



ST. TIMOTHY'S EPISCOPAL
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Sunday, April 17, 2022

Easter Day

8 a.m.



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Weekly Services:

Sunday, 8:00 a.m.

Sunday, 10:00 a.m.

Domingo, 7:00 p.m.

Holy Eucharist Rite I, spoken

Holy Eucharist Rite II, with choir

Santa Eucaristía Rito II, en español

Opportunities for Children:

Sunday, 10 a.m.

Godly Play (*ages 3 & potty trained – age 9*) Room B-1

Easter Sunday, April 17, 11 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt (*children 12 and under*) Bring a basket

Saint Timothy's Mission Statement

SAINT TIMOTHY'S MISSION IS TO RESTORE ALL PEOPLE
TO UNITY WITH GOD AND EACH OTHER IN CHRIST.

Information For Our First Time Guests

We invite you to fill out a Welcome Card which can be found 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.

All children are welcome to stay with parents in the Sanctuary during worship. For your convenience, there are two rocking chairs located at the back of the sanctuary to help soothe fussy children. Please feel free to use them when needed. If you prefer, the Toddler Room at the end of the hall to the right outside the Sanctuary also has rockers and a few small toys you are welcome to use.

We invite you to share in the Sacrament of Holy Communion. To receive, come forward and accept the bread. If you are allergic to wheat or are gluten intolerant, please ask the person serving bread to give you a rice wafer. Please know that, by long held tradition, Holy Communion in one kind (either the bread or the wine) is full and complete Communion.

If you do not wish to receive Holy Communion, we invite you to come forward for a blessing during Holy Communion. Place your arms across your chest to signify your desire for a blessing.

Staff

Regular church office hours are 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM Monday to Friday.

[The Rev. Charles Cowherd](#), Priest-in-Charge (x12)

[Deb Angermann](#), Bookkeeper (x13)

[Julio Cuellar](#), Spanish Service Music Director

[Todd Grivetti](#), Organist/Choirmaster (x16)

[Fr. Franklin Morales](#), Spanish Service Priest

[Alecia Moroz](#), Parish Admin/Communications Director (x10)

[Nora St. Arnold](#), Director of Saint Timothy's Preschool (x14)

Vestry

Co-Sr. Warden – Betsy Bosworth (2025)

Co-Sr. Warden – Carolyn Hamm (2025)

Jr. Warden – Maria LaWalt (2025)

Tom Davis (2024)

David Dopsovic (2024)

Tatiana Martinez (2023)

Hugh Masters (Alt – 2023)

Kristie Rudolph (2025)

Ralph Tildon (2023)

Paige Williamson (2024)

Trustees

Tom McLenigan

Keith Sinclair

Deke Smith

Don't forget to place your phone on silent/vibrate during today's service. Thank you!

Easter Day

Holy Eucharist: Rite I

The Word of God

At the tolling of the bell, all stand.

The Easter Acclamation (BCP 323)

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen!

People: **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

The Collect for Purity (BCP 323)

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria (BCP 324)

All: **Glory be to God on high,
and on earth peace, good will towards men.**

**We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee,
we glorify thee,
we give thee thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.**

**O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.**

**Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.**

**For thou only art holy;
thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ,
with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

The Collect of the Day (BCP 170)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant: O God, who for our redemption didst give thine only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection hast delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through the same thy Son Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

The Lessons

A Reading from Acts 10:34-43

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 *Confitemini Domino* (Read in unison)

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; *
his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let Israel now proclaim, *
"His mercy endures for ever."
- 14 The LORD is my strength and my song, *
and he has become my salvation.
- 15 There is a sound of exultation and victory *
in the tents of the righteous:
- 16 "The right hand of the LORD has triumphed! *
the right hand of the LORD is exalted!
the right hand of the LORD has triumphed!"
- 17 I shall not die, but live, *
and declare the works of the LORD.
- 18 The LORD has punished me sorely, *
but he did not hand me over to death.
- 19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; *
I will enter them;
I will offer thanks to the LORD.
- 20 "This is the gate of the LORD; *
he who is righteous may enter."
- 21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me *
and have become my salvation.
- 22 The same stone which the builders rejected *
has become the chief cornerstone.
- 23 This is the LORD's doing, *
and it is marvelous in our eyes.
- 24 On this day the LORD has acted; *
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

A Reading from 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Holy Gospel: John 20:1-18

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

People: Glory be to thee, Lord Christ.

