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Sunday, December 1, 2024

First Sunday of Advent

10 am



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Weekly Services

Sunday, 8:00 am	Holy Eucharist Rite I, spoken
Sunday, 10:00 am	Holy Eucharist Rite II with Choir (Godly Play for ages 3–8, Sunday School for ages 9-12)
Sábado, 7:00 pm	La Santa Misa, en español

Staff

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 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.

HOLY EUCHARIST The Word of God

Prelude

Litany

Charles Callahan

At the tolling of the bell, all stand

Opening Hymn (57)

Lo! He Comes, with Clouds Descending

Helmsley

Opening Acclamation (BCP 355)

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

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 (S 100)

Holy God

David Hurd

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

Celebrant: Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

A Reading from Book of Jeremiah 33:14-16

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 25:1-9

Robert Knox Kennedy

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



- 1 To you O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; *
let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- 3 Show me your ways, O Lord, *
and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.
- 5 Remember O Lord, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the Lord; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.
- || 9 All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness *
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

A Reading from 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

Sequence Hymn (75)

There's a Voice in the Wilderness Crying

Ascension

Holy Gospel: Luke 21:25-36

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. "Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

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 I (BCP 383)

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying “Lord, have mercy.”

For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this city of Herndon, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air, or through outer space, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of St. Timothy and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To you, O Lord our God.

Silence.

Celebrant will add 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 and forgive 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 and Announcements

Offertory Sentence

The Offering

Choral Anthem

“Lost in the Night”

Finnish Tune
arr. Michael Burkhardt

1. Lost in the night do the people yet languish
Longing for morning the darkness to vanquish,
Plaintively heaving a sigh full of anguish.
Will not day come soon? Will not day come soon?

3. Sorrowing wanderers, in darkness yet dwelling,
Dawned has the day of a radiance excelling,
Death’s dreaded darkness forever dispelling.
Christ is coming soon! Christ is coming soon!

2. Must we be vainly awaiting the morrow?
Shall those who have light no light let us borrow,
Giving no heed to our burden of sorrow?
Will you help us soon? Will you help us soon?

4. Light over the land of the needy is beaming;
Rivers of life through its deserts are streaming,
Bringing all peoples a Savior redeeming.
Come and save us soon! Come and save us soon!

Please stand as able.

Presentation Hymn

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

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 (S 124)

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. 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 (S 154)

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 (WLP 804)

Steal Away

Traditional Spiritual

Please stand or kneel, as you are able.

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 this 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 (54)

Savior of the Nations, Come

Nun komm, der
Heiden Heiland

Dismissal (BCP 366)

Celebrant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Rigaudon

Andre Campra

PRAYER LIST:

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

Health: Norma and Gregory VanWormer, Brooke Nunnally (broken ankle), Eric Barr (hip replacement), Julia & Jay Gartrell, Geoff Bloomfield (car accident), Katherine (pain), Valerie R., Dick Joyce, Beth Hwoshinsky

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, Jerry Vandenberg, Chris Connelly (Barb Kimmel's brother, severe depression), Barb Benson (friend of Bob Kimmel, Parkinson's), Susan Kruchten, Elizabeth Martinson, Ted Grivetti, Will LaWalt, Cecelia Kimble (Shon Beury's mother), David Caines (cancer)

THIS WEEK at ST. TIMOTHY'S

Sunday, December 1

8:00 AM Rite I Holy Eucharist – Sanctuary

9:15 AM Adult Choir Warm-up – Music Room

10:00 AM Rite II Holy Eucharist – Sanctuary/Livestream

11:15 AM Community Engagement Meeting – Conference Room

Monday, December 2

12:15 PM Step Into Recovery AA

7:00 PM Hope For Today Al Anon

8:30 PM Monday Night Milkshake Group AA

Tuesday, December 3

9:15 AM Staff Meeting – Conference Room

4:00 PM DanceWorx – Narthex

6:30 PM Scouts Troop 159

Wednesday, December 4

10:00 AM Red Cross Blood Drive – Henry Hall

12:15 PM Advent Healing Eucharist – Sanctuary

1:00 PM Shawl Ministry - Narthex

4:00 PM DanceWorx – Narthex

7:30 PM SA Meeting

Thursday, December 5

7:00 PM Debtors Anonymous

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal – Music Room

Friday, December 6

No Events

Saturday, December 7

9:00 AM Altar Guild Set-Up – Sanctuary

7:00 PM La Santa Misa – Sanctuary

8:00 PM Christmas Village Market – Henry Hall

WEDNESDAY HEALING EUCHARIST - (12/4, 12/11, 12/18).

St. Timothy's will begin its Advent Wednesday Healing Eucharists this Wednesday at **12:15 pm in the Sanctuary (please note the adjusted time)**. Come celebrate this liturgical season with a moment of meditation and prayer amidst the busy month of December.

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN REPORT

Thanks to all those who have pledged already for 2025. As of 11/27, we have received 119 pledges for \$503,285. This includes 19 new pledges along with 100 returning pledges. Last year, we ended the campaign with 109 pledges and our goal for this year is around 120.

Please do return your pledge card, either in person or email to office@saint-timothys.org.

ANGEL TREE SEASON – Thank you from the Service Ministry

Thank you for your generous donations to the Angel Tree program! With your help we will provide gift cards to 32 children and four senior citizens. As we give thanks for our abundance, we are particularly thankful for the expressions of kindness of our St. Timothy's family – for putting their faith to work to support our community. Stay tuned for Angel Tree Part 2, collecting hats, scarves and gloves in December.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE – December 4th

St. Timothy's will be hosting its bimonthly Red Cross Blood Drive this **Wednesday from 10 – 3:30 pm in Henry Hall**. Go to redcrossblood.org to learn more.

ST. TIM'S CHRISTMAS VILLAGE MARKET – December 7th & 8th

Get some Christmas shopping done December 7th after the 7 pm service and December 8th with shops open from 9:00-10:00 am, reopening at 11:30-1:00 pm with pictures with Saint Nicholas. Contact Janet Dopsovic: jgdops@gmail.com with your questions.

CHRISTMAS REVELS – December 13th

Please join your church family on Friday, **December 13th at 6 pm for an informal evening of fellowship, entertainment and s'mores around a warm crackling fire in the Chapel Garden area**. 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 (joweeden99@yahoo.co.uk) know in advance. 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 by **December 16th** with your special dedication. **Mark your check, "Poinsettia"**. You may also make your donation and dedication through the St. Timothy's website giving portal, selecting "Christmas Flowers" from the drop down.