



St. Timothy's Episcopal Church
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Newcomer Information

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Introduction

Welcome to St. Timothy's Episcopal Church. 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. This booklet has information on the many opportunities St. Timothy's can serve your spiritual needs. We hope you will continue to join us in worshipping God and in serving others.

Rector: The Rev. Brad Rundlett

Associate Rector: The Rev. Leslie Chadwick

Organist/Music Director: Mr. Peter Waggoner

Director of Christian Education: Position open

Director of Parish Operations: Ms. Keith Nelsen Stroud

Service Times:

Sundays	8:00 a.m.	Holy Communion, Rite I (no music)
	9:30, 11:00 a.m.	Holy Communion, Rite II
Wednesdays	12:15 p.m.	Holy Communion and Healing
Saturdays	7:00 p.m.	Latino Prayer Services

A Brief History

The first service of St. Timothy's Episcopal Church took place November 1, 1868. By 1872, a small building, formerly a cheese factory, was acquired, renovated, and named St. Timothy's Mission. This building is now the Masonic Lodge at the corner of Elden and Grace Streets. As the church grew, the congregation raised funds with horse shows, rummage sales, and auctions, and invested the proceeds in War Bonds. This fundraising culminated in the construction of the parish hall in 1947.

As Herndon, Reston, and Sterling grew, the church planned for a major expansion, purchasing ten acres of pasture to build the what is now Henry Hall. Consecrated in 1969, it served as the church, education building, and parish hall. The present sanctuary was consecrated in 1982, and a major renovation of the parish hall and construction of the educational wing was completed in January 2004. Our baptismal font and hymn boards date from the late 19th century. The bell from the 1881 church building has been electrified and continues to ring before every major holy day and Sunday service.

Please Worship With Us

We welcome everyone—regardless of race, orientation, gender, or religious belief—who would like to worship with us and become a part of our community. We respect doubts and questions, and recognize we do not have all the answers. If you wish to become a member, all we need is the place and date of your Baptism (we honor Baptism in every Church or denomination in the Christian family).

Communion/Eucharist

All Baptized Christians may receive the bread and wine of Holy Communion: stand or kneel at the Altar rail, accept the bread or gluten-free wafer in your hands and ingest it, then sip wine from the chalice. Or, you may dip the bread or wafer in the chalice and ingest bread and wine together. We recognize that parents may or may not want small children to have sacramental wine; individuals with the disease of alcoholism or other medical issues for whom alcohol is contraindicated should not ingest wine. Simply indicate to the chalice bearer if you do not want wine. If you do not want Communion, you may receive a blessing at the rail directly from one of our priests; place both arms across your chest (like an X) or simply whisper to one of our ministers that you want a blessing.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion is a celebration of what Episcopalians call “Real Presence” - we believe Jesus Christ is really present (in Spirit) in the bread and wine. We receive his Spirit when we ingest the bread and wine. And his spirit conveys God’s grace.



Baptism

The Sacrament of Baptism is a celebration of life, an acknowledgment that every person is a child of God; Baptism is also a welcome into the Christian community. In this Sacrament we are assured of God's love and forgiveness, and we recognize that we belong to God. If you have not been Baptized, please speak with one of our priests, Rev. Leslie or Fr. Brad.

Accessibility

The sanctuary is accessible via a ramp at the front door or through the lower level (preschool entrance) via an elevator. Anyone with a disability who needs help getting to Church for worship or activities should contact *accessibility@saint-timothys.org*.

Nursery

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 may take the child from the nursery. If a parent is needed during worship, the child's number will appear (in red LED) on the black panels beneath the hymn boards on both sides of the Sanctuary.

Sunday School

Sunday School for children is offered during the 9:30 and 11:00 am services. At the 9:30 service, children ages 3- second grade and potty trained begin the service with their parents and exit the Sanctuary after the first collect to attend Godly Play. They rejoin their parents at the Peace. At the 11:00 service, children ages 3-sixth grade are dropped off by their parents at their Sunday School classroom before the service begins. Classrooms are on the lower level.

Music Ministry

We have a robust music ministry at St. Timothy's with many opportunities for people of all ages and abilities to become involved. Our music program includes family, youth and adult choirs, instrumental accompaniment, and our three-octave handbell choir. We always welcome new musicians, singers and ringers. If you would like to join a choir or volunteer your music skills for a service, please contact Peter Waggoner, our Music Director, at the church office or at peterw@saint-timothys.org. Join us at one of our rehearsals:



Tuesday:	Handbell Choir (age 14+)	6:30 PM - 7:30 PM
	St. Cecilia & St. Ambrose Choirs	7:30 PM - 9:00 PM
Thursday:	Jubilate Choir (age 8-13)	4:30 PM - 5:30 PM

Christian Education

St. Timothy's offers Journey to Adulthood (J2A) and Rite 13 comprehensive Christian Education for youth in grades 6-12. Children from preschool through 2nd grade attend Godly Play, and an expanded Godly Play program will be offered for grades 3 to 5 beginning in the Fall of 2012. (Grades 3-5 currently use the Spark! curriculum during Sunday School). All classes are held on the lower level, downstairs from the Sanctuary, except for Senior High, which meets in the loft above Henry Hall. Children who attend Sunday School rejoin their parents in the Sanctuary during the Peace prior to Eucharist, about 45 minutes into the service.

