

ST. TIMOTHY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Sharing the Gospel and God's love through praise, worship and service to others



FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY:

THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

JANUARY 9, 2022

WELCOME TO ST. TIMOTHY'S!

We hope you find your experience this morning transformative and that you will worship with us often. Please fill out a welcoming card if you'd like more information, to receive our weekly emails, or a call from our priest.

Hymns are found in the blue hymnal; service music is in the front section, designated with an S.

Worship & Formation Schedule

Conference Call Number

803-302-4111

Sundays:

9:00AM Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (on Zoom only during Covid surge)
Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/582971663>
10:30AM Holy Eucharist (on-site and phone)

Weekdays:

8AM Mon. – Sat. Morning Prayer & Fellowship (phone)
5:30PM Tues. Centering Prayer (zoom)
Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/582971663>
7PM Mon. – Thurs. Compline & Fellowship (phone)

Servants This Sunday: January 9, 2022

Bell Ringer: *Beth Bolton*

Acolyte: *Bob Sharpe*

Lector: *Whitney Evans*

Eucharistic Minister: *Jim Fanning*

Monitor/Usher: *Beth Bolton, Sallie Boggs*

Altar Guild: *Cookie Grant*

Flowers: *Beth Bolton & Sallie Boggs*

Counters: *Bill Sandberg & George Batten*

Vestry Person of the Day: *TBA*

Telephone Monitor: *Katelyn Kenney*

Bulletin Prep: *Sallie Boggs, Beth Bolton*

Pew Upkeep: *Jane Bleckley*

Coffee Hour: *TBA*

Choirmaster: *Elaine Sandberg*

Deacon: *The Rev. Dcn. Margaret Jennings Todd*

Priest: *The Rev. Alice Marie Mills*

Flowers are given to the glory of God.

*Before the service, speak to God; during the service, let God speak to you;
after the service, speak to one another.*

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF THE BELLS

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO

THE WORD OF GOD

OPENING HYMN *Brightest and best of the stars of the morning*

Hymnal 117 or click [HERE](#)

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Priest Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People *And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

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

Hymnal S277

Please stand, as you are able.

Glory to god in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father, Amen.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

see insert, contemporary or click [HERE](#)

Priest The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Priest Let us pray.

The priest says the Collect.

People Amen.

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 43:1-7

see insert or click [HERE](#)

Lector A reading from Isaiah.

After the reading

Lector The Word of the Lord.

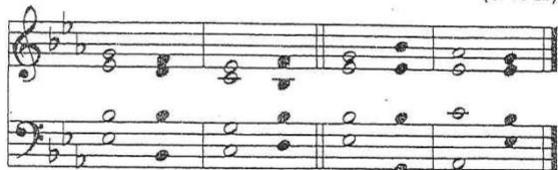
People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 29

Lector Let us sing Psalm 29 in together.

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Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)



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THE SECOND LESSON

Acts 8:14-17

see insert or click [HERE](#)

Lector A reading from Acts.

After the reading

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN

When Christ's appearing was made known

Hymnal 132 or click [HERE](#)

Please stand, as you are able.

THE GOSPEL

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

see insert or click [HERE](#)

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After the reading

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

THE SERMON

The Rev. Dcn. Margaret Jennings Todd

The people sit.

RENEWAL OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Please stand, as you are able.

Priest Do you believe in God the Father?

People I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Priest Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Priest Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Priest Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People I will, with God's help.

Priest Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People I will, with God's help.

Priest Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People I will, with God's help.

Priest Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People I will, with God's help.

Priest Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People I will, with God's help.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (*Form VI*)

The people kneel. The Deacon and People pray responsively.

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Daniel our Bishop; Alice our Priest,

Margaret our Deacon, and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence

Deacon and People

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE ABSOLUTION

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

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People *And also with you.*

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Priest Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Offerings of prayer, service, and treasure are placed in the offering plate at the front of the church. You may use the paper form found in the pew or click [HERE](#) for the virtual form. Monetary offerings may be placed in the plate, mailed to the church, made by using PayPal on the church website, or your bank's BillPay function.

DOXOLOGY *(sung)*

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.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER C

The lines in italics are spoken by the People.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.
Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us.

By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

SANCTUS (*sung*)

Hymnal S125

Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna in the highest.

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 Priest breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Priest Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Priest 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.

