



# *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 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT** **December 11, 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.*

### **Prelude**

### **Welcome and Announcements**

## **THE WORD OF GOD**

**Processional Hymn** *(all sing)*

*Come Thou Long Expected Jesus*

**Hymn 66**

### **Third Sunday of Advent**

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

*The candles are lit.*

Scripture: Isaiah 55:12 – You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and hills will burst into song before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands.

Prayer: Gracious God, you came to us in human flesh and you abide with us in the Holy Spirit. Fill us with your joy, and help us shine as a light to the world. Through Jesus Christ, who makes our joy complete. 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  
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 212]

*Priest* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Priest* Let us pray.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**The First Lesson: Isaiah 35:1-10** (*sit*)

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,  
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;  
like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly,  
and rejoice with joy and singing.

The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,  
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.

They shall see the glory of the LORD,  
the majesty of our God.

Strengthen the weak hands,  
and make firm the feeble knees.

Say to those who are of a fearful heart,  
"Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance,  
with terrible recompense.  
He will come and save you."

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,  
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;  
then the lame shall leap like a deer,  
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,  
and streams in the desert;

the burning sand shall become a pool,  
and the thirsty ground springs of water;  
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,  
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

A highway shall be there,  
and it shall be called the Holy Way;

the unclean shall not travel on it,  
but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray.  
No lion shall be there,  
nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;  
they shall not be found there,  
but the redeemed shall walk there.  
And the ransomed of the LORD shall return,  
and come to Zion with singing;  
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;  
they shall obtain joy and gladness,  
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

*After the reading*

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 146:4-9** (*spoken responsively by half verse*)

- 4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! \*  
**whose hope is in the LORD their God;**
- 5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; \*  
**who keeps his promise for ever;**
- 6 Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, \*  
**and food to those who hunger.**
- 7 The LORD sets the prisoners free;  
the LORD opens the eyes of the blind; \*  
**the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;**
- 8 The LORD loves the righteous;  
the LORD cares for the stranger; \*  
**he sustains the orphan and widow,  
but frustrates the way of the wicked.**

9 The LORD shall reign for ever, \*  
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.  
Hallelujah!

**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: James 5:7-10**

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

*After the reading*

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Sequence Hymn** (*all sing*) (*vs. 5, 6 & 8*)    *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*    **Hymn 56**

#### Verse 5

O come, Thou Key of David, come and open wide our heavenly home.  
Make safe the way that leads on high and close the path to misery.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

#### Verse 6

O come, Thou Dayspring, from on high and cheer us by Thy drawing nigh.  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night and death's dark shadow put to flight.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

#### Verse 8

O come, O come, Emmanuel and ransom captive Israel  
That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

## The Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11

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

*The Gospel passage is read.*

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?” Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me.”

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, ‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.’”

“Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.”

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

**The Sermon** (*sit*)

*The Reverend Robin Reeves-Kautz*

**The Nicene Creed** (*stand*)

[BCP 358]

**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* As the grace of God has opened our way to come before him, let us pray in the assurance that he is present among us. As the Son of God was made known by mighty works, strengthen his Church in true faith and good deeds.

*People* **Make through her witness a highway to your holiness, a garden in the wilderness.**

*Intercessor* May the desert places of sin and sorrow blossom as the rose, filled with the joy of your presence.

*People* **Bring light to those who are in darkness, love to the hearts that are barren.**

*Intercessor* Bless us with your presence in our families and friendships. Give us patience in all our dealings with others.

*People* **Where relationships are hurt or broken, give healing and renewal.**

*Intercessor* As our Lord Jesus performed great wonders of healing, bring relief and renewed health to the sick and injured. Have mercy on those who after long illness are despairing of health.

*People*      **Give them hope and trust in your unfailing love.**

*Intercessor*      Grant rest to those who have seen the promises fulfilled, all troubles ended, all distresses healed.

*People*      **Make them perfect in the peace of Christ.**

*Intercessor*      Seeking to follow the way which the Lord has shown to us, we make our prayers in his Name.

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

We pray especially for members: Kim, Elva and the David family, 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, Dustin, Kristi, Hannah, Kristin, John, Margaret, Sue and Kenneth, Grace, Tate, Douglas, Steve, Jean, Rebecca, Kellye, Liz, James, Loorie, Derek, Mary, Eric, Judy, Rita, Vickie, Kelly, Jocelyn, Cheryl, 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, that they may have a place in your eternal Kingdom.

For the diocesan cycle of prayer: San Romero in Houston, Santa Maria Virgen in Houston, St. Andrew's in Houston, and St. Christopher's in Houston.

### **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.*

*Members of St. Timothy's healing prayer team are available in the side chapel to pray with anyone who desires healing for themselves or others. Simply go to the side chapel after taking communion.*

## 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**

*The Angel Gabriel*

Chancel Choir

*(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 76** (*all sing*) *On Jordan's Bank The Baptist's Cry*
- **Hymn 60** (*all sing*) *Creator Of The Stars Of Night*

## 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:*

*Priest* N., in the name of Jesus Christ and of this congregation,  
I send you forth bearing these holy gifts,

*People* that those to whom you go may share in the Communion  
of Christ's Body and Blood.