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in

Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated.

Sermon

The Rev. Charles R. Cowherd

Please stand.

The Nicene Creed (BCP 326)

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 sit or kneel, as you are able.

The Prayers of the People (BCP 328)

Leader: Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love. **Amen.**

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, especially to Michael, Susan, Jennifer, Porter, and Charles, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments. **Amen.**

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life. **Amen.**

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, especially Joe our president, Glenn our governor, and Sheila our mayor, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world. **Amen.**

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty. **Amen.**

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. **Amen.**

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of Timothy and all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. **Amen.**

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

The Comfortable Words (BCP 332)

Celebrant: Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, the righteous; and he is the perfect offering for our sins, and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world. *1 John 2:1-2*

Please stand.

The Peace (BCP 332)

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

People: **And with thy spirit.**

Please be seated.

Welcome & Announcements

Offertory Sentence

The Offering

Please stand.

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving (Prayer I, BCP 333)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People: **It is meet and right so to do.**

Celebrant: It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, but chiefly are we bound to praise thee for the glorious resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and hath taken away the sin of the world; who by his death hath destroyed death, and by his rising to life again hath won for us everlasting life. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

The Sanctus & Benedictus (BCP 334)

All: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Stand or kneel, as you are able.

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again. For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying “Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.”

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ’s holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus

Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with hi, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

And now as our Savior Christ 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 Fraction (BCP 337)

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Agnus Dei (Read in unison) (BCP 337)

All: O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

The Administration of Communion (BCP 338)

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.

Please kneel.

Postcommunion Prayer (BCP 339)

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: **Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

Solemn Blessing of Easter

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. **Amen.**

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. **Amen.**

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. **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.**

Please stand.

Dismissal (BCP 339)

Celebrant: Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People: **Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Easter lilies are dedicated:

In memory of Morlyn and Elinor Hurley, parents of Beth, by Peter and Beth Hwoschinsky.

In memory of Michele Tanaka by Carol Beckett and Midori Yanagihara.

In memory of Rt. Rev. Peter S. Yanagihara and Rev. Dr. Hikaru Yanagihara
by Kaworu & Midori Yanagihara.

In memory of Michael Cook and in thanksgiving for all the good in the world and all the good
Michael did for St. Timothy's by Linda, Tara, Jenna & Madison Cook.

In memory of my late husband, Guy Bennett, by Jeanne Bennett.

In memory of Ruth M. Davis by Tom Davis.

In thanksgiving for Chudi and Ike Mbonu by Emilia Mbonu.

In loving memory of our parents, Kenton & Jamie Miller and Thaddeus & Dorothy Gronkiewicz
by Kent and Diane Miller.

In memory of Nancy, Mary Gay, Kevin, William, and Adelene and in thanksgiving for Sandy, Riley,
Rowen, Megan, Josh, Wyatt, Mason, Scott, Joanie, and Cal by Dana K. & Patricia L. Smith.

In thanksgiving for Charles's family and our St. Timothy's family by Paul & Christine Cozza.

In memory of Jeff and Nan Sinclair by Keith and Carol Sinclair.

In memory and love for Richard, husband and dad, by Kathy, Ashley, and Courtney Froemming.

In thanksgiving for St. Timothy's Church by Tom and Mary McLenigan.

In memory of Rex by Julie Gray-Roller, Cynthia Roller-Cook, and Jeremy Cook



A Message from The Rev. Charles R. Cowherd

Dear Parish Family and Friends,

Alleluia! Christ is risen! I would like to welcome you on this “Happy Morning” as we celebrate Christ’s glorious resurrection through music, sacrament, and prayer.

Whether you are returning to church after a time away or are new to the faith; whether you are looking for a new church home or simply seeking a place to experience community; we are glad you are here with us at St. Timothy’s.

On Sunday mornings, we gather for worship at 8:00a (Holy Eucharist, spoken) and 10:00a (Holy Eucharist, with music). During our 10:00a service, we offer Godly Play for those ages 3-9 in the Toddler Room. All are welcome to join us for Coffee Hour immediately following the service in Henry Hall.

