

St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

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Sunday, December 13, 2015

The Third Sunday of Advent

9:30 a.m.



Advent Wreath (week 3)

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Sunday Services

8:00 a.m.	Spoken Eucharist - Rite I
9:30 a.m.	Choral Eucharist - Rite II
11:00 a.m.	Eucharist With Hymns- Rite II

Opportunities for Children

9:30 a.m. & 11 a.m.	Godly Play (<i>ages 3 & potty trained - grade 2</i>) - Room B1
9:30 a.m.	Spark + (<i>grades 3-5</i>) - Room A-5
9:30 a.m.	Christian Education (<i>Grades 6-8</i>) - Room A-8
9:30 a.m.	Christian Education (<i>Grades 9-12</i>) - Upper Room

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday (The Daily Office)

Morning Prayer @ 8:45 a.m. (*20 minutes*)

Evening Prayer @ 5:00 p.m. (*20 minutes*)

Saint Timothy's Mission Statement

AS PEOPLE OF GOD, WE JOYFULLY WORSHIP GOD, SPREAD THE WORD OF GOD'S LOVE,
TREASURE ALL PEOPLE, AND SERVE OTHERS EVERYWHERE IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST.

THEREFORE, WITH GOD'S HELP, WE: OPEN OUR DOORS TO EVERYONE,
OPEN OUR HEARTS IN WORSHIP, OPEN OUR EYES TO THE SPIRIT'S GIFTS,
AND OPEN OUR ARMS TO EMBRACE GOD'S WORK.

Information For Our First Time Guests



All children are welcome to stay with parents in the Sanctuary during worship. However, for parents of children ages 0-3 years who want nursery care, we have a well-equipped and professionally-staffed nursery at the end of the hall nearest the Sanctuary. Each child brought to the nursery is given a number; only the parents of the child can take the child from the nursery. If a parent is needed during worship, the child's number will appear (in red LED's) on the black panels beneath the hymn boards on both sides of the Chancel. Parents, please bring diapers, any snacks, and formula as needed for your child.



All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the Sacrament. If you have not been baptized, please come to the Altar rail for a blessing during Holy Communion (place your arms across your chest to signify your desire for a blessing). If you would like to be baptized, please speak with the clergy after the service. To receive Holy Communion, accept the bread in your hand and place it in your mouth, then sip wine from the Chalice when it is brought to you (guide the Chalice to your mouth please), or hold the bread, dip it in the wine when the chalice comes to you, and place the bread with wine in your mouth. If you are allergic to wheat or are gluten intolerant, please let the person serving bread know to give you a rice wafer.

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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The Third Sunday of Advent

Holy Eucharist: Rite II

All hymns marked Hymnal are from the Hymnal 1982 (blue hymnals located in the front of the pews).

Hymns labeled WLP are from the green hymnal "Wonder, Love, and Praise."

Prelude

Benedictus

Alec Rowley (1892-1958)

The Word of God

At the tolling of the bell, all stand.

Processional Hymn 72

Hark the glad sound! The Savior comes

Richmond

The Penitential Order

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People ***His mercy endures for ever.***

Celebrant If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:8,9*

Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. *Hebrews 4:14,16*

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.***

Kyrie S91

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.
Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Willan

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever.

Amen.

The Lessons

A Reading from Zephaniah 3:14-20

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The LORD has taken away the judgments against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the LORD.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Canticle 9 Hymn 679

Surely it is God who saves me

Thomas Merton

A Reading from Philippians 4:4-7

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Sequence Hymn 67

Comfort, comfort ye my people

Psalm 42

Holy Gospel; Luke 3:7-18

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

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin 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.”

And the crowds asked him, “What then should we do?” In reply he said to them, “Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.” Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, “Teacher, what should we do?” He said to them, “Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.” Soldiers also asked him, “And we, what should we do?” He said to them, “Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.”

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, “I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People ***Praise be to thee, Lord Christ.***

Sermon

Ms. Taylor Poindexter, *Seminarian*

The Nicene Creed

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

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, have mercy.”

