



St. Timothy's Episcopal Church *Lake Jackson, Texas*

Our Vision

*Empowered by the Holy Spirit,
we experience the love of Jesus Christ
and share it with others.*

HOLY EUCHARIST – RITE II **THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT** **December 4, 2022 – 10:30 a.m.**

Welcome to St. Timothy's! You are invited to participate fully in today's worship service. This bulletin contains all the prayers and responses said by the People. If you wish to use the Book of Common Prayer [BCP], the page numbers are given in brackets. Music not printed here may be found in the Blue Hymnal 1982 on the rack in front of you.

Why Advent? The Latin word translates "coming". Advent marks the beginning season of the church year in which we prepare, simplify, make space for Christ's coming both in the past, present and future. Each Sunday in Advent reminds us of the gifts in which we receive from Christ's coming: HOPE, PEACE, JOY, and LOVE. Each week we will light an advent candle as a way of remembering and marking time. We will read a scripture related to how Jesus brought this gift to the world uniquely and then say a prayer. You can do this at home as well.

Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God from the Obasi family in anticipation and thanksgiving for their planned travel on December 11.

Prelude

Preparing Our Hearts for Advent

Prepare Ye The Way Of The Lord
sung by Gwen Klorer

J. Riddle

Welcome and Announcements

THE WORD OF GOD

Processional Hymn (*all sing*)

Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

Hymn 67

Second Sunday of Advent

Celebrant: Today we light the first and second candles of the Advent wreath. Each candle has a meaning. The first candle is HOPE, the second candle is PEACE.

The candle is lit.

Scripture: Colossians 3:15 – Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace.

Prayer: Almighty God, you offer rest for our hearts, and peace for our souls. Give us grace to seek peace in our lives, peace in this community, and peace in the world. Through Jesus Christ, the prince of peace. Amen.

Opening Acclamation

[BCP 355]

Priest Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

People **His mercy endures forever.**

Collect for Purity

Priest 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.**

Glory to God (S280) (all sing)

Setting by Robert Powell

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
 give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
 Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
 on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

The Collect

[BCP 211]

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest Let us pray.

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 First Lesson: Isaiah 11:1-10 (*sit*)

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;
but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.

The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the
ox.

The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.

They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain;

for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

After the reading

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19 (*spoken responsively by half verse*)

- 1 Give the King your justice, O God, *
and your righteousness to the King's Son;
- 2 That he may rule your people righteously *
and the poor with justice;
- 3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, *
and the little hills bring righteousness.
- 4 He shall defend the needy among the people; *
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.
- 5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, *
from one generation to another.
- 6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, *
like showers that water the earth.
- 7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; *
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.
- 18 Blessed be the Lord GOD, the God of Israel, *
who alone does wondrous deeds!
- 19 And blessed be his glorious Name for ever! *
and may all the earth be filled with his glory.
Amen. Amen.

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.

The Epistle: Romans 15:4-13

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

"Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles,
and sing praises to your name";

and again he says,

"Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people";

and again,

"Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,
and let all the peoples praise him";

and again Isaiah says,

"The root of Jesse shall come,
the one who rises to rule the Gentiles;
in him the Gentiles shall hope."

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

After the reading

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn (*all sing*) (*vs. 3, 4, & 8*) *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* **Hymn 56**

The Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The Gospel passage is read.

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.’”

Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

“I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon (*sit*)

David Kautz

We believe in one God, the Father, the 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 worshipped 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.*

The Prayers of the People

Intercessor Having received the revelation of God through his holy word entrusted to human hands, we pray, confident in his care for all people. As the prophets foretold the coming of Christ, and the Baptist declared his presence, empower your Church to make him known at this present time.

People **Guide us with wisdom and understanding in the reading of your word revealed in holy scripture.**

Intercessor Enlighten the people of this world with repentance for past wrong and a new resolve for good.

People **Fulfill in our time the promise of peace and reconciliation.**

Intercessor Open our eyes to find your word for us in Bible reading.

People **In all our dealings with one another, enable us to speak the truth in love, to be witnesses of faith to all whose lives touch ours.**

Intercessor May the present comfort of your holy word and the hope of future glory bring strength to those who suffer.

People **Give them relief through the power of Christ, healing all their ills and making all things new.**

Intercessor Grant that the souls of the departed may share the joy of all who have witnessed to the message of salvation.

