



ST. TIMOTHY'S EPISCOPAL
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Sunday, December 18, 2022

Fourth Sunday of Advent

8 a.m.



Weekly Services:

Sunday, 8:00 a.m.
Sunday, 10:00 a.m.
Sábado, 7:00 p.m.

Holy Eucharist Rite I, spoken
Holy Eucharist Rite II with Choir (Godly Play for ages 3–9 in Rm. B-1)
Santa Eucaristía Rito II, en español

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 in the pew rack in front of you or on the podium in the Narthex. Please place the completed card in the offertory plate or give it to an usher.

Children are welcome to stay with parents in the Sanctuary. For your convenience, there are also rocking chairs located at the back of the sanctuary to soothe little ones and worship bags with quiet activities in the Narthex.

We invite you to share in Holy Communion. To receive, come forward and kneel/stand at an open space on the altar rail. Both bread and wine will be offered (or a rice wafer/separate chalice for those allergic to wheat/ gluten intolerant). If you do not wish to receive communion, we invite you to come forward for a blessing. Please indicate that by placing your arms across your chest.

Staff

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Hugh Masters (2023)

Kristie Rudolph (2025)

Ralph Tildon (2023)

Paige Williamson (2024)

Trustees

Tom McLenigan

Keith Sinclair

Deke Smith

HOLY EUCHARIST- RITE I

The Word of God

At the tolling of the bell, please stand.

Opening Acclamation and Collect for Purity (BCP 323)

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

People: His mercy endureth for ever.

Celebrant: 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.**

Kyrie (BCP 324)

Celebrant: Kyrie eleison.

People: Christe eleison.

Celebrant: Kyrie eleison.

The Collect for the Day (BCP 160)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Celebrant: We beseech thee, Almighty God, to purify our consciences by thy daily visitation, that when thy Son our Lord cometh he may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

A Reading from Isaiah 7:10-16

Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test. Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18 (Read responsively)

- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
- 2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
stir up your strength and come to help us.
- 3 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 4 O LORD God of hosts, *
**how long will you be angered
despite the prayers of your people?**
- 5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; *
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
- 6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, *
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
- 7 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, *
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
- 17 And so will we never turn away from you; *
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.
- 18 Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

A Reading from Romans 1:1-7

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 1:18-25

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

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)

**People: We believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,**

and was made man;
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried;
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Please stand, or kneel, as you are able.

The Prayers of the People (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, Mark, 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.**

Confession of Sin (BCP 331)

Celebrant: Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God:

People: Almighty God,

Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

maker of all things, judge of all men:

**We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins
and wickedness,**

**which we from time to time most grievously have committed,
by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty,
provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us.**

We do earnestly repent,

**and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings;
the remembrance of them is grievous unto us,
the burden of them is intolerable.**

Have mercy upon us,

have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;

for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,

forgive us all that is past;

**and grant that we may ever hereafter
serve and please thee in newness of life,**

to the honor and glory of thy Name;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Absolution (BCP 332)

Celebrant: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Celebrant: Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you.
(Matthew 11:28)

Please stand

The Peace (BCP 332)

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

People: And with thy spirit.

Welcome & Announcements

The Offering

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. Because thou didst send thy beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. 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 (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, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for 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 to thee, he broke 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 this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, 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, we thy people do celebrate and make, 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; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord; By, and with whom, and in 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 hath 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.

Celebrant: O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world.

People: Have mercy on us.

Celebrant: O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world.

People: Have mercy on us.

Celebrant: O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world.

People: Grant us thy peace.

The Invitation (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.

Administration of Communion

Post-Communion 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.

The Blessing

Celebrant: May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Please stand.

Dismissal (BCP 340)

Celebrant: Alleluia, alleluia. Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

PRAYER LIST:

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

Rest of the Soul: John Norcross, Sr., Clyde Gene Johnson

Health: Nancy Miller, Terry Biederman, Cameron Clay Barr, Pauline

Long Term: Sid, Maryanne, Chris W., Donna W., Chris, Chuck and Peggy, Sarah (recovering from brain surgery), Brad Rundlett, Muriel Turner, Catherine Hutcheon (Long Covid), David & Mabel Tettyfio, Brian Law, Laureen Rowland (surgery)

