



# The WORD

July 2023

*Dear St. Timothy's Family,*

In June we celebrated our Episcopal visit with Bishop Smith and another set of confirmations, receptions and reaffirmations. Did you know that the first confirmation for the Episcopal church in Herndon was in 1873? That means there have been 150 years of confirmations at St. Timothy's! Below you can see a partial list of all those confirmations, what bishop came to Herndon, and how many "confirmands" (including receptions and reaffirmations for that year). Perhaps you are on this list?

For those interested: the most frequent bishops to visit St. Tim's are Bishops Chilton (10 visits), Bishop Gibson (9 visits) and Bishop Lee (9 visits). The greatest amount in one year: 1981 with 38 confirmands (held over two different Sundays)!

*Do you have a keen interest in archives or historical research? Wondering what happened at St. Timothy's during the "missing years" of 1882-1943? Inquire within at [priest@saint-timothys.org](mailto:priest@saint-timothys.org)*

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## CONFIRMATIONS at St. Timothy's

### Diocesan Convention Journals:

1873: First Confirmation (July 20) at St. Timothy's by Bishop John Johns

1876: Bishop Francis Whittle (1 Confirmand)

1878: Bishop Francis Whittle (20 Confirmands at the Methodist Church)

1880: Bishop Francis Whittle (20 Confirmands at the Methodist Church)<sup>1</sup>

1881: Bishop Francis Whittle (2 Confirmed in new building)<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> "Our own building not yet being finished."

<sup>2</sup> On April 9, 1881, same day that the church was consecrated



**Register #3:**

1944: Bishop Roy Mason (3 Confirmands)  
1945: Bishop Frederick Goodwin (5 Confirmands)  
1946: Bishop Roy Mason (5 Confirmands)  
1947: Bishop Roy Mason (8 Confirmands)  
1948: Bishop Roy Mason (6 Confirmands)  
1949: Bishop Robert Gibson (14 Confirmands)  
1950: Bishop Roy Mason (20 Confirmands)  
1951: Bishop Robert Gibson (9 Confirmands)  
1952: Bishop Roy Mason (18 Confirmands)  
1953: Bishop Robert Gibson (10 Confirmands)  
1954: Bishop Roy Mason (8 Confirmands)  
1955: Bishop Frederick Goodwin (12 Confirmands)  
1956: Bishop Frederick Goodwin (12 Confirmands)  
1957: Bishop Robert E. Lee Strider (13 Confirmands)  
1959: Bishop Frederick Goodwin (14 Confirmands)  
1960: Bishop Robert Gibson (14 Confirmands)  
1961: Bishop Samuel Chilton (15 Confirmands)  
1962: Bishop Samuel Chilton (5 Confirmands)  
1963: Bishop Robert Gibson (15 Confirmands)  
1964: Bishop Samuel Chilton (18 Confirmands)  
1965: Bishop Robert Gibson (21 Confirmands)  
1966: Bishop Samuel Chilton (7 Confirmands)  
1967: Bishop Robert Gibson (19 Confirmands)

**Register #4:**

1967: Bishop Samuel Chilton (9 Confirmands)  
1968: Bishop Samuel Chilton (13 Confirmands)  
1969: Bishop Robert Hall (13 Confirmands)  
1970: Bishop Robert Hall (21 Confirmands)  
1971: Bishop Samuel Chilton (13 Confirmands)  
1972: Bishop Robert Gibson (30 Confirmands)  
1973: Bishop Samuel Chilton (12 Confirmands)  
1974: Bishop Samuel Chilton (32 Confirmands)  
1975: Bishop Samuel Chilton (30 Confirmands)  
1976: Bishop John Baden (27 Confirmands)  
1977: Bishop Robert Gibson (20 Confirmands)  
1978: Bishop John Baden (18 Confirmands)  
1979: Bishop Robert Hall (27 Confirmands)  
1980: Bishop David Lewis (11 Confirmands)  
1981: Bishop David Lewis (38 Confirmands)  
1982: Bishop Robert Hall (26 Confirmands)  
1983: Bishop David Lewis (14 Confirmands)  
1984: Bishop Robert Hall (15 Confirmands)

**Register #5:**

1984: Bishop Peter James Lee (24 Confirmands)  
1985: Bishop Peter James (12 Confirmands)  
1986: Bishop David Lewis (8 Confirmands)  
1987: Bishop Peter James Lee (23 Confirmands)  
1988: Bishop David Lewis (16 Confirmands)  
1989: Bishop Peter James Lee (9 Confirmands)  
1990: Bishop Robert Atkinson (14 Confirmands)  
1991: Bishop Peter James Lee (15 Confirmands)  
1992: Bishop James Montgomery (5 Confirmands)  
1993: Bishop David Leighton (8 Confirmands)  
1994: Bishop Peter James Lee (14 Confirmands)

**Register #6:**

1995: Bishop Clayton Matthews (14 Confirmands)  
1996: Bishop David Jones (26 Confirmands)  
1997: Bishop Peter James Lee (22 Confirmands)  
1998: Bishop James Montgomery (21 Confirmands)  
1999: Bishop David Jones (14 Confirmands)  
2000: Bishop Peter James Lee (13 Confirmands)  
2002: Bishop David Jones (11 Confirmands)  
2003: Bishop Frank Gray (14 confirmands)  
2004: Bishop Ted Eastman (11 Confirmands)  
2005: Bishop Jones (13 Confirmands)  
2006: Bishop Ted Eastman (8 confirmands)  
2007: Bishop Ted Eastman (9 confirmands)  
2008: Bishop Peter James Lee (5 confirmands)  
2009: Bishop David Jones (4 confirmands)  
2010: Bishop Shannon Johnston (7 confirmands)  
2011: Bishop Ted Gulick (4 confirmands)  
2012: Bishop Susan Goff (9 confirmands)

**Register #7**

2013: Bishop Shannon Johnston (18 confirmands)  
2014: Bishop Ted Gulick (5 confirmands)  
2015: Bishop Susan Goff (7 confirmands)  
2016: Bishop Ted Gulick (16 confirmands)  
2018: Bishop Bob Ihloff (2 Confirmands)  
2021: Bishop Porter Taylor (11 confirmands)  
2023: Bishop Dabney Smith (9 Confirmands).