People **We give thanks for those who have gone before to prepare for us the way of peace.**

Intercessor We offer our words of prayer, that they may be acceptable in the name of the Word made flesh for us.

Silence

We pray for the special needs, concerns, and thanksgivings of this congregation.
(*please pray out loud or silently*)

Silence

- We give thanks to God for Jessey and Bill and another person receiving a cancer free report. Glory to God!
- For peace among the nations of the world, especially Ukraine and Pakistan.
- For the grace and strength to fulfill our strategic direction at St. Timothy's; may the Holy Spirit be the architect of all we do. Help guide us all. Call forth those who you have to serve according to the gifts you've given them.

We pray especially for members: Kim, Ed and family, Rebecca, Anne, Kurt, Jessey, Char, Steve, Davis, Cameron, Kenneth, Carla, Matt and Melissa, Jay and Cathy, Dave, Kay, Roy, Dale, Janet and Rod, Donna, Larry, Don, Jackie, Linda, Susan, Michael, John, Gayle, David, Pastor Robin, Bill, Alison, Ellen, and Bob.

For friends and families: Stephanie, April, Robert, Glenda, Colleen, Alexander, Trey, Lindsay, Robin, Bubba, Cheryl, Dustin, Kristi, Hannah, Kristin, John,

Margaret, Sue and Kenneth, Grace, Tate, Douglas, Steve, Jean, Rebecca, Kellye, Liz, James, Lorie, Derek, Mary, Eric, Judy, Rita, Vickie, Kelly, Jocelyn, Terry, Matt, Sam, Kevin, Claire, Mary, Amy, and David.

For our men and women serving in the Armed Forces: Brad, Lucas, Annie, Justin, Joseph, Caleb, Ed, Brett, Thea, Jacob, and Joshua.

We pray for all who have died, especially Ann Quirk, that they may have a place in your eternal Kingdom.

For the diocesan cycle of prayer: Holy Apostles in Katy, Holy Spirit in Houston, Hope in Houston, and San Mateo in Bellaire.

Concluding Prayer

Priest O Lord, without whom our labor is lost: We beseech you to prosper all works in your Church undertaken according to your holy will. Grant to your workers a pure intention, a patient faith, sufficient success on earth, and the blessedness of serving you in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

Confession and Absolution

[BCP 360]

Priest Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Priest and People **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.***

Priest 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.***

The Peace (*stand*)

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Sentence: But do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. *Hebrews 13:15, 16*

The Offertory

I Wonder As I Wander

Niles

Hannah Poore

(The gifts are brought forward by members)

Doxology (*The people stand*) (*all sing*)

Hymn 380, vs. 3

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host:
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Priest: All things come from thee, O Lord.

People: **And of thine own have we given thee.**

The Great Thanksgiving (*stand*)

[BCP 361]

Eucharistic Prayer A

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest Lift up your hearts.

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

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you sent your 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 we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus (S129) *(all sing)*

Setting by Robert Powell

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est._____

The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ 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.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

Priest And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Priest and People **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 Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

Facing the people, the priest says the following invitation

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.

The Ministration of Communion

All baptized Christians are welcome to come to the Lord's Table and receive the bread and wine of communion. Others are invited to come forward for a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest. If you need a gluten-free wafer, please tell the priest just before you receive communion.

Communion Hymns

- **Hymn 54** (*all sing*) *Savior Of The Nations, Come*
- **Hymn 340** (*all sing*) *For The Bread Which You Have Broken*

Post Communion Prayer (*stand or kneel*)

[BCP 366]

Priest Let us pray.

Priest and People **Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever.**

If a Eucharistic Visitor is sent out:

<i>Priest</i>	N., in the name of Jesus Christ and of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts,
<i>People</i>	that those to whom you go may share in the Communion of Christ's Body and Blood.
<i>All</i>	<i>We who are many, are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.</i>

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn *(all sing)*

Prepare The Way, O Zion

Hymn 65

The Dismissal

Priest Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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Parish Announcements

Upcoming Events

Sunday, December 4 – 9:30-10:15 a.m. – Advent Craft Event for all ages in the Parish Hall. Contact Organizer, Jane Power.

