



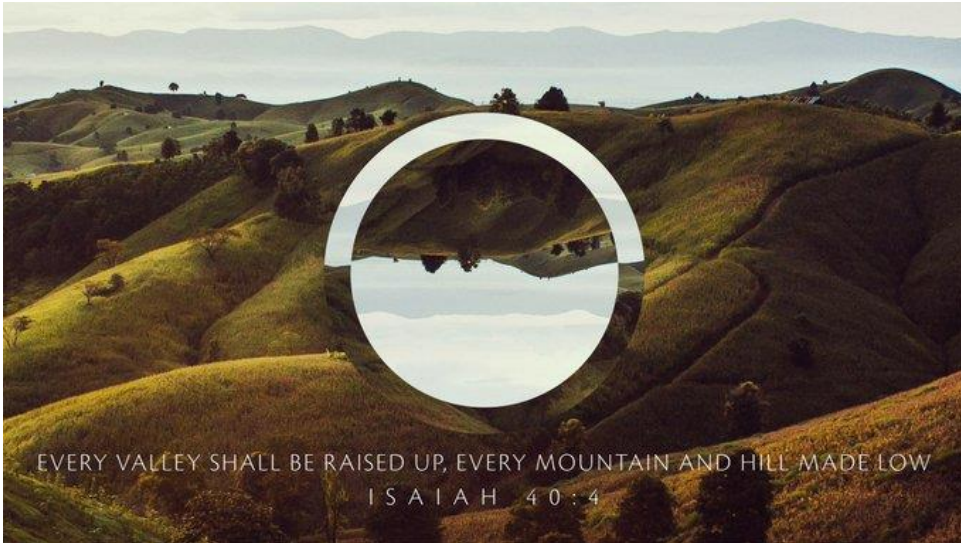
**ST. TIMOTHY'S EPISCOPAL**  
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Sunday, December 10, 2023

*Second Sunday of Advent*

10 a.m.



### **Weekly Services:**

Sunday, 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I, spoken  
Sunday, 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II with choir (Godly Play for ages 3–9 in Rm. B-1)  
Sábado, 7:00 p.m. Santa Eucaristía Rito II, en español

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*Church office hours are 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM Monday through Friday.*

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## 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 or they may head downstairs for Godly Play after the reading of the Collect. For your convenience, there are also rocking chairs located at the back of the sanctuary to soothe the 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 (gluten free available on request) and wine (either sip from the chalice or allow the chalice-bearer to intinct) will be offered. If you don't wish to receive, we invite you to come forward for a blessing. Please indicate that by placing your arms across your chest.

## HOLY EUCHARIST

### The Word of God

#### Prelude

*Comfort, Comfort Ye My People*  
*At the tolling of the bell, all stand.*

arr. Michael Burkhardt

#### Opening Hymn (67)

*Comfort, Comfort Ye My People*

Psalm 42

#### Opening Acclamations (BCP 355)

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

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

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

#### Trisagion (S100)

*Holy God*

David Hurd

#### Opening Collect (BCP 211) - *Children may head downstairs after this reading.*

Celebrant: Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## The Lessons

### A Reading from Isaiah 40:1-11

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken." A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13

Robert Knox Kennedy

*Move to the next note of the chant on the underlined text.*



- 1 You have been gracious to your land, O LORD, \*  
you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.
- 2 You have forgiven the iniquity of your people \*  
and blotted out all their sins.
- 8 I will listen to what the LORD God is saying, \*  
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people  
and to those who turn their hearts to him.
- 9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, \*  
that his glory may dwell in our land.
- 10 Mercy and truth have met together; \*  
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

- 11 Truth shall spring up from the earth, \*  
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.
- 12 The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, \*  
and our land will yield its increase.
- 13 Righteousness shall go before him, \*  
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

### **A Reading from 2 Peter 3:8-15a**

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed. Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

**Gradual Hymn (64)**

*O Heavenly Word, Eternal Light*

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### **Holy Gospel: Mark 1:1-8**

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

**People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'" John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to

stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## Sermon

The Reverend Charles R. Cowherd

*Please stand as you are able.*

## The Nicene Creed (BCP 358)

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, Form II (BCP 385)**

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishops; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the church.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the families of the departed. Pray for the families of who have died.