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For our Bishops, Michael, Shannon, Susan, and Ted. Grant, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For our Barack our president, Terry our governor, and Lisa our mayor; for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For this town of Herndon, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For *Mabel*, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

In the communion of Blessed Timothy and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God. **To thee, O Lord our God.**

Celebrant O Christ our God, who will come to judge the world in the humanity which you have assumed: We pray you to sanctify us wholly, that in the day of your coming we may be raised up to live and reign with you for ever. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Welcome & Announcements

The Offering

Celebrant “You have become gracious to your land, O Lord; you have restored the good fortune of Jacob; you have forgiven the iniquity of your people.” *Ps. 85:1,2*

Sanctus S114

Willan

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of
 Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -
 ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth
 in the name of the Lord. 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

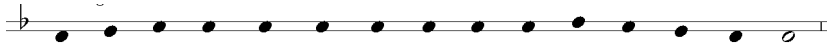
And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite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

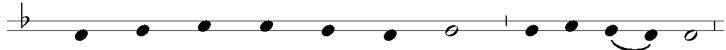
In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Timothy and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, 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.

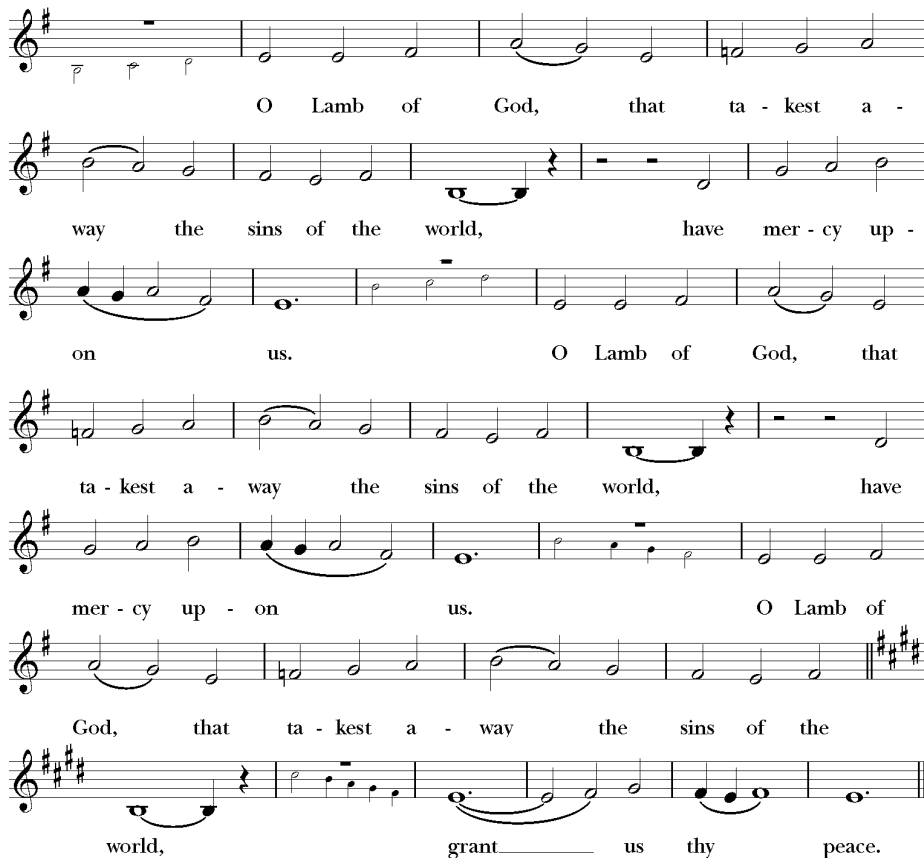
Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant 
Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

People 
There-fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

Fraction Anthem S158

Willan



O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -
way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -
on us. O Lamb of God, that
ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have
mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of
God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the
world, grant us thy peace.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The Administration of Communion

Communion Hymn 68

Rejoice, rejoice believers

Llangloffan

Hymn 56

O come, O come, Emmanuel (V.ss. 1-6)

Veni, veni Emmanuel

WLP 767

Baptized in water

Eugene Hancock

Commissioning of Lay Eucharistic Visitor

Celebrant Stephanie, in the Name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts to David Tetteyfo, that those to whom we go may share with us in Christ's Body and Blood.

All We who are many are one body, because we all share in one bread, one cup.

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.

Solemn Blessing

Priest May Almighty God, by whose providence our Saviour Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin. **Amen.**

May he whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love. **Amen.**

May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at his second Advent be rewarded with unending life. **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 76

On Jordan's bank, the Baptist's cry

Winchester New

Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ!

People Thanks be to God!

