



## RESPONDING TO THE PROMISE

The word “promise” literally means “being sent out” or “sent forth,” (from the Latin *promittere*). The Abraham saga, which we recall by our first reading from Genesis 12, begins with the words, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house...”

It is a call to and a promise of new life.

Abram has to leave the world of his ancestors, break the ties of kinship, and follow wherever this promise takes him—into new relationships and new territory.

It is no wonder that this aspect of the story impressed St. Paul over a thousand years later. In becoming a Christian missionary, apostle, and church planter, Saul the Pharisee had made a radical break with his culture and the faith of his ancestors, and had entered into a new relationship with God founded on God’s promise of new life in Christ. Just as Abram eventually received a new name and identity as Abraham, and Sarai as Sarah—a sign of their new relationship to the God who promises new life—Saul too had received a new name (Paul) and began life anew.

The promises of God touch our own lives, especially in this season of Lent. Lent is a time for engaging our new life in Christ more deeply, risking new levels of trust. The purpose of Lent is not to dwell on suffering, or to spend

40 days bewailing sins for the sake of feeling our pain. Lent is about engaging in the ongoing process of renewal, regeneration, and new birth. It is about encouraging us to trust and to risk as people being sent out by God on a journey with the promise of new life. To respond to the promise for new life, given to those who hear, trust, and follow God, means we have to be ready to redraw and rename the places on the journey. Lent is for careful thinking about how to step-by-step follow Christ into the as yet unmapped future of our lives. For by God’s grace we can in this season of Lent respond faithfully to God’s promise.

*God's Promise*

### WELCOME TO ST. TIMOTHY’S.

We are glad that you are here. Newcomers and guests are welcome to use the “communication card” enclosed in this bulletin to learn more about our community, ask questions, or make comments. Please place the card in the offering plate, or hand it to one of the clergy at the door as you leave worship.



## WELCOME TO ST. TIMOTHY'S

If you are new, a visitor, or a guest today, we are honored to have you worship with us. After the service please join us in Edwards Hall (located off the courtyard) for coffee.

If you are interested in joining our church, please call our Priest Executive, Maly Hughes, in the church office or email her at [maly@sttims.org](mailto:maly@sttims.org). She will be glad to meet with you and talk about the church or direct you to those who might assist you. Arrangements can be made for baptism of adults and/or children on the first Sunday of each month.

### THE CLERGY

Nathan Speck-Ewer, Rector  
 Maly Adams Hughes, Priest Executive  
 Robert J. Seifert, Deacon

### THE STAFF

Christina Sudairy, Communications Director  
 Peter Sammel, Music Director  
 Joanna R. Shreve, Financial Administrator  
 Scott Boding, Adult Education Director  
 Michele Trotter, Facilities Manager  
 Becky Blessing, Sr. High Youth Minister  
 Kevin LaGassa, Jr. High Youth Minister  
 Jessica Fuller & Joseph Hodgkinson, Parish Hosts  
 Helen Wooldridge, Preschool Director

### THE VESTRY

David Foster, Sr. Warden	Ross Johnson
Paul Hayter	Sandy Watkins
Darlene Frick	Lianne Mintz
Jenny Nathan	John Heltzel
Chris Paul	Madeleine Gerdes
John Ezell, Treasurer	Lavonne Bieber, Clerk

## SEVEN MARKS OF A DISCIPLE

At the heart of this parish is God's call and challenge to be disciples of Jesus. The seven marks of a disciple are:

1. One who witnesses to an intentional faith as modeled in the Baptismal Covenant. (*Book of Common Prayer*, pg. 304)
2. One who keeps the Sabbath and commits to attending worship every Sunday.
3. One who honors the tithe as the biblical standard of faithful financial giving to the Church.
4. One who prays and reads the Bible daily.
5. One who participates regularly in a Covenant Group as a means of personal support in community.
6. One who uses his/her spiritual gifts in the work of the upbuilding of the Church.
7. One who reaches out to others with the love of Christ.

If you are interested in these Christian practices, or would like more information, please see Maly.

## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

St. Timothy's Church calls people to unity with God and empowers them to thrive in our changing world. We are a Covenant Community that shares the love of God and proclaims the Gospel of Jesus Christ in word and deed. We provide opportunities to make a difference in the world.

## HOW TO LISTEN TO A SERMON

by **The Rev. Robert Cromey, Rector Emeritus of Trinity Church, San Francisco**

When sermon time comes at worship, do we look forward to it, dread it or hope for insight and understanding of what the scriptures mean? Most of us have not considered how we listen. We can ready ourselves to listen and to understand with our minds and hearts what the preacher is saying.