An annual Vacation Bible School is conducted for one week in the summer and separate classes are offered for youth in preparation for Confirmation.

Adult Education opportunities range from Wednesday morning 10 AM bible

study through seasonal programs such as the Lenten study, and an adult evening lecture program that has hosted distinguished local scholars in theology.

In addition, St. Timothy's holds Education for Ministry (EfM) classes on Tuesday mornings and Sunday evenings. The EfM course of study was established by the University of the South, School of Theology (Sewanee). This four-year course, which earns student 18 hours of continuing education credit per year, equips lay people to discern and pursue their individual ministries. Students register for one year at a time, and at St. Timothy's, we begin each year in January and end in December.

Other Opportunities

You may choose to participate in our worship service as a Lay Eucharistic Minister, lector (reader), usher, greeter, or member of the Altar Guild or Flower Guild. Children in grades 2 through 12 are also welcome to participate as acolytes.



Join us in Service



St. Timothy's has a strong tradition of outreach, both within and beyond the community much of it through our strong program of volunteer ministries. Our acclaimed preschool, which welcomes children of all faiths, was founded in 1974.

The Closet, Herndon's renowned used clothing exchange, had its beginnings at St. Timothy's in the 1970s. A young St. Timothy's deacon initiated the first shelter for the homeless in Fairfax County in 1984. Volunteers set up cots and provided dinners in Henry Hall. Other churches joined in the effort, culminating in the building of the Embry Rucker Shelter in nearby Reston.

Our parishioners support and participate in annual youth mission trips to Appalachia, adult mission trips to the Pine Ridge Indian reservation in South Dakota, and adult mission trips to Haiti, and have also participated in Habitat for Humanity trips in the United States and abroad.

The congregation also began its own food table ministry supporting local residents in addition to supporting Reston Interfaith, LINK (an ecumenical food ministry), Our Little Roses Orphanage in Honduras, and many other worthy charities.

Within our community of St. Timothy's Church there are many opportunities, organizations and ministries that may be of interest to you. Please feel free to contact the parish office or any of the following groups for further information.

Haiti Ministry and Mission

In 2010, St. Timothy's began supporting students at an Episcopal Primary School in Chapoteau, Haiti. In this small, poor village on the north side of Lake Peligre, we provide tuition and supplies for eighteen children who

would not otherwise be able to attend school. Most schools in Haiti are church affiliated, requiring them to purchase and wear uniforms and buy their own books. The school provides a daily meal of beans and rice, which is often the only meal the children will eat that day.

In 2011, a six member mission team from St. Timothy's visited Chapoteau to learn more about the school. The mission team found that there are as many as one hundred children who are not able to attend school due to lack of money. And, part of the school facility is badly in need of repair.

Beginning in 2012, we hope to not only begin supporting an additional two children but also set aside funds to build a kitchen for the school. All money sent to Chapoteau is from donors. Fundraising for these efforts are ongoing throughout the year.

Father Brad, mission team members, and the Service Ministry chair are all able to offer more information about the Haiti Ministry and Mission.

Lakota Ministry

With God's love, we extend our hand to serve the needs of the Lakota, to build friendships, and to foster cultural exchange. With God's help, we will: volunteer our time and talents: perform work projects agreed upon with the Lakota Community: and make an annual trip to the Pine Ridge Reservation. The annual team activities, the work, the cultural education and the sharing hand and heart, are the embodiment of the mission statement. While on the reservation, we repair homes, bond with the children, learn about the rich spiritual past and present of the people, and share in their daily lives. By returning to the Lakota Nation each year, we confirm our commitment to them, honoring them in the giving of ourselves - sharing God's love for all His people.

Service

The Service Ministry is the central outreach committee of the church. Through education, fundraising, and the collection of goods and services, we coordinate St. Timothy's resources. We serve a variety of organizations in need locally, nationally, and internationally. Our largest effort is in Haiti where we sponsor students at a small rural village. Service Ministry members offer their time and talent to educate the congregation about the out-

reach groups we support and we hold multiple fundraisers throughout the year to benefit those groups. Additionally, we sponsor an annual collection of school supplies for disadvantaged children, a food drive to supply a local food bank and, through the Angel Tree program, Christmas gifts for area families. The ministry also solicits volunteers and promotes community programs such as The Closet thrift shop, the Jeanie Schmidt Free Clinic, Loudoun Abused Women's Shelter (LAWS), and Reston Interfaith which provides many services to the disadvantaged.