10:30 a.m. – Youth Sunday! Youth will be leading in all areas of the service

Start picking up Angel Tree angels

Thursday, December 8 – 10:00 a.m. – noon - Sewing event with guests from the Food Basket

6:00-7:30 p.m. – **Zoom** in the Blue Room, Silent Nights: Grief, and Coping During the Holidays by Institute for Spirituality and Health. Join Pastor Robin in person in the Blue Room.

Saturday, December 10 – 8:30 a.m. - noon – Assemble the Living Nativity set

Saturday, December 17 – 7 & 7:30 p.m., Living Nativity Performances

Sunday, December 18 – Noon, Hanging of the Greens

7 & 7:30 p.m., Living Nativity Performances

Final day to return Angel Tree gifts

Saturday, December 24: Christmas Eve - 5:30 p.m. Family Service with Candlelight

10:00 p.m. Traditional Eucharist with Candlelight Service

Sunday, December 25: Christmas Day – 10:30 a.m., one service - Holy Eucharist no music

Christmas Music/Flowers Donation – The envelopes in today’s bulletin should be familiar to all of you who have been at St. Timothy’s through a Christmas or Easter past. Your memories and/or thanksgivings are listed in the bulletins for Christmas Eve, and your donations help with the cost of our wonderful music and decorations. This year’s deadline is December 11th for your requests to be listed in the bulletin. Please put envelopes in the offering plate or bring to the office. Thank you.

Living Well Through Advent: *Practicing Simplicity with All Your Heart, Soul, Strength and Mind.* Please pick up a copy of this daily devotional in the Narthex or Parish Hall. If you would like to follow this daily devotional on-line, you can sign up for daily updates via email or a PDF download on the Daily Compass website, <https://www.livingcompass.org/advent>.



St. Timothy’s Angel Tree Program, Starts Today, December 4th -

The Angel Tree program is a national organization that allows parents in prison to strengthen their connection with their children by providing gifts with a personal message from the parent. Each child receives a toy gift, a clothing gift, and an age- appropriate religious book. No gift should exceed \$20.00

Each October the church receives a list of children who live in the Clute-Lake Jackson area codes. The caregivers are contacted for sizes and gift suggestions. These gift ideas are written on the paper angels placed on the Angel Tree. The “tree” will be in the narthex starting Sunday, December 4. A donor selects an angel, purchases the gift, wraps it, attaches the top part of the angel to the package, and brings it to the church. The gifts are delivered the week before Christmas.

Your participation is needed and we will be happy to deliver “Angels” to you and pick up gifts if you are unable to get to the church. Call or text Nancy Carter at 979-285-4831.

The wrapped gifts should be returned no later than December 18. Donations of money for books can be put in the stocking on the tree or given to Nancy Carter. Checks should be written to St. Timothy’s with a notation of “for Angel Tree”.

Sewing with guests from the Food Basket. Thursday, December 8, 10 a.m. – noon – Join us on December 8 as we teach guests from the Food Basket how to sew

a zip top case for pencils, cosmetics, or whatever else they would like. These events teach a skill and provide much-needed fellowship to members of the community.

We need our members to help our learners as well as shine God's love on them.

Living Nativity Stage Setup - Please mark Saturday, December 10th, 8:30 a.m. on your calendar to set up the stage and animal pens. Please bring your work gloves and hand tools, if you have them. Skilled and unskilled workers are welcome.



Living Nativity – St. Timothy’s 66th Production of the Living Nativity, Saturday-Sunday, December 17 & 18. Showings at 7:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., on the Front Lawn. Invite your family and friends.

Refreshments needed – 3 dozen cookies, individually bagged, in Parish Hall.

Everyone is invited to participate. We need volunteers for Assistants, Sound, Lights, Cast meals, Costumers and more. Whether you are experienced with the production or if you’d like to know how it all works, please join us. Come be a part of our annual gift to the Brazosport community! If you have any questions, contact Kerry Cormier.

Hanging of the Greens, Sunday, December 18, noon – Come out to help make our church look beautiful for Christmas worship. We will meet after the 10:30 service on Sunday, December 18. All ages and abilities can help. We will hang greens, set out the creche, decorate poles, and prepare candles for Christmas Eve. This is a fun time of making memories, so join us!

