



# *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 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT** **December 18, 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)*

*How Bright Appears The Morning Star*

**Hymn 497**

### **Fourth Sunday of Advent**

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

*The candles are lit.*

Scripture: John 13:34 – Jesus said to them, I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.

Prayer: Loving God, your mercy and compassion endure forever. Open our hearts, that we may receive your love; and following the example of your Son, spread that love to a love-starved world. Through Jesus Christ, who loved us to the end. 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.

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### The First Lesson: Isaiah 7:10-16 (*sit*)

Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test. Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil

and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.”

*After the reading*

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

**Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18** (*spoken responsively by half verse*)

- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; \*  
**shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.**
- 2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, \*  
**stir up your strength and come to help us.**
- 3 Restore us, O God of hosts; \*  
**show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**
- 4 O LORD God of hosts, \*  
**how long will you be angered  
despite the prayers of your people?**
- 5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; \*  
**you have given them bowls of tears to drink.**
- 6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, \*  
**and our enemies laugh us to scorn.**
- 7 Restore us, O God of hosts; \*  
**show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**
- 16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, \*  
**the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.**
- 17 And so will we never turn away from you; \*  
**give us life, that we may call upon your Name.**
- 18 Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; \*  
**show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**

**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 1:1-7**

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by

resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

*After the reading*

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

**Sequence Hymn** (*all sing*) (*vs. 6 - 8*)

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

**Hymn 56**

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 7

O come, Desire of nations, bind in one the hearts of all mankind.  
Bid Thou our sad divisions cease and be thyself our King of Peace.  
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 1:18-25**

*Priest* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

*The Gospel passage is read.*

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will

save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

“Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,  
and they shall name him Emmanuel,”

which means, “God is with us.” When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

*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**

*Intervenor* Let us pray with confidence in the promise that what we ask in the name of our Lord Jesus will be acceptable to our heavenly Father. Strengthen your Church in the name of Jesus, to know the power of the Savior, of God with us.

*People* **Hold us fast in the obedience and faith that enabled Joseph to perform your will in the work of salvation.**

*Intervenor* Give hope and assurance to those who bear the burden of authority in difficult times.

*People*      **May all who are doubtful and anxious know that the promise of salvation is made to all who will receive it.**

*Intercessor*    Help us to be worthy of the name of Jesus which we honor in our faith.

*People*      **Number us among those who bear the message of salvation, to be a light to those with whom we live and work.**

*Intercessor*    Bring new hope and confidence to all who are in doubt and uncertainty.

*People*      **Give peace to the troubled minds that distrust those near to them, and bring them new strength in love.**

*Intercessor*    We pray for those who have known and believed the message of salvation and now rejoice in its fulfillment.

*People*      **Be merciful to those who in this world were doubtful and did not find perfect trust: make them also sharers of the promise.**

*Intercessor*    In humble trust we offer these prayers to Almighty God, through the Name that is above every name.

*Silence*

- We give thanks to God for answered prayers among us. 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, Mita, Angela and Michael, Suzy, Steve, Ed and family, Anne, Kurt, Jessey, David, Char, Steve, Davis, Cameron, Kenneth, Carla, Jay and Cathy, Kay, Roy, Dale, Janet and Rod, Donna, Larry, Don, Jackie, Linda, Susan, John, Gayle, Alison, Ellen, and Bob.

For friends and families: Jay, Jeanette, 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, Lorie, 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: St. Francis' in Houston, St. John the Divine in Houston, and St. Martin'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**

*Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*  
Chancel Choir

M. Praetorius

*(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 musical score is written on four staves in G major and 4/4 time. It features a melody with several triplet markings (indicated by a '3' above a bracket) and a final fermata on the last note.