St. Timothy’s is a warm and welcoming community, offering a variety of fellowship, music, and outreach activities for wherever you are on your spiritual journey. If you are a guest or visitor today and would like the church to be in touch with you, we invite you to fill out a Welcome Card located in the pew rack or on the podium in the Narthex. Once completed, please drop your Welcome Card into the offertory plate or hand to an usher. We look forward to being in touch with you soon.

May God bless you and your family this and every day,

The Rev. Charles R. Cowherd

Ways to Get Connected

All ministries welcome newcomers.

Please contact the church office at office@saint-timothys.org if you want more information about a particular ministry or would like to get involved.

Altar Guild – The Altar Guild is responsible for caring for the sanctuary (cleaning and maintaining the brass and linens), providing floral arrangements for the altar and elsewhere in the sanctuary, and preparing the elements for worship. Altar Guild members work in teams with one team being assigned to each Saturday of the month. Training is provided for new team members.

Buildings & Grounds – The Building and Grounds ministry is responsible for providing oversight and management for the care of the St. Timothy’s property and associated systems (e.g., HVAC, plumbing, electrical etc.). Work is done on an as-needed basis based on the needs of the facility. This team especially needs members with prior building or grounds maintenance experience or general handyman skills.

Care Team – The St. Timothy’s Care Team provides a touch of God’s love to our St. Timothy’s family and our local community. They send cards of support and prayers, phone calls for prayers, check-ins, and spiritual and in-home communion for those that are home bound.

Christian Education – The Christian Education Team works to develop Christ-centered people with biblical principles and equipping them with the knowledge and skills essential for expanding the Kingdom of God. This ministry provides planning and oversight of both adult and children’s educational programs at St. Timothy’s.

Communications – The Communication Team works to ensure consistency in St. Timothy’s messaging across all communications channels. The ministry collaborates with other ministries and church leadership to ensure parishioners and the larger community are informed about events and developments at St. Timothy’s. The Communications ministry includes the St. Isidore Guild, the team that provides technical support for livestreaming worship services. This ministry especially needs members with prior marketing, PR, or communications experience, including experience with website design and management, social media experience, and video production and services experience.

Community Engagement – The Community Engagement ministry was created in 2021 to engage the greater Herndon community and help St. Timothy’s grow. They provide oversight for the community garden, Rooted in Herndon, built on the St. Timothy’s campus as well as organize events to increase knowledge about and connection to St. Timothy’s.

Fellowship – The Fellowship ministry is responsible for welcoming parishioners and newcomers to St. Timothy’s. This ministry organizes various events, programs, and other activities throughout the year, including after-service coffee hours, to foster fellowship within the church and the wider community. Join the Fellowship ministry or just sign up to host coffee hour one Sunday.

Haiti Ministry - The St. Timothy’s Haiti ministry supports the children of St. Mathieu’s Episcopal School in Chapoteau, Haiti, located in the Central Plateau region. By pursuing long-term, sustainable improvements in their lives through education, we serve the poorest in our Hemisphere, fulfilling our baptismal vows to seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving our neighbors as ourselves.

Latino Ministry – The Latino ministry yearns for a church that embodies the multiethnic, multilingual, and multicultural context we live in today. Our mission is to make known St Timothy’s to Latino/Hispanic communities so that they may experience our church and embrace it as their spiritual home.

Music – The Music ministry of St. Timothy’s seeks to glorify God through the gift of music, to inspire us all to greater service and to illuminate the spoken word in a manner which uplifts the congregation in their communal worship. This ministry includes the Adult Choir, the Bell Choir for special services, and guest musicians.

Preschool - St. Timothy’s Pre-School provides educational experience for children ages two and a half through five. The preschool program is committed to meeting the individual needs and potential of each child in an interracial, non-denominational environment. St. Timothy’s Preschool strives to develop creativity, self-confidence, and independence within each child.

Service Ministry - The St. Timothy’s Service Ministry honors our baptismal covenant to respect the dignity of every person by exploring opportunities to assist those in need in the name of Jesus Christ. We channel St. Timothy’s resources through education, financial campaigns and the collection of goods and services for worthy causes and organizations throughout the world.

Shawl Ministry – The Shawl ministry brings tangible gifts of God’s love to people in need of comfort and solace, as well as to those who are celebrating births, baptisms, and other milestones of life. Our knitted and crocheted shawls, lap robes, baby blankets, hats, and scarves go out to persons in the church and to the wider community.