Youth Group

Our Youth Group welcomes all 6-12th graders. We seek to build a community in which people can share who they are with each other and experience Christ in their midst. Gatherings provide opportunities for fellowship, service, and spiritual growth. Officers work with adult coordinators to plan fun events and to engage in meaningful service of others, including making bagged lunches for two shelters, joining the annual Help the Homeless Walk, participating in World Vision's 30 Hour Famine, supporting the Jeannie Schmidt Free Clinic, lighting candles



for the Antietam Memorial Illumination, singing at assisted living facilities, offering a Challenger Dance for special-needs children, and taking an annual mission trip to repair houses in Dungannon, Virginia (Appalachia). We serve our parish community by annually hosting coffee hour, the Halloween Party, Epiphany Pageant, and the Easter Egg Hunt, and by setting up luminaria for Christmas Eve. We meet most Sunday evenings for games, food, fellowship, discussion, movies, and prayer, and gather for brunch on third Sundays and weekly for Sunday School. Each year, older youth come together for special classes to prepare for Confirmation and get to know God, the Bible, and each other better. Finally, we simply enjoy each other's company at events like the ski trip, laser tag, cookouts, outdoor adventures, and other excursions.

Email: Leslie Chadwick at lesliec@saint-timothys.org

Pastoral Care

St. Timothy's Pastoral Care Ministry provides support to others in times of trouble, both large and small, through several ongoing programs.

Our "Helping Hands" ministry sends sympathy and get well wishes, makes meals and delivers them, reads to others, or provides transportation to doctor's offices for those unable to drive. Members of this ministry pray for others, maintaining a prayer chain, visit those who are hospitalized or home bound, and host receptions in Henry Hall following funerals.

Stephen Ministers are lay people providing confidential, one-to-one Christian care to individuals within our congregation and community who are experiencing difficulties and challenges in their lives. Stephen Ministers receive over 50 hours of formal training in providing emotional and spiritual care. They take the time to listen and walk beside someone who is facing a crisis or a life challenge.



St. Timothy's Shawl Ministry, a "loosely knit group," meets twice a month to create prayer shawls and other knitted items with special meaning. Each shawl is blessed by the group and given to someone in need of comfort. The Shawl Ministry welcomes all, particularly those interested in learning to knit or crochet.

Communications

Our Communications Ministry keeps congregants and the larger community informed of all the ministries, outreach activities, and special worship services of St. Timothy's. Members issue press releases, maintain our website, publish the monthly "Word" newsletter and weekly eNews, and gather and publish other information about activities and special events hosted by our Church family. To subscribe to the eNews, visit the website at www.saint-timothys.org and click the "get email updates" link at the top of the home page.

Finance

Our Finance Ministry is responsible for reviewing annual ministry budget submissions and preparing an overall budget for St. Timothy's based on projected income. This budget is then submitted to the Vestry for approval.

Stewardship

All we are and everything we have is a gift from God, a sacred trust. We believe all human beings are accountable to God, and are called to give our time, our abilities, and our financial resources to help our neighbors on this planet who do not have what they need to live in good health and dignity. Therefore we pledge a significant portion of our time, ability, and finances to St. Timothy's, to be used as God has decreed. It is our custom therefore to pledge a significant portion of our time, ability, and financial resources to St. Timothy's. Pledge cards are available (ask our clergy). Financial contributions may be made with cash, checks, electronic fund transfer, bank check, or credit card (on-line). Please be aware that the Church is charged a transaction fee for credit card donations and offset this expense if you can.

As stewards of God's providence we do not limit our giving to a proportion or tithe of our resources. We are called to exercise fearless generosity, learn to live more simply, and radically reduce our disproportionate consumption of the world's resources.

Open Arms and Hospitality

The Open Arms & Hospitality Ministry welcomes newcomers, encourages newcomer awareness, and strives to make everyone feel at home at St. Timothy's. Members sponsor newcomers' receptions, greet people before and after Sunday services, send brochures and information on St. Timothy's to new area residents, and deliver gifts of baked goods to area visitors. Within the church, Open Arms coordinates the annual Ministry Fair, runs the "What is an Episcopalian?" class twice a year, and answers questions from the Question Box in the Narthex. The hospitality portion of the ministry is responsible for the annual parish luncheon in January, the Bishop's luncheon, and coordinating "Welcome Home" Sunday.