I have been retired for six years and have listened to many sermons during that time. In order to focus on what is said from the pulpit, I take notes. In high school and college we deepened our learning by taking notes.

I listen for the Biblical text. It does not always have to start the sermon. It may come in the middle or at the end. I try to understand the Biblical passages mentioned. Often more than one Biblical reference is confusing to me and makes my mind wander.

At first I jot down everything I hear, summarizing in a few words what the preacher is saying. I look for what the preacher is searching to say, the theme or the main idea.

I listen for stories. Jesus was an artist, a storyteller of immense talent. The stories are what most of us remember from a sermon.

I write in my notes when I hear the preacher relate the sermon or Biblical passage to something going on in my personal, social or political life. Can we love a terrorist, the members of the political party to which I do not belong or the sixteen-year-old boy who murders his father, mother and two brothers

with a pistol?

I note when my mind wanders. I ask myself, “What happened?” When I return to listening closely, the preacher has become vague, lacking the specific and the concrete. She or he is examining a concept, idea or abstraction like the Trinity, Incarnation, or the details of the real presence. We listeners can learn from their mention from the pulpit, but it takes real work to pay attention to abstractions for very long.

At the sermons conclusion I take a moment with this checklist.

- Was there a clear theme that was stated and illustrated?
- Did the stories relate to the theme?
- What did I learn from this sermon?
- How does this text relate to anything in our lives today?
- Did the sermon help move me to be a better follower of Jesus?
- Was I moved to any action by the preacher’s words?

I will bet that a preacher who looks up and sees the congregation taking notes will become a better and more careful preacher.

Taking notes will make the listener a more attentive participant in the preaching enterprise.

*The Rev. Robert Warren Cromey is retired and lives in San Francisco, California.*

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

COME TO DINNER



Join us for dinner this Wednesday. It's a great way to meet people and get connected.

Parish dinners begin at 6:00 p.m. every Wednesday evening,

following "Kid Music" with Peter Sammel.

"Kid Food" and a vegetarian option are always available. The cost is \$7.00 for adults, \$4.00 for children, and a \$25.00 maximum per family (including parents and children under the age of 18).

Please join us for great food and fellowship.

HEAVEN AND EARTH

The Choral Project will offer a concert of light in sound, warmth in music, and healing in song, as we share a program of music intended to inspire and exhilarate our listeners.



The concert will feature John Rutter's consoling and beautiful Requiem (Maly Hughes is soprano soloist), performed with an orchestra comprised of the Silicon Valley's finest players. Other works include music by Arvo Pärt, Alberto Ginestera, and John Paynter. Come wrap yourself in a blanket of warm sound.

Saturday, March 8 at 8:00 p.m.

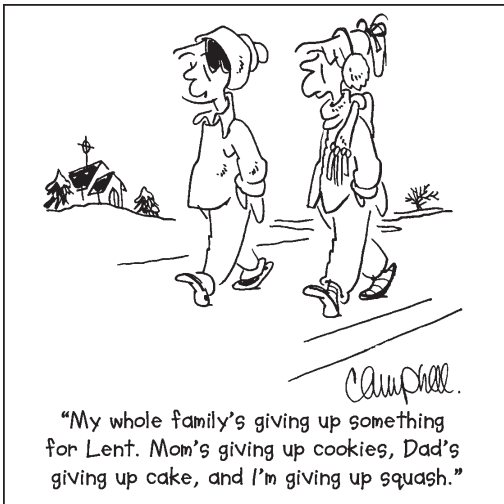
Mission Church, University of Santa Clara  
500 El Camino Real, Santa Clara

General Admission: \$25

Student / Senior: \$18

Children under 10 are free

Order tickets online or by mail by visiting [www.choralproject.org](http://www.choralproject.org).



VISITING MINISTRY TEAM



As a result of the *Outflow* series we are getting together a team of ministers who feel called to visit the sick and homebound in our parish. Gwen Bindon is organizing and training a team to reach out to those who are unable to join us on a weekly basis. If you are interested in this ministry, please contact Maly Hughes at [maly@sttims.org](mailto:maly@sttims.org).

## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

BISHOP'S VISIT AND  
CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Our new Bishop Mary Gray-Reeves will be with us at all services on Sunday, April 6. At this time Bishop Mary will Confirm any adult or teenager as well as Receive those who have been Confirmed in the Roman Catholic Church or Lutheran Church. If you are interested in Confirmation or would like to be Received, please contact Maly Hughes at [maly@sttims.org](mailto:maly@sttims.org).