Sound Techs Needed - Our Sound Technicians enhance our live and on-line worship experience by making sure our service is easy to hear. On most Sundays, the task is easy, yet oh so important!

Please consider joining our sound team. We need volunteers for the 8:30 and 10:30 services. Contact Sondra Griner, Jay Richardson or any other sound tech with your questions.

Christian Formation is back! - We return to having Christian Formation. Children in Kindergarten through 5th grade will meet in Timothy's Troop room and students in the 6th grade through high school will meet in the Youth Hall. Parents are invited to enjoy adult conversation, coffee, and donuts in the Parish Hall with the Adult Christian Formation group at 9:30 a.m.

Upcoming Youth Activities - Mark Your Calendar!

- Wednesday, December 14, 6-7:30 pm, Caroling at Sodalis in Lake Jackson

Resources:

Silent Nights: Grief, Stress, and Coping During the Holidays – 2022

By Institute for Spirituality and Health

2 options for participating:

- 1 – online via Zoom, from home or
- 2 – at the churches Blue Room with Pastor Robin and Licensed Counselor who will facilitate sharing.
- Thursday, December 8, 6:00-7:30 pm
- A virtual gathering **via Zoom**.
- Free of charge, donations welcomed

For many, the winter holiday season is a time to come together, and also a time when grief and loss are felt most deeply. Now in its 9th year, this annual program offers a safe space to hear and share stories of grief and know that you are not alone. We will hear from members of ISH's bereavement group and others who each have a unique experience to share.

You may join **IN PERSON** with Pastor Robin in the Blue Room and Licensed Counselor, Kifferie Corley, MA, LPC of Galveston.

If you wish to join on your own, please register on-line. If you want to join at church and need a ride, please call the church office.

Got Announcements? Submit them Online! - You can submit announcement requests from the St. Timothy's website at www.stimothy.org/announcements

Giving and the 2022 Budget - Know that your gifts are helping us to provide a safe place for people to encounter the living God. Lives are being transformed each week as people encounter God's love. Thank you for contributing to God's Kingdom work in and through St. Timothy's.

We are excited to now have simple ways to give online with simplegive and PayPal via QRcodes (see below on page 22). Other ways to give which can prevent taxes is by initiating a Retirement Account transfer directly to St. Timothy's. Some do this quarterly or on an annual basis. Then others sell stocks and securities and have a donation come directly to St. Timothy's. Our treasurer, Keith Frank can help you with these tax benefiting ways to give.

Flowers On The Altar – Honor God – Give flowers to not only honor God and celebrate birthdays, anniversaries, and those who have died, but to bless those who are sick and homebound.

Altar Guild needs your empty flower vases (10-12). After our Sunday services, our flowers leave the building spreading joy, and we need vases for their travel.

We need vases 8-10 inches across in width. This allows for the arrangements to easily transfer from our brass altar vases inserts to the take-home vases.

If you have old vases for large arrangements, please bring the vases to the office or let Kim Lehnhoff (979-299-9777) know you need them picked up.

Please note: If you would like to order flowers, the cost is \$75 for arrangements on the altar. You may give by check to Jackie (in the office) or put it in the offering plate with "flowers" in the memo line. You can sign up on the flower chart in the Narthex on the bulletin board.

Connect with God & Community:

Wednesdays:

11 am -12 pm in Sanctuary - *Silent Prayer with the Daughters of the King*

"Enjoy the peace and quiet for the soul that only God's presence can bring." Some read scripture. Some read from *Waiting on God* devotional. Some write their prayers and listen for what God has to say. Come for a brief time or the whole time. Come as you are and know you are loved!

8 - 8:15 pm - Compline is on break during Advent. It will return on December 28th.

Fridays:

10:00 a.m. - Healing Prayer Group – Meets Friday mornings in the Welcome Center. We pray for the ministries and needs of the congregation and parish. If you have any questions or a prayer request, contact Char Aslakson at 979-297-3159. You may also receive confidential prayer on Sundays in the Chapel after the Eucharist.

Opportunities for Involvement (see sign-up sheet in the narthex).

Youth

- Planning Team for Youth Gatherings: contact David Kautz.

