



Sunday, December 22, 2024

*Fourth 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

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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)

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Rob Huizar (2027)

John McGrath (alternate)

### Trustees

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## **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: 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 Micah 5:2-5a

You, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### Canticle 15/Luke 1:46-55 (Read Responsively)

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; \*  
**for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.**

From this day all generations will call me blessed: \*  
**the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.**

He has mercy on those who fear him \*  
**in every generation.**

He has shown the strength of his arm, \*  
**he has scattered the proud in their conceit.**

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, \*  
**and has lifted up the lowly.**

He has filled the hungry with good things, \*  
**and the rich he has sent away empty.**

He has come to the help of his servant Israel, \*  
**for he has remembered his promise of mercy,**

The promise he made to our fathers, \*  
**to Abraham and his children for ever.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

### **A Reading from Hebrews 10:5-10**

When Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, 'See, God, I have come to do your will, O God' (in the scroll of the book it is written of me)." When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), then he added, "See, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

### **Holy Gospel: Luke 1:39-45**

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

**People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

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

**Rest of the Soul:** Mike Dropik (friend of Wanda Rixon)

**Health:** 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 22

8:00 AM Rite I Holy Eucharist – Sanctuary

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

10:00 AM Advent Hymn Festival – Sanctuary/Livestream

11:00 AM Greening of the Church

### Monday, December 23

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 24

5:00 PM Christmas Eve Family Service with Pageant

7:30 PM Christmas Eve Festal Eucharist

### Wednesday, December 25 – Merry Christmas!

Thursday, December 26 – Office Closed

7:00 PM Debtors Anonymous

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal – Music Room

Friday, December 27 – Office Closed

No Events

Saturday, December 28 – Office Closed

8:00 AM MOST Breakfast

9:00 AM Altar Guild Set-Up – Sanctuary

7:00 PM La Santa Misa – Sanctuary

## HELP DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS – Today!

Come All Ye Parishioners: Everyone is invited to help decorate the sanctuary after the **10 am service on December 22nd**. Poinsettia's need to be bagged, candles and sconces need to be placed on the wall, the creche needs to be displayed, and countless other decorating needs to be done in time for Christmas Eve. Lunch will be served for those helping.

## 2025 VESTRY MEMBERS ELECTIONS

**In January we will be electing 4 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 a member of the Vestry Nominating Committee which, per our Bylaws, consists of Carolyn Hamm, Betsy Bosworth, Maria LaWalt and Kristie Rudolph (departing vestry members), as well as Dave Dopsovich and Tom Davis (non-vestry members).

## ST. TIMOTHY'S 2024 ANNUAL MEETING – January 26 at 11 AM

Please join us in Henry Hall for our Annual Meeting. We will celebrate our outgoing and incoming Vestry, hear about Church Ministry Reports, take a look at the 2025 Budget, and much more. The January 16<sup>th</sup> eNews will have a link to the reports that you may review prior to the meeting. Lunch will be provided!

## ANGEL TREE PART II – Collecting Hats, Scarves and Gloves

This week our Service Ministry team will be out purchasing gift cards for the 32 children and four senior citizens. If you happen to be out shopping, please consider purchasing a warm hat, a pair of water-resilient gloves or a warm scarf and place it in the bin near the Christmas Tree in Henry Hall. We will take **NEW items only**, for children of all ages and adult men and women. **Donations will be accepted through**

**December 30<sup>th</sup>**, then delivered to the Embry Rucker Shelter and the Hypothermia Shelter. Thank you for *putting your faith to work* to keep our neighbors warm during this exceptionally cold winter weather.

## **MINISTRY LEADERS:**

Please submit any outstanding vouchers for 2024 to the church office. This is important because it allows our bookkeeper to close the books out for this year!

## **CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**

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](mailto:office@saint-timothys.org) and someone will get back to you.

## **COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DAY DINNER**

The dinner is held at **Christ the Redeemer Church located at 46833 Henry Byrd Highway (Route 7) in Sterling on Christmas Day**. This event is free, open to the public and is for anyone who finds themselves alone, without family, or in need this Christmas holiday. This is a sit-down dinner with live music as well as toys and games for the kids! **Seating begins at 4:00 pm and continues until 7:30 pm**, which is our last seating. Go to the website [Communitychristmasdinner.com](http://Communitychristmasdinner.com) and please click the RSVP button to see this year's menu. No charge for the meal. RSVPs are welcome to help plan for food and seating.

## **CHRISTMAS SERVICES**

**Advent/Christmas Hymn Festival – December 22nd at 10 AM.** Music by Michael Burkhardt, readings from the writings of Dietrich Bonhoeffer.

**Christmas Eve Family Service - December 24th at 5 PM.** No-rehearsal Christmas Pageant for kids, families, and all ages. Kids come at 4:30 – 4:45 pm to pick out costumes in Henry Hall.

**Christmas Eve Festival Eucharist - December 24th, at 7:30 PM.** Special choral, handbell, and instrumental music at 7:15 pm.

**Lessons & Carols - December 29th at 10 AM.** All the Carols you missed in the holiday rush!


St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, Herndon, VA 20170

December 22, 2024 at 10 a.m.

# An Advent/Christmas Hymn Festival

*Savior of the Nations, Come*

Michael Burkhardt  
Readings from the writings of Dietrich Bonhoeffer



## CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY SERVICE

December 24, 2024, at 5:00 PM

A NO-REHEARSAL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT FOR KIDS, FAMILIES, AND ALL AGES.



ST. TIMOTHY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
432 VAN BUREN STREET, HERNDON, VA 20170  
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# Christmas Eve Festival Service

December 24, at 7:30 PM

St. Timothy's Episcopal Church  
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## Lessons and Carols

December 29, 2024 10:00 AM



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