The  
Bishop's  
Visit

In preparation for the Bishop's visit, a Confirmation Class will be offered on Wednesday evenings in March. The class will meet March 5, 12, 19, and 26 at 7:00 p.m. Please join Deacon Robert Seifert and Priest Executive Maly Hughes for an informative class about the Episcopal Church. This class is open to everyone.

## LECTORS (READERS) NEEDED

Lectors are currently being sought for all service times. Readers of all ages are invited to participate.

For more information, please contact Maly Hughes at [maly@sttims.org](mailto:maly@sttims.org).

NEW AFFORDABLE HOUSING  
FOR VERY LOW INCOME SENIORS

Applications are now being taken for 54 one and two bedroom apartments for very low income seniors



(age 55+) in a new affordable housing development at New Central Park Senior Apartments in Mountain View. The units are to be ready for occupancy by late April to mid-May, 2008.

Residents of Mountain View (at least 6 months) and persons employed in the City (at least one year) will get preference in renting units. One bedroom units have monthly rents from \$563-862 and two bedroom units from \$671-1,029. Maximum income for one person is \$33,435; for two persons \$38,205, etc.

The application deadline is Friday, February 22 at 4:00 p.m. Completed applications must be turned in at the Central Park Apartments, 90 Sierra Vista Avenue, Mountain View. All applications received by the deadline will be included in a lottery to be held on February 26. Another 50 units will be ready for occupancy around November/December.

An application packet may be downloaded from: <http://www.ci.mtnview.ca.us/news/displaynews.asp?NewsID=236&targetID=1>.

Further details may be obtained from City Hall at 500 Castro Street (M-F 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) or from the Senior Center at 266 Escuela Avenue (M-F 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.)

Questions about the application process should be directed to Mid-Peninsula Housing Coalition, the nonprofit property owner, at (650) 356-2900 / TDD (650) 357-9773.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

### JR. AND SR. HIGH YOUTH GROUP



The Jr. and Sr. High Youth Groups are meeting every Sunday evening. Come to the 5:00 p.m. service, which will be followed by dinner and youth group. Bring \$5.00 for food and come have a great time playing around and developing your relationship with God.

And stay tuned for the following activities:

February: Diocesan Youth Ski Trip, and more.

*Questions?*

Sr. High

Contact Kevin LaGassa at [srhigh@sttims.org](mailto:srhigh@sttims.org).

Jr. High

Contact Becky Blessing at [jrhigh@sttims.org](mailto:jrhigh@sttims.org).

### JOIN THE TWEENS GROUP

If you are too old for Godly Play and not yet ready for Junior High Youth Group, join us for a Tweens Group on Sunday evenings. We will have time for games, discussion, projects, and a little (or maybe a lot) of Harry Potter.



The Tweens Group meets on Sunday evenings at 6:15 p.m.

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

### KID MUSIC

Parents and children are invited to join Music Director Peter Sammel each



Wednesday at 5:15 p.m. for a joyful half-hour of music and rhythm play.

Even the youngest children will enjoy singing simple (and sometimes silly) songs, playing drums and other instruments, and moving their bodies.

Class ends at 5:45 p.m., just in time to enjoy the Parish Dinner.





# Faith Formation Event

## Episcopal Diocese of El Camino Real

Saturday, March 1, 2008

St. Mark's, Santa Clara

8:15 a.m. registration

9:00 a.m. opening prayer  
to 3:00 p.m.

The day includes:

Eucharistic  
Minister Licensure  
Training

Safe Guarding  
God's Children

Eucharistic  
Visitor Licensure  
Training

Praying in Color

Instructed  
Eucharist

Episcopal 101

Fee: \$20 includes lunch

Childcare available on request (831) 394-4465

Send registration form to Susan Altig at the  
Diocesan Office, P.O. Box 1903, Monterey, CA 93942

### Travel Directions to St. Mark's

1957 Pruneridge Avenue, Santa Clara, California 95050

### Directions from I-880:

- Take the Bascom exit going South.
- Make the first Right, onto Hedding St., heading West.
- Hedding St. turns into Pruneridge Avenue after the second light. The church is on the right shortly after.

**OUTREACH**

**NEED HELP? WANT TO HELP?  
CONTACT ST. JOSEPH THE  
WORKER CENTER**

The St. Joseph the Worker Center was established about ten years ago, to provide services to day workers. Folks from St. Tim's have served there in the past, and the need for volunteers continues.



The Center needs people to teach English as a Second Language (ESL) to Spanish-speaking day workers. Hours are daily from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. and from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m., and from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday nights.

After the recent Winter storms, or as part of your Spring clean-up, you may need some help around the house. A day worker can lighten your load and help you get jobs finished faster. Workers are available for painting, landscaping, moving, janitorial assistance; garage, window, gutter, and house cleaning; and other skillful jobs.