Worship

- Usher: 8:30 or 10:30 a.m. services: Contact Angela McCabe.
- Videographer: Use our cameras to live stream the 10:30 service. Contact Sondra Griner.
- Sound Technicians: Contact Sondra Griner or Jay Richardson
- Readers: Contact Jackie K. at the church office (979) 297-6003.
- Chalcers: Contact Pastor Robin at the church (979) 297-6003.
- Music Ministry: Singing and Handbells, Contact Andrea Hutchison
- Acolytes: Contact Mary Young

Other

- Daughters of the King: Contact Dale Rasco
- Building and Grounds Help – with gardening, and/or mowing: Contact Mark Lehnhoff

Event Organizing/Coordinating

- Contact Pastor Robin

Not sure how to reach one of these people? Call the church office at (979) 297-6003.

Get our Church Directory - Our digital church directory is a great tool to help you know who's who, associate a name with a face, and reach out to another member. To get started, download the Instant Church Directory app, and log in with the email you provided to the office. New to St. Timothy's? Have an outdated picture? Take a new picture, and send it to the office, (office@sttimothy.org.)

Hello Bridge Players! - The Gulf Coast Duplicate Bridge is playing at St. Timothy's on Fridays in the Blue Room. You may arrive between 5:30-6:00 PM.

Games start promptly at 6:00 PM. We play about 25 hands of bridge. So, it will last until about 10:00-10:30 PM. Cost is \$1 per person.

We would love to have you play with us – bring your own partner or ask Martha Wallace to find a partner for you.

Contact Martha Wallace (979-457-3833) or Sandra Weir (979-297-7572) to make a reservation or if you have questions.

Thank you for your gift! We accept gifts in a variety of ways including PayPal and SimpleGive.

New! For your convenience, you may now give via St. Timothy's PayPal @ <https://paypal.me/stimothy200> or the QR code below (There is a small transaction fee of 1.5% for St. Timothy's but not the donor.)



You may also give your offering via simplegive using this link or the QR Code below: <https://my.simplegive.com/App/Giving/stims>. (There is 3% charge to the church for this service)



See the weekly Friday Blast for more information on these and other upcoming events. Sign up to receive the Blast at sttimothy.org. Click on the “subscribe to newsletter” button found on the landing page.

This Week at St. Timothy’s

Sunday, December 4, 2022

8:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist, Rite I

9:30 a.m. – Adult Formation (Parish Hall)

9:30-10:15 – Annual Advent Event, Parish Hall

10:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Youth Sunday)

Monday, December 5, 2022

Tuesday, December 6, 2022

Wednesday, December 7, 2022

8:30 a.m. – Army of Retired Men (ARM), All are welcome

11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. – Silent Prayer Vigil (In the Chapel)

6:00 p.m. – Handbell Choir Rehearsal

7:00 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal

8:00 p.m. – Compline (Facebook Live)

Thursday, December 8, 2022

10:00 a.m. – noon - Sewing with guests from the Food Basket (Room 250)

Friday, December 9, 2022

10:00 a.m. – Healing Prayer Group (in the Welcome Center)

6:00-10:00 p.m. - Gulf Coast Duplicate Bridge Group, Blue Room

Saturday, December 10, 2022

8:30 – noon – Assemble the Living Nativity Set (All are welcome!)

3:00-4:30 p.m. – Sewing Saturday, Room 250

Sunday, December 11, 2022

7:30 a.m. – Brotherhood of St. Andrew Study and Breakfast, Parish Hall

8:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist, Rite I

9:30 a.m. – Youth Formation, K-5th (Timothy’s Troop Room 380);

6th- High School (Youth Hall); Adult Formation (Parish Hall)

10:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist, Rite II

St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

Altar Party

Acolytes

Blayne and Colinda Frieauf

Kim Collins

Ushers

David Obasi

Travis Frieauf

Chalicer

Charles Collins

Lector

Hannah Poore

Clara Furriol

Luke and Seth Collins

Prayers

Esther Obasi

Youth Sunday Preacher

David Kautz

Rector

The Reverend Robin Reeves-Kautz

Director of Music

Andrea Hutchison

Organist

Bonnie McDaniel

St. Timothy's Vestry

Ron Weeks – Sr. Warden

Fran Hammond

Mark Lebnhoff – Jr. Warden

Gary Jones

Kerry Cormier

Dave Mayberry

Sondra Griner

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Rachel Wilbanks

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