## Haiti Agape August 13 – 27th

Since 2010 St. Timothy's has been sending children to school in Haiti. Because of your generosity, our support has grown from the original goal: send six children to school for six years, completing their primary school education, to supporting the entire school.

St. Mathieu's Episcopal School, located in the rural village of Chapoteau, has no electricity, no running water. Yet every year over 250 children attend daily, and are taught and nurtured by a dozen teachers, along with several parent volunteers. Over three Sundays (August 13, 20 and 27<sup>th</sup>), the Haiti Ministry and the Service Ministry will update you on the status of the school, the political situation in Haiti. We will also share words from the Priest-in-Charge for the area and ask for your financial support in continuing this critical mission. On August 20<sup>th</sup> we will welcome The Reverend Roger Bowen, from Staunton, VA, as our guest priest. Fr. Roger has a long history of involvement with Episcopal schools in Haiti. We look forward to sharing news of this critical ministry.

The cost for running the school for a year is about \$21,000. Donations are accepted at any time, and may be made by check payable to St. Timothy's with Haiti School Fund on the memo line, or from the church [Credit Card Portal](#) by selecting the Haiti School Fund from the drop down box. Funds are channeled to the school through wire transfer to the Episcopal Diocese of Haiti Partnership Program.

*Respectfully submitted by Carolyn Hamm*



*Picture courtesy of Craig Dubishar*

## THUNDER AND LIGHTNING

Thunder and lightning;  
Donner and Blitzen;  
Threatening clouds, dark sky'  
Bright flash, shudder and close of eye.

Wrath of God?  
Thor's anger?  
Glimpse of eternal energy?  
Fear manifested?

Time between clashes seemingly endless,  
Luminous shards forecast more;  
Rain in torrents does not diminish the sound,  
Nor does it scatter the light into rainbow crystals.

Lessened rumbles give hope of abatement,  
Distant forks, heading to water perhaps,  
Rouse spirit and hopes of future calm,  
Rivulets of rain are almost soothing.

Small nocturnal animals emerge from frail shelter  
To face their own predators in search of food.  
Dogs and cats resume their sluggish sleep on cushions  
And human breath eases to sleep on soft pillows.

*Respectfully submitted by Jill Cox*

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Sunday:	8 am	Rite I (English)
Sunday:	10 am	Rite II (English)
		Also available via Zoom (Livestream on YouTube/ Facebook/Website)

Please check the website for up-to-date information about opportunities to worship

***Welcome New Members***

To transfer your membership to St. Timothy's, fill out the Parishioner Information Form: [www.saint-timothys.org/uploads/docs/info-form.pdf](http://www.saint-timothys.org/uploads/docs/info-form.pdf)

If we do not have an email address for you and your family, or if your email has changed, send the information to [office@saint-timothys.org](mailto:office@saint-timothys.org).

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## Psychology and Spirituality

### *Psychology, Spirituality and Sin, Part 1*

The second creation story in the Book of Genesis is the familiar story of Adam and Eve, created as good by God but failing to live up to God's plan for them. Scripture scholars agree that the 9<sup>th</sup> century BCE audience to whom this story was directed did not understand it as a literal description about how human beings were created. Rather they understood it to represent the truth about human nature as they experienced it, and as *we* continue to experience it today: created inherently good, but often missing the mark or falling short as we attempt to live out that original goodness. In fact, the New Testament word that we translate into English as sin is the Greek word "hamartia." It literally means "missing the mark" (think of shooting an arrow toward the bull's eye and missing). And this is probably a very good way of thinking about our own situations: we aim to do good, follow God's plan (i.e., live in grace), but often miss the mark.

Too often Christian morality has not necessarily provided us with much assistance about how to move from sin to grace. Rather moral teaching has often been reduced to a simplistic formulation: do good, don't sin. *If only it were that easy.* Most of us find that, if we are honest, we are missing the mark many times a day! Even St. Paul lamented: "I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want to do." From a psychological perspective, most if not all human growth proceeds by trial and error. So, is there a contradiction here between what human psychology and our own experience tells us is true about us and how we are called to live spiritually?

Thomas Merton's (1915-1968) concept of the True Self (TS) and the False Self (FS) may help us out a bit here. Recall that the TS is our self in union with God and God's value system. The FS is that part of us that pursues a value system contrary to God's. From this perspective, we can say that the FS is where sin originates in us, where we are led off the path or miss the mark. However, Merton would say that it is only by reflecting on the errors of the FS that we are able to live more fully out of our TS. Seen this way, sin (missing the mark) becomes an opportunity for growth. But too often what we do when faced with our errors and waywardness is to become caught up in a cycle of guilt and self-condemnation. And condemning our FS will not make it go away. Rather, reflection on the value system by which our FS is living is the pathway out of this cycle. Such reflection will help us understand that often we have embraced the value system of the FS unconsciously or at least without full awareness. Because what feeds the FS is the value system of the world around us that it is far too easy to take as the correct value system – "the way we have always done things, the way everyone else does things."

So, perhaps another way of saying all this is: to grow more fully into our TS, we must know our FS, study it and learn from it; to grow in grace is to see more clearly the value system that leads us to missing the mark.

*Respectfully submitted by Ron Boggio*