum

Hosted by Cornerstones and St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

- Meet the candidates
- Hear their views on key issues
- Get informed before you vote!

**Event will be live-streamed and recorded*

St. Timothy's Episcopal Church 432 Van Buren Street Herndon, VA 20170	Thursday, October 15, 2026 7:00PM - 9:00PM
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Scan the QR code to register

The **3rd Annual Preschool/Church Scholastic Book Fair** will be held
October 14-18 at St. Timothy's in Henry Hall!

We are looking for people to help set up the fair on Tuesday, October 13;
assist with sales on Sunday, October 18; and help take down the fair on
Sunday. To sign up to help, please visit the QR codes below or contact
Allyson Showalter at abshow91@gmail.com or 703-338-4720 (text/call).

SCHOLASTIC

BOOK FAIR

WEDNESDAY, OCT 14 - SUNDAY OCT 18

Day	Event	Time	Notes
WED OCT 14	STUDENT PREVIEW	9:30am - 11:30am	
WED OCT 14	OPEN TO SHOP	12:00pm - 1:30pm 5:00pm - 7:30pm	BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT
FRI OCT 16	OPEN TO SHOP	10:30am - 3:30pm	
SAT OCT 17	OPEN TO SHOP	6:30pm - 8:00pm	
SUN OCT 18	OPEN TO SHOP	8:30am - 12:00 pm	LAST DAY

For more info & online ordering, scan this QR code



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TODOS en DIOS
 ONE CHURCH, MANY CULTURES, ALL IN GOD
 2026

If you would like to help fund this event, we thank you! Please use this QR code:



Free Admission!
 Register by October 14:



October 24
 12-4pm
 St. Timothy's Episcopal Church
 432 Van Buren St.

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SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL LECTURE #9



AMERICA


Join us Sunday
October 18th
Henry Hall at 9 AM
(also online). This month:
The World War II Era

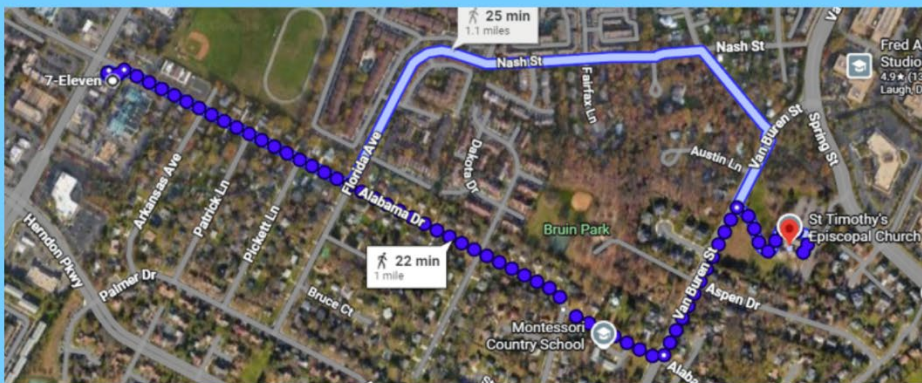
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The Walk in Love Initiative

to Promote Community Visibility and Connection in Herndon

- St. Timothy's Episcopal Church is launching the **Walk in Love Initiative**, a community-centered project of its Social Justice Ministry designed to promote visibility, connection, and understanding in the Alabama Drive neighborhood.
- **Beginning on October 7 and continuing each Wednesday through November 18**, members and supporters of St. Timothy's will walk **from the church (432 Van Buren St.) starting at 4 pm** through the Alabama Drive neighborhood to the 7-Eleven on Elden Street and back. The walks will take place during the after-school pickup window.



The **Walk in Love Initiative** reflects St. Timothy's commitment to social justice, community engagement, and the belief that all of God's children belong in our community, and that meaningful change begins with presence, listening, and relationship-building.

For more information, please contact Ron Boggio, Ministry Chair of the Social Justice Ministry at socialjustice@saint-timothys.org or the Reverend Charles Cowherd, Rector of St. Timothy's Episcopal Church at priest@saint-timothys.org or 703-437-3790.

News from the Service Ministry

We hope you had an opportunity to read our message about **Hunger** in the [September](#) and [October](#) issues of The Word Newsletter. If you didn't, the message is simple, food insecurity continues to grow in our affluent region! Here's what we can do about it:

- The 4th quarter LINK food drive kicks off today Sunday, October 11th so please be sure to pick up a blue bag or two, fill them and return them to the church on October 18th and 25th. You know the drill but feel free to send questions to service@saint-timothy's.org.
- Learn how food is collected from grocery stores, restaurants and large food banks and re-distributed through the Cornerstones Free from Hunger Center by attending an open house on October 15th or November 10th. [Signup Here](#)
- Stay tuned for more opportunities to learn about ways to solve hunger in our community including how the food donated through our LINK food drives gets to its clients.

If you want more information or wish to help, please contact Tom Bosworth, Carolyn Hamm or any member of the Service Ministry. As always, we thank you for *putting your faith to work* for our neighbors outside the walls of St. Timothy's.



Cornerstones 

Join Us!

OPEN HOUSE & TOUR!

Tour our newest facility, see firsthand how we are responding to growing food insecurity, and learn how Cornerstones has supported our neighbors for more than 55 years through stable housing, food security, and programs that help children and families thrive.

 TWO DATES TO CHOOSE FROM	 FREE from Hunger Center	RSVP TODAY! 
OCTOBER 15, 2026 10:00 AM TO 11:30 AM NOVEMBER 10, 2026 12:00 PM TO 1:30 PM	22560 GLENN DRIVE SUITE 105 STERLING, VA 20164	Registration is required

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