Postlude

O Savior, Rend the Heavens Wide

Walther Haffner (b. 1925)

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Gluten Free Communion Wafers

For some time, we have offered gluten-free communion wafers at all services. To prevent contamination, we will also offer a separate chalice at the 9:30 service. If you have a gluten allergy, please indicate this to the celebrant or verger, so you can receive Holy Communion appropriately. Thanks to our Seminarian, Taylor Poindexter, for this helpful suggestion.

Assisting in the Preparation and Conduct of Worship

Altar Guild		Bonnie Bunting, Judy Conroy, Emilia Mbonu, Kerrie Wilson
Counters		Pat McGibbon, Charlie Poandl
Ushers	8 am	Robin Mullet, Tom Rust
	9:30 am	Carol Durand, Don Durand
	11 am	Verner So, Chris James
Greeters	8 am	Pat Rhoads
	9:30 am	Hollis Colie
	11 am	Jill Cox
Lay Eucharistic Ministers	8 am	Peter Horsfield, Taylor Poindexter
	9:30 am	Jane Burkett, Laura Dendtler, Edna Whittick, Taylor Poindexter
		Liz Ward
	11 am	Taylor Poindexter, Dave Parker, Rose Berberich
Acolytes	9:30 am	Carolyn Wright, Gabe Fang-Weeden, Philip Michael
	11 am	

The greens on the altar during Advent are given by the People of God to the Glory of God as we celebrate God's coming to be among us in the form of a child!



If you'd like to remember a loved one who has departed this life or give thanksgiving for family & friends with a poinsettia for the Christmas Altar, please complete a Flower Envelope (on the cabinets in the Narthex) or call the office at 703-437-3790. Write "Christmas Flowers" on the date requested line. All Christmas Flower Envelopes must be received in the office **by Tuesday, December 15.**

thank
you!

Thank You for Making A Difference!

A heartfelt thank you to the **members of St. Tim's who donated so generously to the Angel Tree** this season, with toys and an ever growing number of warm winter accessories! Your giving has been plentiful and is very much appreciated!

Have someone you'd like to thank for contributing to St. Timothy's in some way? Send an email to thanks@saint-timothys.org with the person's name and what they did, and we will thank them in a future bulletin & eNews.

Do you need someone to talk to? Call a Stephen Minister!

Beth Hwoschinsky
703.450.8599

Peter Hwoschinsky
703.450.8599



**STEPHEN
MINISTRY**



Last Names M - R:

Please Bring Something For Coffee Hours On December 20!

We need your help to make our coffee hour a success. Please bring in a treat, pastry, or snack to share with others. Simply place whatever you've brought on the table in Henry Hall before you head into the service.

Upcoming: **S - Z** on Dec. 27 and **A - F** on January 3.

Church Events @ St. Tim's This Week

Only ministry related events are listed. Visit www.saint-timothys.org and click on the calendar link to see the full calendar.

Day	Time	Event	Location
Sunday 12/13	8, 9:30, & 11 a.m.	Holy Eucharist	Sanctuary
	9 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal	Music Room
	7 p.m.	Estudios Biblicos (<i>en español</i>)	B1
Monday 12/14	8:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer Service (20 minutes)	Sanctuary
	5 p.m.	Evening Prayer Service (20 minutes)	Sanctuary
	5 p.m.	Children's Choir	Music Room
	7 p.m.	Service Ministry Meeting	B1
	7 p.m.	BSA Troop 159 Meeting	Henry Hall
Tuesday 12/15	8:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer Service (20 minutes)	Sanctuary
	5 p.m.	Evening Prayer Service (20 minutes)	Sanctuary
Wednesday 12/16	10 a.m.	Morning Bible Study	Kitchen
	12:15 p.m.	Holy Eucharist & Healing Service	Sanctuary
	7 p.m.	Shawl Ministry	Narthex
	7 p.m.	Handbell Choir Rehearsal	Music Room
Thursday 12/17	8:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer Service (20 minutes)	Sanctuary
	5 p.m.	Evening Prayer Service (20 minutes)	Sanctuary
	5:30 p.m.	Pre Advent Service Dinner	Henry Hall
	6:30 p.m.	Weekly Advent Service	Sanctuary
	7 p.m.	Adult Choir Practice	Music Room
Friday 12/18	5 p.m.	Cub Pack Event	Henry Hall
	6 p.m.	Choir Practice (<i>En Español</i>)	Music Room
Saturday 12/19	8 a.m.	Finance Ministry Meeting	Upper Room
	9 a.m.	Altar Guild	Sanctuary, AG Rm, HH
	11 a.m.	Nativity Play Practice	Sanctuary
	7 p.m.	Santa Eucaristia	Sanctuary & HH
Sunday 12/20	8, 9:30, & 11 a.m.	Holy Eucharist	Sanctuary
	9 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal	Music Room
	12:15 p.m.	Christmas Services Participant Info Meeting	Sanctuary
	7 p.m.	Estudios Biblicos (<i>en español</i>)	B1