There is also a need for people who speak Spanish and can teach more advanced aspects of the above jobs.

To help or get help, contact Maria at (650) 903-4102. The Day Worker Center is at 748 Mercy Street, on the corner of Mercy and Hope Streets in Mountain View.

**COVENANT GROUPS**

**COVENANT GROUP SCHEDULE**

Covenant Groups are an expanding network of small groups that meet together to share the life of faith. To find out more, please call one of the group leaders, or the parish office.

**Mondays**

- 1:30 p.m. Anne Wilde (408) 379-2235  
& Nan Fuller (408) 736-4662
- 7:30 p.m. Alan Twigg (650) 962-1939  
& Drew Terrill (408) 230-4431

**Tuesdays**

Childcare available at church: 9:15-11:30 a.m.

- 9:30 a.m. Alane Kasrawi (650) 961-6338
- 7:00 p.m. Becky Mikkelsen (650) 428-0564
- 7:00 p.m. Susan Slakey (408) 249-7114  
& Jennifer Olsen (408) 733-8735
- 7:15p.m. Bill Shreve (650) 941-6436
- 7:30 p.m. Michael Diamond (415) 830-0425  
& Dana Peak (408) 299-5798
- 7:30 p.m. Laura Casellas (408) 375-2822
- 8:00 p.m. Will Watkins (408) 867-6063
- 8:00 p.m. Steven Schumaker-Trottier (650) 949-3281  
& David Foster (650) 567-9755

**Wednesdays**

- 7:15 p.m. Holly Hem (650) 279-8818  
Outflow for Young Adults

**Thursdays**

- 9:15 a.m. Wyn Schuh (650) 965-8037  
Rancho Strolling Group
- 7:00 p.m. The Johnsons (408) 737-8355
- 7:00 p.m. Nyna Dolby (650) 941-9335
- 7:30 p.m. Scott Boding (650) 962-1967

**Fridays**

- 1:00 p.m. Althea Parks (408) 245-0295

## STEPHEN MINISTRY

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HEALING PRAYER

There is a Stephen Minister available at the side altar rail (near the cross) during communion at each service. If you are experiencing any sort of spiritual, physical, emotional, or relational difficulty, you are encouraged to come forward for healing prayers.

After receiving communion, come to the altar rail to be anointed with oil and receive laying on of hands and healing prayers by a trained Stephen Minister.

Stephen Ministers are also available to pray with people after each worship service. Stephen Ministers wear a blue identification badge.

Prayer concerns are confidential.

If you would like to explore an ongoing one-to-one Christian caregiving and prayer relationship with a Stephen Minister, call the church office, speak with a Stephen Minister, or email [stephenministry@sttims.org](mailto:stephenministry@sttims.org). The Stephen Ministry Coordinator will meet with you and prayerfully match you with one of the available Stephen Ministers.



## STEPHEN MINISTRY

**Be kind and  
compassionate to one  
another, forgiving each  
other, just as in Christ  
God forgave you.**

**Ephesians 4:32**

*For confidential Christian care  
through Stephen Ministry, call  
650-967-4724 or email  
[stephenministry@sttims.org](mailto:stephenministry@sttims.org).*

ENCOURAGING MINISTRY  
PROPOSALS FOR THE COMMUNITY  
CONNECTION INITIATIVE

Last spring in our church-wide revisioning of ministry, we expressed a desire by our “Community Connection” initiative to connect with our community through starting new ministries, doing special events, and undertaking mission trips. If you are interested in starting a ministry that connects with people’s spiritual and social needs in our community, please email Dave Wilde at [DavidSWilde@aol.com](mailto:DavidSWilde@aol.com) with your ministry proposal.

**ADULT EDUCATION**

**ST. TIMOTHY'S IOI**



Learn  
More About  
Our Church

What makes St. Timothy's such a dynamic community? What are Covenant Groups, anyway? What do these new revisioning initiatives really mean? Where can I get more involved?

We will explore the answers to these questions and any you have about our parish on Wednesday, February 20 at 6:30 p.m. Join us for an enriching and enlightening hour. Childcare will be provided.

For more information, please contact Maly Hughes at (650) 967-4724 or [maly@sttims.org](mailto:maly@sttims.org).

**UPCOMING ADULT ED OPPORTUNITY**

**Doctrine of the Resurrection**

During the Easter Season  
with Thomas Smiley and Bill Dolby

**SECOND SUNDAY  
IN LENT**

**GENESIS 12:1-8**

**PSALM 33:12-22**

**ROMANS 4:1-5, 13-17**

**JOHN 3:1-17**

**PRAYER LIST**

If you have a prayer request, call the church office or email [prayer@sttims.org](mailto:prayer@sttims.org).

