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Sunday, December 1, 2024

First Sunday of Advent

8 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.

For those with little ones, there are rocking chairs located at the back of the sanctuary 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.

Vestry

Sr. Warden – Kristie Rudolph (2025)

Betsy Bosworth (2025)

Maria LaWalt (2025)

Matt Schumann (2027)

Carolyn Hamm (2025)

Vilma Lemus (2026)

Midori Yanagihara (2026)

Jr. Warden – Rick Wilson (2027)

Rob Huizar (2027)

John McGrath (alternate)

Trustees

Tom McLenigan

Keith Sinclair

Deke Smith

HOLY EUCHARIST- RITE I

At the tolling of the bell, please stand.

Opening Acclamation and Collect for Purity (BCP 323-324)

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

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

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.**

Trisagion (BCP 324)

Celebrant: Holy God,
Holy Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,

People: Have mercy upon us.

The Collect for the Day (BCP 159)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Celebrant: Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which thy 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 quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

A Reading from 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 (Read Responsively)

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.

Holy Gospel: Luke 21:25-36

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

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

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 be to thee, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Reverend Charles R. Cowherd

Please stand as able.

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 Sean, Mark, Charles, and Mario 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, Donald our president elect, Glenn our governor, Sheila our mayor, and Keven our mayor elect, 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: **Most merciful God,**
we confess that we have sinned against thee
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved thee with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

**For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in thy will,
and walk in thy ways,
to the glory of thy Name. 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: God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

(John 3:16)

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 and Announcements

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. 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 whom, 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.

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.

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.

Please stand.

Dismissal (BCP 340)

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

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia.

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 Rm.

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 (joeweeden99@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.



CELEBRATE THE SEASONS OF ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

Angel Tree - Support a child in need by donating funds for the purchase of a gift card, thru 11/30.

Wednesday Healing Eucharist - 12:15 PM, a weekly quiet contemplative service - 12/4, 12/11, 12/18.

Christmas Village Market - 12/8 starting at 9 AM. Picture with Saint Nicholas from 11:30 - 1:00 PM.

Revels - 12/13 at 6 PM, (church grounds), enjoy fellowship with songs and stories.

Advent/Christmas Hymn Festival - 12/22 at 10 AM, music by Michael Burkhardt, readings from the writings of Dietrich Bonhoeffer.

Christmas Eve Family Service - 12/24 at 5 PM, No-rehearsal Christmas Pageant for kids, families and all ages.

Christmas Eve Festival Eucharist - 12/24 at 7:30 PM, special choral, handbell, and instrumental music at 7:15 PM.

Lessons & Carols - 12/29 at 10 AM. All the Carols you missed in the holiday rush!