*Silence*

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

*Silence*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

## **Confession of Sin (BCP 360)**

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; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

## **Absolution (BCP 360)**

Celebrant: 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.**

*Please stand.*

## The Peace (BCP 360)

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

People: **And also with you.**

## Welcome/Announcements

## Offertory Sentence

## The Offering

## Choral Anthem

*Carol of the Advent*

Philip R. Dietterich

(If you would like to reflect on the text while you listen, it can be found in WLP 724).

*Please stand as able.*

## Presentation Hymn

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

Veni Emmanuel

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all  
crea-tures here \_\_\_\_\_ be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heaven - ly host:  
praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Re - joice! Re - joice!  
Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

## Holy Communion – Eucharistic Prayer D (BCP 372)

## The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing:

### **Sanctus (S124)**

*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord*

David Hurd

*Please stand or kneel, as you are able.*

Celebrant: We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new. And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.



**All:**           **We praise you, we bless you,  
we give thanks to you,  
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

Celebrant:       Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name. Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with Timothy and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past.

We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and 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.**

**Fraction Anthem (S154)**

*Christ our Passover*

David Hurd

**The Invitation (BCP 364)**

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**

**Communion Hymn (75)**

*There's A Voice in the Wilderness Crying*

Ascension

**Postcommunion Prayer (BCP 365)**

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

### **Blessing**

Celebrant: 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.**

### **Closing Hymn (65)**

*Prepare the Way, O Zion*

Bereden väg för Herran

### **Dismissal (BCP 366)**

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

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

### **Postlude**

*People, Look East!*

arr. Kristina Langlois

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## **PRAYER LIST**

*(Please email [careteam@saint-timothys.org](mailto:careteam@saint-timothys.org) with any prayer concerns.)*

**Repose of the Soul:** David Hixon

**Health:** Mark Thompson, Florita Tildon, Laura Ferguson

**Long Term:** Sid, Maryanne, Chris W., Donna W., Chris, Chuck and Peggy, Christine Y., Sarah (recovering from brain surgery), Brad Rundlett, Catherine Hutcheon (Long Covid), David & Mabel Tettyfio (stroke, arthritis, hip pain), Brian Law, Jane Perry, Caroline Arlington (stroke), AG Miamcee (Parkinson's disease & Alzheimers), Jerry Vandenberg, Fred McBride, Shannon Dailey (Ted Mankin's sister-in-law)

## THIS WEEK at ST. TIMOTHY'S

### Sunday, December 10

- 8:00 AM Rite I Holy Eucharist - Sanctuary
- 9:00 AM Adult Forum - Gospel of Mark, part 2
- 9:15 AM Adult Choir Warm-up - Music Room
- 10:00 AM Rite II Holy Eucharist - Sanctuary/Livestream
- 11:00 AM Coffee Hour – Henry Hall
- 5:00 PM Feast of Our Lady Guadalupe at St. James, Leesburg
- 7:30 PM Serenity Seekers Al Anon - Virtual

### Monday, December 11

- 12:15 PM Step Into Recovery - AA
- 4:00 PM DanceWorx - Narthex
- 7:00 PM Hope For Today Al Anon
- 7:30 PM Service Ministry Meeting - Narthex
- 8:30 PM Monday Night Milkshake Group AA

### Tuesday, December 12

- 4:00 PM DanceWorx
- 7:00 PM Scouts Troop 159 – Henry Hall

### Wednesday, December 13

- 12:00 PM Advent Healing Eucharist
- 4:00 PM DanceWorx – Narthex
- 6:30 PM Worship Meeting – Zoom
- 7:30 PM Finance Meeting - Zoom
- 7:30 PM Latino Ministry Prayer - Offsite
- 7:30 PM SA Meeting
- 8:00 PM New Hopefuls AA