Stewardship – The Stewardship ministry provides an opportunity for the people of St. Timothy’s to make a prayerful and intentional commitment of our *time, talent, and treasure* in gratitude for God’s blessings in our lives and to further God’s mission in the St. Timothy’s community. The Stewardship ministry is also responsible for planning and executing the Annual Stewardship Campaign each fall.

Worship - The Worship committee, consisting of Vestry Liaison, Chair, and representatives from Lay Eucharistic Ministers (LEMs) and Lectors, Ushers, Altar Guild, Music, Latino ministry, and Saint Isidore Guild (Digital Ministry), coordinates with the clergy to plan services. LEMs serve at the altar during worship services to assist clergy in providing communion. Lectors (and LEMs) read the appointed scripture passages during worship. Ushers provide a warm welcome to parishioners and visitors alike, hand out the service bulletins, facilitate the collection, and help attendees find seating when necessary. As previously described, the Altar Guild and Music ministries and St. Isidore Guild are involved in the creation and production of worship services. The Latino ministry provides all planning and support for services conducted in Spanish.

Stay in Touch with the Saint Timothy’s Family

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St. Timothy's History

On November 1st, 1868, a few Episcopal Christians in a small dairy farm community in Herndon Virginia met together to worship and give thanks on that All Saints' Sunday. It was the first recorded service of St. Timothy's Episcopal Church. By 1872, a Sunday School with three teachers and seven students had been formed and a small building at the corner of Grace and Vine Streets, once used as a cheese factory, was acquired and renovated.

The first church building (now the Masonic Lodge at the corner of Elden and Grace Streets) was consecrated in June 1881, and the bell was hung in its steeple in 1882. St. Timothy's status reverted from church to mission and back again several times prior to World War II, but the church remained active thanks to the dedication of a few committed families, two faithful rectors, and students from the Episcopal Seminary in Alexandria. The need for a parish hall to house the ever-growing Sunday School, meetings and social gatherings, was of constant concern. So, the congregation raised funds with horse shows, rummage sales, and phantom auctions, and invested the proceeds in War Bonds. The parish hall was finally built in 1947.

Crowded conditions prevailed again during the 1950s, but it was the construction of Dulles Airport and the growth of Reston and Sterling Park in the early 1960s that compelled the Rev. John C. Henry and church leaders to plan seriously for major expansion. With more years of creative fundraising, ten acres of pasture was purchased and the structure which is now Henry Hall was built. Consecrated in 1969, it served as church, education building, and parish hall. Upholstered pews (constructed by parishioners) were moved aside after each service so the congregation could socialize and enjoy refreshments.

A strong tradition of liturgical music has been maintained throughout the church's history, thanks to the dedicated efforts of talented choir directors, organists, volunteer instrumentalists and choir. An antique two manual Tracker organ was acquired in 1972. A plaque detailing its acquisition and restoration is displayed on the narthex side of the instrument.

St. Timothy's also has a strong tradition of outreach, both within and beyond the community. The acclaimed preschool was founded in 1974. We welcome children of all faiths. The Closet, Herndon's highly successful used clothing outlet, had its beginnings at St. Timothy's in the 1970s. A young 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, which continued until the Embry

Rucker Shelter was built in nearby Reston. Pre-COVID, we also engaged in annual mission trips to the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota and Chapoteau, Haiti. St. Timothy's continues to provide financial support for the children of St. Mathieu's School in Chapoteau. The congregation also supports Cornerstones, LINK (an ecumenical food ministry), Helping Hungry Kids, the Hypothermia Shelter, children and youth with special needs, Episcopal Relief and Development, and many other noteworthy Christian ventures.

The present sanctuary, which seats 350, was consecrated November 11, 1982. The 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 Sunday service and major holy day as it has for more than a century.

Just as St. Timothy's grew and benefitted from the opening of Dulles Airport and the regional growth that accompanied it, we expect to grow and benefit from the impending opening of the Herndon metro stop. Coupled with the arrival of our new priest-in-charge, The Rev. Charles R. Cowherd, and a return to "normalcy" after years of the COVID pandemic, we are excited and energized to see where God takes us next.

By the grace of God St. Timothy's seeks to be a vibrant, luminous, and faithful witness to the love of God in Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit until Christ comes again, and God's Kingdom is established forever.