Sun. 12/13 David Tetteyfio, Andrew Hamm, Eric Horne
Mon. 12/14 Jean Shepherd, Keith Dera, David Abbott, Kathryn Byford
Tue. 12/15 Megan James
Wed. 12/16 Kathleen Klipfel
Fri. 12/18 Diana Wright, James Kidwell
Sat. 12/19 Bonnie Bunting, Jacqueline Lynch, Stephen Hackley Jr.
Sun. 12/20 John Druitt

General Announcements

Today is Gaudete Sunday, the Third Sunday of Advent.

“Gaudete” is Latin for “joyful,” which derives from the traditional introit verse associated with this Sunday, “*Rejoice in the Lord always; and again I say, Rejoice; let your moderation be known unto all men; the Lord is at hand.*” (Philippians 4:4). This Sunday is a time of joy & celebration in the midst of the penitential season of Advent, as we anticipate God’s coming to bless and save the world in Jesus Christ. The traditional liturgical color for this Sunday is rose or pink, as can be seen in the Advent Wreath candle.

Treasurer’s Note- Update On Giving

Last Sunday's giving to the General Fund totaled \$11,290. This leaves \$130,470 to meet our budgeted revenue goals and obligations for 2015. Thank you for your support of St. Timothy's mission and ministries. The Stewardship Committee is still collecting pledges for our 2016 vision. Contact the church office if you need a pledge card or if you have any questions.

Singing Rooster Coffee Has Arrived!

If you ordered coffee to support the Haiti Ministry, please pick it up at the church. There is a note on each bag with what you ordered and how much you owe. Please drop off your payment when you pick up your coffee; make checks out to St Timothy's and put code 604 - coffee on the “for” line. If leaving cash, please put it in an envelope with your name on it. If you forgot to order, or if you want more coffee, we have extra of the most popular types. Bags of coffee are \$10 each and kcups are \$11. If you have any questions, please contact Chris Brock at thegunny.99@gmail.com.

Want To Make A Difference At St. Tim’s But Don’t Know Where To Start?

Become a **STAR** (*Small Tasks Are Rewarding*) volunteer! It’s a great starting point for getting involved!

- Simply email Nikki O’Malley at nikki.omalley@gmail.com to sign up. When a Ministry needs assistance for a one-time or short-term task, the ministry sends an email requesting assistance.
- If you can help, simply reply directly to the ministry’s email. If you can’t help with a particular request, no problem! You will remain on the STAR list and will be emailed again in the future.

Becoming a STAR is a wonderful way to find your Ministry niche as you give your time and talent to God. If you’re currently signed up and your availability has changed and you’d like to be removed, email Nikki. Thank you to all of our current STARS for all you do to make a difference!

Angel Tree Program Collection!

Our beloved Angel Tree awaits you in Henry Hall after today's services! Please drop off your scarves, hats, mittens, socks, and gloves for adult & children clients of the Embury Rucker Shelter and LAWS. In this way, our Angel Tree continues to give to our local community during this holiday season.

This Is The Winter Ember Week, When We Pray For Vocations To The Sacred Ministry.

Wednesday, Friday and Saturday of this week are special days of fasting and prayer. The Litany for Ordinations (BCP 548-551) is especially appropriate to pray on these days.

Weekly Advent Services On Thursday Evenings At 6:30 p.m.

O Come, O Come Emmanuel is the theme of our Advent weekday worship services. We use the evocative Service of Light from the Book of Common Prayer, and Fr. Mark offers a meditation each evening on one of the traditional O Antiphons that form the verses of the beloved hymn. This week's meditation will be on the antiphon "O Key of David." Bring a pot of soup or loaf of bread to share for a simple supper beforehand at 5:30 in Henry Hall.

