

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

Christmas Eve

Family Service with No-Rehearsal Christmas Play

December 24, 2022 – 5:30 p.m.

Merry Christmas! We are so glad you are here! 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.

Young and old are invited to put on a costume of the characters on Christmas Eve. As Silent Night is sung you will come forward with the verse which tells of your character.

Preludes

Bonnie McDaniel

Hark the Herald Angles Sing

Kim and Luke Collins, Saxophone

Welcome and Announcements

(To give a Christmas Offering in thanksgiving for all God has done for you, you may give with the enclosed envelope, or by phone with the QR code on page 22. All loose plate offerings will go to the River of Hope.)

THE WORD OF GOD

Processional Hymn *(all sing)*

O Come All Ye Faithful

Hymn 83

1. O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him, born the King of angels;

Refrain: O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord.

2. God from God, Light from Light eternal,
Lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb;
Only begotten Son of the Father; *Refrain*

3. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing all ye citizens of heaven above;
Glory to God, glory in the highest. *Refrain*

6. Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
Born this happy morning;
Jesus to thee be glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing; *Refrain*

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.

Gloria (*all sing*)

arr. John Rutter

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Glo-ry to God in the high- est, and peace to his peo-ple on

11
earth. Lord God, heav'n - ly King, al - might - ty God and Fa- ther,

20
we wor - ship you we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo- ry.

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— Lord Je-sus Christ, — on-ly Son of the Fa- ther, — Lord God,

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Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us; — you are

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seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa- ther: — re-ceive our prayer. — For you a -

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lone are the Ho-ly One, — you a - lone are the Lord, — you a -

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lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, —

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in the glo-ry of God the Fa - ther, A - - men.

The Collect

[BCP 213]

Priest The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Priest Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have given your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be born [this day] of a pure virgin: Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the same Spirit be honor and glory, now and for ever.

Amen.

The First Lesson: Isaiah 62:6-12 (*sit*)

Upon your walls, O Jerusalem, I have posted sentinels;
all day and all night
they shall never be silent.

You who remind the LORD,
take no rest,
and give him no rest
until he establishes Jerusalem
and makes it renowned throughout the earth.

The LORD has sworn by his right hand
and by his mighty arm:

I will not again give your grain
to be food for your enemies,
and foreigners shall not drink the wine
for which you have labored;
but those who garner it shall eat it
and praise the LORD,
and those who gather it shall drink it
in my holy courts.

Go through, go through the gates,
prepare the way for the people;
build up, build up the highway,
clear it of stones,
lift up an ensign over the peoples.

The LORD has proclaimed
to the end of the earth:

Say to daughter Zion,
"See, your salvation comes;
his reward is with him,
and his recompense before him."

They shall be called, "The Holy People,
The Redeemed of the LORD";
and you shall be called, "Sought Out,
A City Not Forsaken."

After the reading

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 97 (*spoken responsively by half verse*)

- 1 The LORD is King;
let the earth rejoice; *
let the multitude of the isles be glad.
- 2 Clouds and darkness are round about him, *
righteousness and justice are the foundations of his throne.
- 3 A fire goes before him *
and burns up his enemies on every side.
- 4 His lightnings light up the world; *
the earth sees it and is afraid.
- 5 The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the LORD, *
at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.
- 6 The heavens declare his righteousness, *
and all the peoples see his glory.
- 7 Confounded be all who worship carved images
and delight in false gods! *
Bow down before him, all you gods.
- 8 Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice, *
because of your judgments, O LORD.
- 9 For you are the LORD,
most high over all the earth; *
you are exalted far above all gods.
- 10 The LORD loves those who hate evil; *
**he preserves the lives of his saints
and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.**
- 11 Light has sprung up for the righteous, *
and joyful gladness for those who are truehearted.
- 12 Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous, *
and give thanks to his holy Name.

**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: Titus 3:4-7

When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

After the reading

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Hymn 87

1. Hark! the herald angels sing glory to the new-born King!
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies;
with the angelic host proclaim Christ is born in Bethlehem!

Refrain: Hark! the herald angels sing glory to the new-born King!

2. Christ, by highest heaven adored; Christ, the everlasting Lord;
late in time behold him come, offspring of the Virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail the incarnate Deity.
Pleased as man with us to dwell; Jesus, our Emmanuel!

Refrain

3. Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.
Risen with healing in his wings, light and life to all he brings,
hail, the Sun of Righteousness!
hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!

Refrain

The Gospel: Luke 2:1-20

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

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

The Gospel passage is read.

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see-- I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Children's Sermon (*all children are welcome*)

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

Intervessor God sent his Son to live as a man among us: let us pray in the confidence of our new life in him. Rejoicing in the birth of our Lord and Savior, we pray that the Church may be continually reborn.

People **Let us share the humility of the manger, the adoration of the shepherds, and the love of the Holy Family, in the light of him who is the Light of the world.**

Intervessor Pity and pardon this world of conflict, deaf to the message of peace. Bring harmony where there is strife between nations and where people are divided by suspicion and bitterness.

People **Heal those who have no peace within themselves.**

Intervessor We pray for the families and friends with whom we celebrate this happy time. Give us true love, unselfish desires and grateful hearts. We pray especially for the children, for their unclouded joy at this time.

People **Create in us a pattern of human love that will lead them to the love of God who sent his Son as a little child.**

Intervessor We pray for those who cannot feel the joy of Christmas, through the burden of sickness, bereavement or other distress. Comfort with your presence all who are separated at this time from those they love.

People **Bring the light of Christ into their afflicted lives.**

Intervessor Have mercy on the departed who, having shared with Christ their human birth and infancy, have shared with him also the death of the body.