Ushers guide nine parishioners at a time to the altar rail.

Please observe three-foot distance by kneeling or standing at a blue X.

Communion is offered in one kind only (bread).

Masks may be lifted to consume the bread at the altar rail.

If you would like to be anointed with oil and receive healing prayer, indicate your desire by touching your forehead prior to receiving the bread.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Priest Let us pray.

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. Amen.

THE BLESSING

May Christ, who draws the nations to himself, teach us to love our enemies; may Christ, who enters the water of baptism, lead us to die to all but love; may Christ, who gives new wine for the world, turn our bitterness into joy; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always.

CLOSING HYMN

What star is this, which beams so bright

Hymnal 124 or click [HERE](#)

THE DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE

Servants NEXT Sunday: January 16, 2022

Bell Ringer: *George Batten*

Acolyte: *Katelyn Kenney*

Lector: *Janis Leaphart*

Eucharistic Minister: *Katelyn Kenney*

Monitor/Usher: *George and Pat Batten*

Altar Guild: *Jane Bleckley*

Flowers: *Cookie Grant & Kaity Seeley*

Counters: *Lisa Padua & Janis Leaphart*

Vestry Person of the Day: *Janis Leaphart*

Telephone Monitor: *Hanna Wilson*

Bulletin Prep: *Sallie Boggs, Beth Bolton*

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WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jan. 9, 2022

COVID-19 PROTOCOLS: Please click [here](#) for the latest updates from the CDC. With the current surge we're experiencing, the following protocols are now in place:

- All persons required to wear a well-fitted N95 or KN95 mask indoors, covering the nose and mouth. Cloth and surgical masks are not considered effective against the omicron variant.
- Maintain a minimum 3' distance with anyone outside your "Covid bubble."
- Stand or kneel at a blue X at the altar rail to receive communion.
- Communion in one kind only (bread). Briefly lift mask to consume.
- Only vaccinated persons may sing indoors.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING: In conjunction with the annual celebration of our patronal Saint Timothy, our Annual Meeting will be held on **Sunday, Jan. 23, 2022** after the service. Along with the presentation of the Approved 2022 Budget, new vestry members and delegates to the Diocesan Convention will be elected. Please plan to attend. *Due to the Covid surge, we will forego our community lunch and conversation on mission until a later date.*

VESTRY 2022: is God calling you to leadership in our beloved community? This is an exciting time in the life of our parish to serve on vestry and we have a two-year vacancy available. Questions? Interested? Please speak to Alice or Diane.

LITURGICAL CHANGES for EPIPHANY SEASON: We celebrated The Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ on Thursday, Jan. 6. On the First Sunday after the Epiphany (today), we celebrate the Baptism of Our Lord by renewing our own Baptismal Covenant. Also during this season, we use Form VI for the Prayers of the People and Eucharistic Prayer C. The Gloria, the Psalm tune, the Sanctus, and Great AMEN remain the same.

FEAST DAY CELEBRATING JULIA CHESTER EMERY: in our Prayers of the People today we honor the woman who, among many other accomplishments, started the United Thank Offering. Each year we show our gratitude by giving to this important fund.

NEED A LIFT CHAIR? OR A VERY SWEET KITTY? If so, call Dale Lowder at 803-238-7128.

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD: *Please note: no on site gatherings until further notice.* For those zooming in, introduce yourself and your children to our host, Davette Himes, and let her know you are from St. Timothy's. We look forward to seeing you!

Save and use this link each week: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/582971663>

CENTERING PRAYER GROUP: Tuesdays, 5:30-6:30PM on Zoom. All are welcome to join this weekly prayer group. We sit in silent prayer for 10-20 minutes, then discuss a book or video. For more information, text Hanna Wilson at 803-467-9069. Zoom Meeting ID: 822 1752 0029 Passcode: 221190
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82217520029?pwd=ZytzK0lPcUIRUFJHQUWFLQlqUVE0Zz09>

COFFEE HOUR: during the pandemic, we offer bottled water and individually wrapped snacks. Consider donating these items – we're getting low. Many thanks to all who've provided us with yummy treats!

NEEDLEWORK GUILD: Cookie Grant will host an organizational meeting of the Needlework Guild on Sunday, January 16 after church to discuss a time for regular meetings and possible projects.