### Thursday, December 14

- 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal - Music Room
- 7:00 PM Debtors Anonymous

### Friday, December 15

- 10:00 AM Friday Gratitude AA
- 6:00 PM Christmas Revels (Outside)

### Saturday, December 16

- 8:00 AM MOST Breakfast
- 9:00 AM Altar Guild Set-Up - Sanctuary
- 7:00 PM Rite II Santa Eucarista - Sanctuary

## STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN REPORT

Thanks to all those who have pledged already for 2024. As of 12/6, we have received 110 pledges for \$463,729. This includes 19 new pledges along with 91 returning pledges. Last year, we ended the campaign with 109 pledges and our goal for this year is around 120 and \$500,000!

**Please do return your pledge card, either in person or email to [office@saint-timothys.org](mailto:office@saint-timothys.org).**

## FAITH FORMATION – Today

### Coming up 12/17

**(Join us in the Sanctuary at 9 am or by livestream)**

Today we continue with part 2 of the “Second Gospel” - the shorter and oft-forgotten Gospel of Mark, we continue to learn of the background and content-related to the Gospel. Our final session (12/17) will be devoted to discussion and answering of questions of how the Gospel touches us in our lives today.

## WEDNESDAY HEALING EUCHARIST - (12/13, 12/20).

We have begun our Advent Wednesday Healing Eucharists at 12 pm in the Sanctuary. Come celebrate this liturgical season with a moment of meditation and prayer amidst the busy month of December. This year, we will focus on the Old Testament lesson with contemplative homily and visual image projected beyond the half-wall. Please write to [priest@saint-timothys.org](mailto:priest@saint-timothys.org) with any questions and to get involved!

## **ANGEL TREE HATS, GLOVES, AND SCARVES COLLECTION**

We had a tremendously successful season for Angel Tree Gift Cards! We originally committed to sponsoring 25 children and five senior citizens but since we exceeded our donation goal, we have increased our commitment, and we are excited to be able to give that news to Cornerstones! Thank you, St. Timothy's, for your generosity and for putting your faith to work in support of those in need in our community!

**Our focus now turns to collecting hats, gloves, scarves and clean, lightly used winter coats for all ages.** The items should be resilient to damp and cold, so function is more important than fashion! You may bring these items to Henry Hall before Christmas and place them in the bin near the Christmas Tree. We continue to hear that the Northern Virginia area is in for a cold and snowy winter so consider dropping off a pair of gloves or a warm hat. Service Ministry will distribute to those in need.

**Questions: contact [service@saint-timothys.org](mailto:service@saint-timothys.org) and Thank YOU!**

## **CHRISTMAS REVELS – December 15<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM**

On **Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup>**, please join your church family for an informal evening of fellowship, entertainment and s'mores around a warm crackling bonfire. **This year's Revels will take place at our "new" firepit down in the Chapel Garden area.** The evening will comprise entertainment provided by yourselves, whatever the spirit moves you to do, or feel free just to come, watch and provide encouragement and applause. Please consider contributing something, such as a song, a poem, a reading, a joke, or a skit. If you have a contribution, please let Joe Weeden ([joeweeden99@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:joeweeden99@yahoo.co.uk)) know in advance. Please don't be shy! The evening will start at 6 pm and will be outdoors. If it is raining, we will move indoors.

## **CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS**

Would you like to donate for a poinsettia plant to be displayed in our sanctuary during our Christmas services? **If you wish, you may dedicate the plant to a friend or loved one.** Please contact the church at [office@saint-timothys.org](mailto:office@saint-timothys.org) by **December 18<sup>th</sup>** with your special dedication. **Mark your check, "Poinsettia".**