General Announcements *(Continued)*

Christmas Flower Offering (December 15th Deadline)

If you would like to remember a loved one who has departed this life or give thanks for family and friends with a poinsettia for the Christmas Altar, please complete a Flower Envelope (located on the cabinets in the Narthex) or call the office at 703-437-3790. Please write "Christmas Flowers" on the date requested line. All Christmas Flower Envelopes must be received in the office by December 15.

Bulletin & eNews Announcement Deadlines

Due to the busy season and office closures, all bulletin announcements for Dec. 27 and Jan. 3, as well as all eNews announcements for Dec. 25 and Jan. 1, are due by 9 a.m. on December 16.

LINK Holiday Food Drive

The LINK Holiday Food Distribution will be held Saturday, December 19th at Trinity Presbyterian in Herndon and Christ the Redeemer Catholic Church in Sterling. Toys will be distributed at Herndon United Methodist. Please drop off donations of non-perishable food at the collection bin in Henry Hall. Most needed items include: pasta, sauce, black & kidney beans, rice, canned fruit, canned meat and tuna, peanut butter, jelly and cereal. Volunteers are also needed Dec. 14 - 19 to collect donations, sort food and escort clients the day of the distribution. To volunteer, please visit the Sign-up Genius link at www.SignUpGenius.com/go/904044EA9A7292-201510 For more information, please contact Shon Beury, shonbeury@aol.com.

Annual Holiday Potluck & Sing Along Saturday, December 19 At 5:30 p.m.

The Nixon Family invites you to their home for their Annual Holiday Potluck and Sing Along (12712 Builders Road, Herndon, VA 20170). The Nixon's will provide the entrée. Please bring an appetizer, side dish, beverage, or dessert to share. If you cannot join for dinner, please come around 6:30 for singing and dessert. Please RSVP (703.437.0370 or senixon@verizon.net). All ages are welcome!

Christmas Eve Participant Info Meeting On Sunday, December 20, After The 11 a.m. Service!

There will be an important info meeting for all participating in our Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Services in a volunteer role. This group includes ushers, greeters, Lay Eucharist Ministers, etc. The meeting will begin promptly at 12:15 p.m. We will discuss logistics and important information that will help us prepare for our beautiful Christmas Services here at St. Tim's!

Looking For An Opportunity To Serve Those In Need This Christmas?

Epiphany Episcopal Church, in partnership with FACETS* and other area churches, will host a Hypothermia Shelter each day December 20 – 27. Homeless members of our community will be offered a hot meal, fellowship and a dry, warm place to sleep. The support of several churches is needed to make this event a success. Volunteers are needed to prepare and serve dinner, help with sack lunches, provide entertainment, and assist with transportation. Donated items are also needed such as board games, reading material and warm clothing. If you are interested in volunteering your time, please sign up at www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0c45acae23a3fc1-hypothermia.

To donate items, please check this link: <http://tinyurl.com/ow5k48t>. Please consider volunteering to assist those most in need in our community. If you are interested please contact Carolyn Hamm (carolynhamm@verizon.net). Sponsored by the Service Ministry, Putting your faith to work.

** FACETS is a well known non-profit in Fairfax County helping people in need of emergency shelter, food and medical needs. FACETS staff will be present at all times.*

General Announcements *(Continued)*

Help Decorate For Christmas On December 22 Or 23!

The Altar Guild begins decorating on the 22nd at 6 p.m. by prepping the poinsettias. We'll decorate the Sanctuary and Narthex for Christmas services on Dec. 23, starting at 10 a.m. until completed. The Altar Guild welcomes anyone wishing to help. Don't have time but still want to help? Please consider making a donation for poinsettias. For more info. contact Mary McLenigan at 703.391.2950.

Greeters Needed

Greeters are needed for special services during the Christmas season to greet visitors & congregants alike. If you would like to volunteer your services, please contact Jill Cox on 703-936 5021 or e-mail: jillcoxva@Verizon.net as soon as possible. Special Services are Christmas eve, 12/24, at 4 p.m. (service with children's Nativity Play), 7 p.m., and 10 p.m. as well as Christmas day, 12/25, at 11 a.m.

Christmas Eve Luminaries -- Come Join Us At 1 p.m. On Christmas Eve!

We will gather at the St. Tim's outdoor bell where we will have a "production line" established for creating and setting out approximately 350 to 500 luminaries around the St. Tim's grounds. It is a beautiful addition to the Christmas Eve worship services. The only thing that slows us down (or stops this event) is rain, snow, or wind (apparently, paper bags and lit candles don't do well under these three conditions!??). Mr. D will have the Christmas music ~~blaring~~ playing from his car and there might even be hot chocolate. Clean up is December 26 at 10 a.m. (bring several trash bags to help haul away the luminaries). Thank you! Questions? Text Mr. Dubishar at 703.850.1751.