Buildings and Grounds

St. Timothy's Buildings and Grounds Ministry oversees the repair, maintenance, and enhancement of our property and buildings. Members ensure the grass is mowed, the grounds are maintained, the snow is removed, and repairs are made to the building expeditiously. The Buildings and Grounds Ministry recently oversaw the completion of our enclosed courtyard.

VoCoSuM

The Volunteer Coordination and Support Ministry (VoCoSuM) seeks to help raise the awareness of the St. Tim's community to opportunities to serve and thus deepen their Christian life. VoCoSuM members help connect the gifts/ talents of the people with ministry needs to help insure everyone has an opportunity to serve in a way that is fulfilling. We also compile and publish updated STAR ("Smaller Tasks are Rewarding") lists of smaller and one-time ministry task needs. This is a wonderful and easy way to get involved, meet others, and help our parish community. VoCoSuM members also organize and facilitate twice-yearly Vestry/Ministry Leader meetings. And we assist, as requested, with supporting the Vestry and any ministries with facilitating topic-specific meetings, providing leader training and consultation, and giving ad hoc support for ministry volunteer needs.

Contact: Jane Perry at eperry2ster@gmail.com

Saint Timothy's Preschool

St. Timothy's Pre-School was established in 1975 as an outreach program of the Church and is a part of the Church's ministry to the local community. Members of the Church are granted priority in registration. The program provides a half-day educational experience for children ages three through five years old. The pre-school is committed to meeting the needs and potential of each child in an interracial, non-denominational environment. The pre-school is licensed by the State of Virginia and is a member of the Episcopal Schools Association. Please visit the school's website at sttimothypreschool.com for more information.

Email: *sttimothysschool@aol.com*

Vestry

Vestry members are baptized Christians of at least 18 years of age, elected by the congregation to serve as the legal representatives of the Parish in all matters concerning its corporate property and the relationship of the parish to its clergy. Each of our twelve vestry members serves one term of three years; the terms rotate so that four vestry members are elected every year during services preceding St. Timothy's annual parish meeting in January.



Officers

Senior Warden: Ted Mankin
Junior Warden: Liz Ward
Treasurer: Rick Wilson
Registrar: Rose Berberich

Liaisons

Ad Hoc: Liz Ward
Buildings & Grounds: Mike Colie
Communications: Jeanne Bennett
Education & Youth: Carolyn Hamm
Open Arms/Hospitality: Sandy Wright
Finance: Allison Dodd
Service: Keith Pinkard
Stewardship: Eugene Nkomba
VoCoSuM: Duncan Hutcheon
Worship & Music: Marty Brady
Youth: Donna Cornwell
Alternate: Beth Luminitzer

Becoming a Member

We invite you to make Saint Timothy's your church home. If you have already been baptized in the name of the Father, The Son, and the Holy Spirit, you are welcome to receive Holy Communion at St. Timothy's.

If you have not been baptized, both infant and adult baptism is available to you at St. Timothy's. Adult candidates may be instructed by the clergy, prior to receiving the sacrament of Holy Baptism.

You can become a member of St. Timothy's congregation by providing a copy of your baptismal documentation to the church office or filling out our online form at <http://www.saint-timothys.org/uploads/docs/info-form.pdf>. St. Timothy's will then initiate a membership transfer. Once the transfer is complete, your name will be entered into our Parish Register and you will be notified that you are officially a member of St. Timothy's church family.

To remain a member in good standing, you must attend at least three services per year and contribute annually to the church. Members in good standing may vote in the annual meeting (held in January), vote in church elections, and hold church offices, including membership in the Vestry.

Confirmation is the rite in which an Episcopalian expresses a mature commitment to Christ, and receives strength from the Holy Spirit through prayer, anointing and the laying on of hands by a bishop. Instruction by the clergy is required prior to being confirmed.

If you've been baptized and confirmed in a different denomination, you may elect to be received into the Episcopal Church in a ceremony presided over by a bishop. Instruction by our clergy is a prerequisite to reception. If it's been a long time since you've been to church, you may choose to be reaffirmed. This is an opportunity to reclaim your place in the church's fellowship.

Please inquire at the church office if you are interested in baptism, confirmation, reception, reaffirmation, or transferring your membership to St. Timothy's.

Church Information

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Office Hours

Monday-Friday,

9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

For appointments, please call

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Service Times

Sundays

8:00 a.m.

Eucharist, Rite I

9:30 a.m.

Eucharist, Rite II

Godly Play, ages 3-9

Nursery Care

11:00 a.m.

Eucharist, Rite II

Sunday School

Godly Play, ages 3-9

Nursery Care

Wednesday

12:15 P.M.

Eucharist and

Healing Service

Saturday

7:00 P.M.

Latino Prayer Service