*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 55** (*all sing*) *Redeemer Of The Nations, Come*
- **Hymn 635** (*all sing*) *If Thou But Trust In God To Guide Thee*

### 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*)

*Come Now And Praise The Humble Saint*

**Hymn 260**

### 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 18** – Noon, Hanging of the Greens

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

Final day to return Angel Tree gifts

**Wednesday, December 21** – 8:30 a.m. Dismantle the Living Nativity set. All are welcome!

**Friday, December 23** – Church Office closed in observance of the Christmas holidays

**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

**Monday, December 26 & Tuesday, December 27** – Church Office closed in observance of the Christmas holidays

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

**Monday, January 2** – Church Office closed in observance of New Years.

**Sunday, January 8** – Epiphany Sunday, Guest Preacher: The Rev. Geoff Gwynne

Nativity scenes and Three Kings Cake in the Parish Hall following the 10:30 service (Sandra Weir)

Take down the greens following the 10:30 service

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

**Hanging of the Greens, today, December 18 following the 10:30 service** – Join St. Timothy's Altar Guild and make glad this Sunday our parish for the Christmas Season, the Incarnation.

Right after our 10:30 service we need your help to prepare our parish, hang garlands, adorn our holy space with light and greens as we declare with gladness of heart: Jesus is born! God is with us! Praise his name forever!

There will be light refreshments, cookies, and joyful laughter! We need people to help us hang greens high and low and place poinsettias We need young and old alike! Please join us in the sanctuary this Sunday.

Questions: contact Kim/Mark Lehnhoff at (979) 299-9777



**St. Timothy's Angel Tree Program** - 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 located 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 today, 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, this evening. Showings at 7:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., on the Front Lawn. Invite your family and friends. If you have questions, contact Kerry Cormier.

**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>

**Holiday Office Hours** – The Office will be closed in observance of the Christmas Holidays on December 23, 26, and 27.

The office will be open 9-5 Wednesday-Friday, December 28-30.

The office will be closed on January 2 in observance of New Years.

In the event of a Pastoral Emergency, please contact the Rev. Nan Doerr at 713-293-2826.

Pastor Robin will be on vacation from December 28-January 11 and will not be reachable. She will return on January 12.

**Epiphany Sunday, Three Kings Day, January 8, 2023** – Nativity scenes will be displayed in the Parish Hall. If you have one you would like to display, please call Sandra Weir at 979-297-7572. She will be setting up on Saturday, January 7th at 10:00 a.m. You can pick your nativity scene up around 1:00-1:30 p.m. on Sunday, January 8th. Also, stay and enjoy a piece of the Three King's cake following the 10:30 service!

**Food Basket 2023** - 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** - A new class will begin in late January or Early February.

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

Daughters of the King (DOK) new officers: President: Suzy Wilson, Vice President: Margaret Dodson, Treasurer: Sandra Weir, Secretary: Lorna Witt, and Chaplain: Pastor Robin.

**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.

**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 vases 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 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.
- 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

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

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We are excited to now have simple ways to give online with simplegive and PayPal via QRcodes (see below). 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.

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

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See the weekly Friday Blast for more information on these and other upcoming events. Sign up to receive the Blast at [stimothy.org](http://stimothy.org). Click on the “subscribe to newsletter” button found on the landing page.

### ***This Week at St. Timothy's***

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#### **Sunday, December 18, 2022**

##### **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**

12:00 noon – Hanging of the Greens  
7:00 & 7:30 p.m. – Living Nativity, front lawn

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#### **Monday, December 19, 2022**

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#### **Tuesday, December 20, 2022**

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#### **Wednesday, December 21, 2022**

8:30 a.m. – Army of Retired Men (ARM), All are welcome  
8:30 a.m. – Dismantle the Living Nativity set  
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 22, 2022**

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#### **Friday, December 23, 2022**

Church Office closed  
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 24, 2022**

**5:30 p.m. – Family Service with Candlelight**  
**10:00 p.m. – Traditional Eucharist with Candlelight Service**

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#### **Sunday, December 25, 2022**

**10:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist, Rite II, No music**

## St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

### Altar Party

#### Acolytes

#### Ushers

Denis James

Judi James

#### Chalicer

Angela McCabe

#### Lector

Dave Mayberry

#### Healing Prayer

Dale Rasco

Bunny Schockmel

#### 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*

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*Keith Frank, Treasurer*

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