New Sunday Morning Schedule Begins December 27.

Starting 12/27 we'll move to a regular schedule of two Sunday morning services. Our service of Holy Eucharist Rite I remains at 8 a.m. and a service of Choral Eucharist (Rite II) will be held at 10 a.m. A Misa en Español will be celebrated each Saturday evening at 7 p.m. An adult education class will be offered in Henry Hall at 9 a.m., and Godly Play and Christian Education will take place at 10 a.m.

Save The Date: Our Annual Meeting Will Be Sunday, January 10 At 12:15 P.M.!

Following a brief business meeting and election of new vestry members, we'll share a meal. Rev. Mary Thorpe, Diocesan Transition Officer, will make a presentation about the Search Process and answer questions. The vestry plans to choose members for the Rector Search Committee at their annual retreat on January 29-30, which will mark the beginning of our rector search process. Please speak with a vestry member if you feel God may be calling you to serve Saint Timothy's in this role.

GtGtL (Gifts to Glorify the Lord) Update

In case you haven't heard, our organ builder John Farmer has begun to rebuild his main workshop barn that burned in March of this year. They hope to complete it in January and will then be able to move the heavy machinery in and start work on the larger elements of our organ restoration project. We are thankful the Farmers have persistently worked through a lot of building permit issues and pray for a safe and efficient rebuilding of their primary workspace. ALLELUIA!

Many Thanks To All Who Made Advent Lessons & Carols So Special Last Sunday, Dec. 6!

The Adult (*Voice and Handbell*) and Children's Choirs, along with Evelyn Showalter, oboist, did beautifully in the presentation of seasonal music for Advent. Thanks also to readers, Marie Lally, Jill Cox, Evelyn Showalter, Nancy Miller, Kaworu Yanagihara, Jane Burkett and Joe Weeden. Ching Fang-Weeden was responsible for organizing the lovely reception in Henry Hall after the service.



Saint Timothy's Prayer List *Submissions added this week are in italics.*

Health & Other Needs

Ralph, Bill, Dave, Florita, Jean, Peter, Ted, Laura, Mary, Jean, Loran, Julie, Geoff, Mabel, Dave, Melissa, Paige, Phyllis, Pam, Cheryl, David, Diane, Christine, Richard, Herta, Catherine, Matthew, Julie, Bill, June, The people of Haiti, Our Little Roses Orphanage, Residents of the Loudoun Abused Women's Shelter, Alma, Donna, William, Dora, Barbara, Anne, Kathryn, Joey, Richard, Sue, Damien, Jerry, Elaine, Kevin, Jeanne, and Jane.

Friends, Family Members, and of Parishioners: Evelyn, Pete, Lenore, Cheryl, Doug, Buzz, Charles, Max, Kevin and Hannah, Annette, Roger, Will, Marcel, Sally, Dr. Sakr, and Dara.

Please Note: *Email requests to Prayer@saint-timothys.org with the name of the person and prayer request. Please note, the request itself will only be placed on the list for the Pastoral Care Team to pray for; first names will be placed in the bulletin. If you don't have access to email, call the church office & leave your request with the Director of Parish Operations, 703.437.3790 x.10.*

Celebrate Christmas @ Saint Timothy's!

Feel free to invite friends, family, & neighbors to attend one of our Community Christmas Services!



Community Christmas Eve Services, Thursday, December 24, 2015

4:00 p.m. Children's Service with Nativity Play and Eucharist

7:00 p.m. Festival Eucharist *with Music Prelude at 6:30 p.m.*

10:00 p.m. Festival Eucharist *with Music Prelude at 9:30 p.m.*

Community Christmas Day Service, Friday, December 25, 2015

11 a.m. Bi-lingual (*English & Spanish*) Christmas Day Service

Bulletin & eNews Submissions Reminder

*Submissions for both the weekly bulletin and eNews are due Wednesdays by 9 a.m. of the week they are published unless otherwise communicated. **Submissions for December 18 - January 3 are due on Wednesday, December 16 at 9 a.m.** If you would like to submit a church related announcement, you can email the Parish Administrator at office@saint-timothys.org. You will receive a reply email to confirm your submission was received.*