*All* *We who are many, are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.*

## The Blessing

**Recessional Hymn** *(all sing)*

*Blest Be The King Whose Coming*

**Hymn 74**

## 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

**Monday, December 12** – 6:30 p.m., Vestry Meeting in the Blue Room

**Tuesday, December 13** – 6:00-7:30 p.m., Caroling at Sodalis Retirement Community in Lake Jackson

**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. Bring bells!

**Sunday, January 1** – Lessons and Carols, 10:30 service (combined service).

**Sunday, January 8** – Epiphany Sunday & Three Kings Sunday

**Sunday, January 29** – Annual Parish Meeting and 2<sup>nd</sup> Chili Cookoff

**Christmas 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 today, December 11<sup>th</sup>** 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.*** We have more books! 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>.

**Who Wants to Go Christmas Caroling? Join us Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> -**

Calling all parishioners to join the Youth Group in singing Christmas Carols for the residents at Sodalis, (206 Oak Dr. S, home of Carolyn Hinderer). We will meet at the front of the facility at 6:15, gather and sing at 6:30 and return to the Parish Hall for hot chocolate and maybe a snowball fight. For those wishing to practice, join us after the service this Sunday. We will be singing familiar songs, so it is not a requirement.



**St. Timothy's Angel Tree Program, began December 4<sup>th</sup> -** 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" is in the narthex. 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".



**Living Nativity – St. Timothy’s 66<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Please see the sign-up sheets in the narthex for ways you can be of service.**

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!

**Food Basket 2023** - Thanks for all of you who donated generously to our Christmas food drive, mostly canned vegetables. We donated 278 pounds of food!

The Food Basket is already planning for 2023. They are running low on a variety of staple pantry items, and would love to get your help:

- Cereal bars
- Dry pasta
- Spaghetti sauce (no glass jars please)
- Diced tomatoes (15 oz)
- Soups
- Canned pasta with Meat (Ravioli, spaghetti w/meatballs, etc.)
- Dry beans (not pintos)

**Save the Date! Parish Meeting & Chili Cookoff, Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>** – Annual Parish Meeting and 2<sup>nd</sup> Chili Cookoff for prizes.

**Sewing Saturdays** - Sewing together is a fun way to get to know each other and complete an easy sewing project. Our sewing group meets on Saturdays at 3:00 p.m. in Room 250. If you have questions, please contact Sondra Griner.

We will take a holiday break on Dec. 24 and 31.

**Daughters of the King** - Last Saturday, the Daughters of the King had a workshop led by the Diocesan Director of the DOK and Benedictine Sister Erica. They covered a lot in their gathering, welcoming a good number of guests discerning if DOK is right for them; Two members were reinstated; officers were elected; training manuals were reviewed, and future training sessions were planned for those discerning.

A new class will begin in late January or Early February.

Special thanks were given to outgoing President Dale Rasco and Treasurer Sandra Weir for their help in keeping the group together even during Covid.

New Officers:

President: Suzy Wilson; Vice President: Margaret Dodson; Treasurer: Sandra Weir; Secretary; and Chaplain: Pastor Robin

**Got Announcements? Submit them Online!** - You can submit announcement requests from the St. Timothy's website at [www.stimothy.org/announcements](http://www.stimothy.org/announcements)

**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 vase inserts to the take-home vases. If you have old vases for large arrangements, please bring the vases to the office.

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 28<sup>th</sup>.

### **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 sheets 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.
- Chalicers: 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

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***This Week at St. Timothy’s***

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**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**

9:30-10:15 – Youth Formation, K-5th (Timothy’s Troop Room 380);  
6<sup>th</sup>- High School (Youth Hall); Adult Formation (Parish Hall)

**10:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist, Rite II**

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**Monday, December 12, 2022**

6:30 p.m. – Vestry Meeting, Blue Room

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**Tuesday, December 13, 2022**

6:00-7:30 p.m. – Caroling at Sodalis Retirement Community in Lake Jackson

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**Wednesday, December 14, 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

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**Thursday, December 15, 2022**

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**Friday, December 16, 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

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**Saturday, December 17, 2022**

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

7:00 & 7:30 p.m. – Living Nativity, front lawn

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**Sunday, December 18, 2022**

**8:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist, Rite I**

9:30 a.m. – Youth Formation, K-5th (Timothy’s Troop Room 380);  
6<sup>th</sup>- High School (Youth Hall); Adult Formation (Parish Hall)

**10:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist, Rite II**

7:00 & 7:30 p.m. – Living Nativity, front lawn

## St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

### Altar Party

#### Acolytes

#### Ushers

Susan Buell

Mel McKey

#### Chalicer

Tony Janeshek

#### Lector

Susan Buell

#### Healing Prayer

Suzy Wilson

Char Aslakson

#### 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*

*Sandra Weir*

*Rachel Wilbanks*

*Keith Frank, Treasurer*

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