Names are kept on the prayer list for two weeks. If prayers are still needed after two weeks, please call or email again.

Please Pray For: Carl Barchfield; Charlene Bertrand; Ann Bauer; Brian Chapman; Alice Dible; Kate Drew; Terry Field; Ann Grant; Lara Gularte; Caroline Harmon, Lillian Hefty; BJ Hem; Ron Holt; Bea Horton; Diana Johnson; Mike Lampman; Dottie Brunauer Levine; Betty Liechty; Tom McKeown; Ed Sammel; Curtis Schauf; John Schmidt; Donna Schroeder; Sylvia Schroeder; Rosemary Smiley; John Stolarik; Linda Sumner; Lister Terry, Justin Weitzel; Jane Young; the Diocese of El Camino Real and Bishop Mary Gray-Reeves; the children of La Roca and those who care for them; Stephen Ministers and their care receivers; members of the armed forces, especially Maj. Larry Dillard, Kernan Dibble, Tom Thibodeaux, and their families and loved ones; and Nancy Livak, serving in the Peace Corps in Belize.

## SERVING TODAY

Nyna Dolby            Altar Guild  
 Nan Fuller  
 Althea Parks  
 Darlene Frick  
 Laurie Hartford  
 Wyn Schuh  
 Margo Siewert  
 Sierra Duggan  
 Wendy Edwards

Pat Ryan              Tellers  
 Sue Ryan

**7:45 a.m.**

Bill Shreve            Greeter  
 Keith Samuel        Usher  
 Roy Hayter            Lector  
 Diane Dubois        Eucharistic Minister  
 Doug Merrell         Sound

**9:00 a.m.**

Casellas Family      Greeters  
 Trottier Family      Ushers  
 Travis Schuh         Lectors  
 Alex Mendoza  
 Beto Casellas        Eucharistic Ministers  
 Alane Kasrawi  
 Peter Sammel  
 Parker Schuh         Sound  
 Jeffrey Miller         Projector

**10:30 a.m.**

Wilde Family          Greeters  
 Slakey Family        Ushers  
 Anne Wilde            Lectors  
 Mark Witzke  
 Claire Witzke         Acolyte  
 Grace Schmidt        Eucharistic Ministers  
 Susan Slakey  
 Mark Witzke          Sound  
 Sue-Ellen Johnson    Projector

## THIS WEEK

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17

7:45 a.m.    Worship  
 9:00 a.m.    Worship  
 9:45 a.m.    Godly Play  
 10:30 a.m.    Worship  
 11:45 a.m.    SWAT Meeting  
 5:00 p.m.    Worship, Dinner & Youth Groups  
 6:15 p.m.    Book Class

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

5:15 p.m.    Kid Music  
 6:00 p.m.    Parish Dinner  
 6:30 p.m.    St. Timothy's 101

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22

7:30 p.m.    Women's Fellowship



# ST. TIMOTHY'S PRESCHOOL FALL REGISTRATION



Fall Registration for the school year 2008-2009 is now underway.

We have openings in our three year old class.

Children must be turning three years old on or before December 2, 2008.

## **Tuesday and Thursday 3s**

9:00 to 11:30 a.m.

Tuition is \$265 per month

We have openings in three classes for four year olds. Your child must be turning four on or before December 2, 2008.

## **Monday, Wednesday and Friday 4s**

9:00 to 11:30 a.m.

Tuition is \$365 per month

## **Tuesday and Thursday Science 4s**

12:30 to 3:00 p.m.

Tuition is \$265 per month

## **Five Day Combination 4s**

Monday, Wednesday, Friday a.m. and Tuesday, Thursday Science p.m.

Tuition is \$570 per month

**Registration Fees must be paid to hold a place for your child.** The fees are June tuition in advance, plus a \$75 enrollment fee and a \$5 insurance fee. Enrollment is on a first-come, first-served basis.

If you are interested, please call Preschool Director Helen Wooldridge at (650) 967-4724.

# Lent

Second Sunday  
in  
Lent

## 2008 DATES TO NOTE

March 16	Palm Sunday
March 20	Maundy Thursday
March 21	Good Friday
March 22	Easter Egg Hunt & Easter Vigil
March 23	Easter Day
April 6	Bishop's Visit

## SUNDAY SERVICES

**7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship**

**9:00 a.m. Children's Worship  
& Godly Play**

**10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship**

**5:00 p.m. Tweens & Teens Worship**

Nursery care is provided in Room 7 during the 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services.