People **Make their joy complete, in the Kingdome where there is neither birth nor death but abundant life without end.**

Intercessor Through Christ who is the hope of the nations and the joy of all people we make our prayers to God who is most wonderfully with us.

Silence

- We give thanks to God for answered prayers among us. Glory to God!
- We give thanks for all who've traveled to be with family.
- 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: Carolyn, Sharon, Hannah, Suzy, Steve, Kim, Elva and the David family, Mita, Angela and Michael, Ed and family, Rebecca, 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. Paul's in Katy, St. Philip the Evangelist in Houston, St. Stephen's in Houston, and St. Thomas' 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.

Note: For those participating in the no-rehearsal Christmas play that will occur during the singing of silent night, please take communion. Once you and your children have taken communion, please go directly to the Narthex or entrance of the church. There will be someone there to help you know when to process to the front of the church to stand in place. Thank you for helping make visible the scene on Christmas Eve thousands of years ago. May God fill your heart with the love and wonder of Christ's birth.

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

O Holy Night
Andrea Hutchison

Adolphe Adams

(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

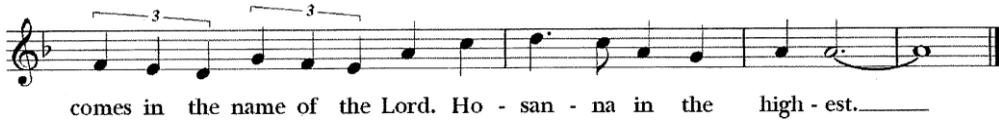
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children. 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

The musical score is written on three staves in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are placed below the notes. The first staff contains the first line of the Sanctus. The second staff contains the second line, with a triplet of eighth notes over 'heaven' and another triplet over 'full'. The third staff contains the third line, with a triplet of eighth notes over 'highest'.



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 79 (*all sing*)

O Little Town Of Bethlehem

1. O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by;
yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light;
the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.
2. For Christ is born of Mary; and gathered all above,
while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth!
and praises sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.

3. How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heaven.
No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.
4. O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, Abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

Hymn 89 *(all sing)*

It Came Upon The Midnight Clear

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.**

The lights go down. (Stand as you are able) At this time, the Priest and Acolytes will share the light of Christ with those at the end of the aisle. Pass it on!

Hymn 111 *(all sing)*

Silent Night, Holy Night

1. Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright
round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy infant, so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace. Sleep in heavenly peace.
2. Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight,
glories stream from heaven afar,
heavenly hosts sing alleluia;
Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!
3. Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light
radiant beams from thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth. Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

The Blessing

The lights are brought up.

Hymn 100 (*stand*) (*all sing*)

Joy to the World!

- 1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come:
let earth receive her King; let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.
2. Joy to the world! the Savior reigns;
let us our songs employ, while fields and floods,
rocks, hills and plains, repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.
3. No more let sins and sorrows grow,
nor thorns infest the ground; he comes to make his blessings flow
far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found,
far as, far as the curse is found.
4. He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove the glories of his righteousness,
and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders of his love.

The Dismissal

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude



Thank you for joining us! We hope you experienced God's love here. If you are new, we would love to get to know you better. Please consider filling out a welcome card found in the rack in front of you. You can put it in the offering plate or give it to the Greeter or Pastor after services. If you wish to make an appointment with Pastor Robin, call the office at 979-297-6003. She is available by phone, Zoom, or in person.

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St. Timothy's leaders and members
and those who've joined us tonight

by
Bunny Schockmel

by
Dennis and Mary Young

by
Pastor Robin and David Kautz

Parish Announcements

Upcoming Events

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 – 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)

Taking down the greens following the 10:30 service

Sunday, January 29 – Annual Parish Meeting and 2nd Chili Cookoff

Please leave the poinsettias on the altar until Epiphany after which time they will be
placed in the hallway for anyone who would like to take them home.

We will be putting everything away after the 10:30 Epiphany Service on January 8. Help will
be needed then as well, and you are always welcome! Any questions can be directed to Kim
Lehnhoff.

Epiphany Sunday, Three King's 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 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 29th – Annual Parish Meeting and 2nd 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.

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

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.

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 – Facebook Live (St. Timothy’s Episcopal Church – Lake Jackson)

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 Suzy Wilson
- 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.)

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). 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.

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)



For those with young children, know we welcome all children! We hope you will keep them in the worship service, but if you need a break, there is a nursery just to the right of the Welcome Center.

Learn more about what's happening at St. Timothy's. See the weekly Friday Blast for more information on these and other upcoming events. **Sign up to receive the Blast at stimothy.org.** Click on the "subscribe to newsletter" button found on the landing page.

This Week at St. Timothy's

Sunday, December 25, 2022

10:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist, Rite II, no music (combined service)

Monday, December 26, 2022

Church Office closed

Tuesday, December 27, 2022

Church Office closed

Wednesday, December 28, 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)

8:00 p.m. – Compline (Facebook Live)

Thursday, December 29, 2022

Friday, December 30, 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 31, 2022

Sunday, January 1, 2023

10:30 a.m. – Festival of Lessons and Carols (combined service)

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Altar Party

Acolytes

Ushers

David Kautz

Denis James

Chalicer

Charles Collins

Tony Janeshek

Lectors

Sandra Weir

Denis James

Healing Prayer

Rector

The Reverend Robin Reeves-Kautz

Director of Music

Andrea Hutchison

Organist

Bonnie McDaniel

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Ron Weeks – Sr. Warden

Fran Hammond

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