THIS WEEK at ST. TIMOTHY'S

Sunday, December 18

- 8:00 AM Rite I Holy Eucharist – Sanctuary
- 9:00 AM Coffee Hour - Narthex
- 9:15 AM Adult Choir Warm-up – Music Room
- 10:00 AM Rite II Holy Eucharist – Sanctuary/Livestream
- 10:00 AM Adult Forum - Sanctuary
- 11:00 AM Coffee Hour - Narthex

Monday, December 19

- 12:15 PM Monday Gratitude AA
- 4:00 PM DanceWorx – Narthex
- 7:00 PM Handbell Rehearsal – Music Room
- 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 159
- 8:30 PM Herndon/Hunters Woods Group AA

Tuesday, December 20

- 4:00 PM DanceWorx
- 7:00 PM Vestry Meeting - Narthex
- 7:30 PM Latino Prayer Meeting – Offsite

Wednesday, December 21

- 12:00 PM Healing Eucharist – Sanctuary
- 4:00 PM DanceWorx
- 7:30 PM SA Meeting
- 8:00 PM New Hopefuls AA

Thursday, December 22

- 12:15 PM Came to Believe AA
- 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal – Music Room
- 7:00 PM Debtors Anonymous

Friday, December 23

- 10:00 AM Friday Gratitude AA
- 9:30 PM Friday Night Lights AA

Saturday, December 24 – Christmas Eve

- 9:00 AM Altar Guild Set-Up-Sanctuary
- 5:00 PM Christmas Eve Family Service
- 7:30 PM Christmas Eve Festive Choir Service

Sunday, December 25 – Christmas Day

- 10:00 AM Christmas Day Spoken Service

THANK YOU!

A special thank you to Allyson, all the preschool teachers, and Andy Hamm (Santa) for making the preschool Christmas party a fun event for all!

ANGEL TREE GIFTS FOR KIDS

A huge THANK YOU to everyone who donated to the Service Ministry Gifts for Kids program; we exceeded our goal! St. Timothy's is at its best when we are *putting our faith to work for our neighbors*. In addition to providing gift cards for the 25 children we agreed to sponsor, we will be sending a check for \$1,155, so that even more children in our community will have a holiday celebration. This is especially important as some organizations that typically support the Cornerstones' program have been unable to this year.

Angel Tree Hats, Scarves and Gloves collection will continue through the month of December.

We will accept new or gently used coats for folks of all ages, scarves, mittens, gloves, and hats. Please leave your donation in the bin under the Angel Tree in Henry Hall. If you have questions, please contact service@saint-timothys.org.

WEDNESDAY HEALING EUCHARIST

Join us on this final Wednesday, 12/21, of Advent at 12 pm in the Sanctuary to celebrate the feast of St. Thomas.

VESTRY ELECTIONS

In January we will be electing 3 new vestry members and 1 alternate. This is a great way to get more involved and help our church! Each vestry member is a liaison to a ministry and the vestry meets once a month. Questions? Please ask any of our current vestry members and they will be glad to fill you in on anything or email at wardens@saint-timothys.org.

HELP DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS!

The Altar Guild will begin decorating the church on December 22nd at 7 PM by prepping the poinsettias. We will decorate the Sanctuary for Christmas services on December 23rd, from 9 AM until complete.. The Altar Guild welcomes anyone who wishes to help. Don't have time, but still want to help? Please consider making a donation for poinsettias. For more information contact Mary McLenigan at 703-391-2950 or write to altarguild@saint-timothys.org.

VOLUNTEER AT THE CLOSET

The Closet is once again assigning volunteer days to congregations. St. Timothy's has been assigned Wednesday, December 21, with store hours from 10 -5 pm. Please volunteer two or three hours to help The Closet serve the Herndon area. Tasks may include jewelry counter, hanging clothing, putting merchandise in the store, or other areas assigned by the manager. St. Timothy's is a founding member of The Closet (founded 1974) and the congregation has supported the store in many ways - primarily with volunteers. Note that The Closet welcomes students to volunteer who are in middle school or older. The Closet will confirm volunteer hours to the student's school. If you have questions about The Closet, contact Holly Hartge at mhhvirginia@verizon.net or call her at 703-785-8797. Let Holly know if you plan to volunteer by December 21.

For further information about The Closet, visit <http://theclosetofgreaterherndon.org>.

CHURCH OFFICE

The church office will be closed between Christmas and New Year's. If you have an urgent matter, please email the church office at office@saint-timothys.org and someone will get back to you.