PARISH PRAYER LIST: please check the prayer list and let Alice know if anyone needs to be added or removed. Those listed are prayed for daily at Morning Prayer and Compline.

ST. TIMOTHY'S PRAYER LIST

Jan. 9, 2022

Almighty God, who called Timothy to be an evangelist and teacher, and made him strong to endure hardship: Strengthen us to stand fast in adversity, and to live godly and righteous lives in this present time, that with sure confidence we may look for our blessed hope, the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

We pray for all members of St. Timothy's and for every person being drawn to God through our ministry and love. We ask God's blessing upon each person's spiritual gifts, that God's kingdom will grow in our lives, in our parish, and in our community.

For those in our parish: Lena, James, Harlow, Sallie & Bill, Alan, Lisa, Danny, Peggy P., Miss Olivia, Thomas, Charles, Willie, Irene, Melinda, Susan M., George, Joyce, and Scott.

For friends and relatives of parishioners: Bob, Ann (*Jane Bleckley*); Kirk & Laurie (*Lauren Larmon*); Joy, Gerald (*Janis Leaphart*); Ginny, Kristen (*Hanna Wilson*); Melissa, Sean (*Janice & Peter Nepita*); Jerry (*George & Joyce Callow*); Mary Ann & Tommy (*Beth Bolton*); George (*Peggy Pickels*); Judy, Lynn (*Lisa Padua*); Quinton, Kathy, Jean, Bob (*Bill and Elaine Sandberg*); Teresa (*Shawn Jacobs*); Bessie (*Willie Branch*); Laura (*Danny Cromer*); Mary (*Barry Shirley*); Judy (*Bobby Lucas*); Christina, Mattie, Mary (*Diane Carr*); Tony, Sylvia (*Elizabeth Chestnut*); Mary (*Alan Craig*); Mollie (*Margaret Jennings Todd*); Jamie & Barbara, Camea & Tye, Fran (*Alice Mills*)

For all healthcare frontline workers. For all expectant mothers, especially Susie (*Hanna Wilson*); Anna (*Alice Mills*); Erin (*Janis Leaphart*). For all prisoners, especially Demetris (*Janis Leaphart*); Caleb (*Hanna Wilson*); James (*Diane Carr*). For all involved in education, especially: Camea, Whitney, Bill, Susan, Lauren, Lena, James, Art, Hanna, Diane, Janis, and Michael. We pray for all who have died, their families and loved ones, especially Mary, sister of Hilda Sharpe.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Anglican Church of Chile. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Church of the Epiphany, Laurens, and Church of the Epiphany, Spartanburg. In our Parish Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Pat & George, and for our Eucharistic Ministers. We pray for all Outreach Ministries we support. We pray for the unhoused and disadvantaged in our community and for our ministry to and with them.

St. Timothy's Vestry

Senior Warden: *Diane Carr*

Junior Warden: *Michael Thigpen*

Class of 2021: *Art Farlowe, Austin Crisp, Diane Carr*

Class of 2022: *Janis Leaphart, Michael Thigpen*

Class of 2023: *Janice Nepita, Malinda Rutledge Carlisle*

Clerk of the Vestry: *Katelyn Kenney*

Parish Treasurer: *Dale Lowder*

Vestry Liaisons

Worship: Art Farlowe

Community of Members: Malinda Rutledge Carlisle

Community Engagement & Evangelism: Janis Leaphart

Communications: Janice Nepita

Technology: Michael Thigpen

Stewardship: Diane Carr

Finance: Austin Crisp

St. Timothy's Staff

Parish Administrator: *Angie Eanes* st.timothyscolumbiasc@gmail.com

Organist/Choirmaster: *Elaine Sandberg* esandberg2016@outlook.com

Custodian: *Barry Shirley* bshirley2@sc.rr.com

Deacon: *The Rev. Dcn. Margaret Jennings Todd* mjenningtodd@gmail.com

Priest in Charge: *The Rev. Alice Marie Mills* revalicemarieray@gmail.com

Clergy Hours/Sabbath Days

Alice's regular schedule is Sunday – Wednesday, observing Friday as her sabbath, while remaining on call for pastoral emergencies.

Margaret's regular schedule is half-days Wednesdays and Sundays, observing Monday as her sabbath, while remaining available for committee work/consultation

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