



THE WORD

ST. TIMOTHY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

BULLETIN FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2010

The Fourth Sunday

of Advent



For Our Guests Today

Welcome to St. Timothy's. We are glad that you are here. You are welcome to use the "connection card" at the end of 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 ushers at the door as you leave today.

A fugue on Christ, the light of the world

Humility comes in a million disguises. This fourth Sunday of Advent, I wish to share an image of someone carrying a lantern into a stable. There are no electric lights, no starlight, no moonlight, just the single lantern in our hands. Pushing open the dark stable door, we find the Christ; we stumble into a new light. We recognize truth. Hope is fulfilled. Suffering is transformed. We are truly home.

Shocked, like Moses at the burning bush, we ask with poets and theologians throughout the ages: “How can I receive you, the very one who the whole world desires, the craving of my soul?”

We walk into the dark stable with our lantern and find you, the lantern of the world.

In Britten’s Ceremony of Carols we sing, “By that light we may well see, there be one God in persons three”, and at Evening Prayer we sing, “O gracious light, pure brightness of the ever-living father in heaven. O Jesus Christ Holy and Blessed!” And in Sunday School and at camp we sing: “This little light of mine, I’m going to let it shine.” What language shall I borrow to tell the world of the light which has come into this hurting world? What Child is this, then? Make room. Light the bonfires, tell out my soul. Come Lord Jesus. Let us see you in all your glory.

Love to all,

Janet+



Fourth Sunday of Advent

7:45 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST

Lighting of the Advent Wreath
The Opening Acclamation BCP, p. 323
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The Collect of the Day
Scripture Readings
The Sermon The Rev. Janet Wheelock
Silence
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Blessing
Hymn #66 Come, thou long expected Jesus

Today's Readings

Isaiah 7:10-17
Romans 1:1-7
Psalms 80:1-7, 16-18
Matthew 1:18-25



Collect of the Day

Proper for the Fourth Sunday of Advent

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.*

Today's Psalm

Psalm 80:1-7, 10-17

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- 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.
- 10 The mountains were covered by its shadow*
and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.
- 11 You stretched out its tendrils to the Sea*
and its branches to the River.
- 12 Why have you broken down its wall,*
so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?
- 13 The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it,*
and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.
- 14 Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven;
behold and tend this vine;*
preserve what your right hand has planted.
- 15 They burn it with fire like rubbish;*
at the rebuke of your countenance let them perish.
- 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.

Ways to Get Connected

Adults

Covenant Groups are small groups meeting in parishioners' homes, helping us know the presence of Christ in one another. To find the covenant group right for you, contact Anne Wilde at AnneAerobic@aol.com or at (40 8) 379-2235.

Wednesday Night Dinner is a great way to meet people over a nice meal. Dinners begin every Wednesday evening (except during the Christmas season) at 6:00 p.m. in the parish hall. "Kid Food" and a vegetarian option are always available. The cost is \$8.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children, and a \$30.00 maximum per family (including parents and children under 18).

Children

Godly Play nurtures children's relationships with God in Christ through experiencing the stories of Scripture. Classes are provided for children 3 years and above and begin immediately following the 9:00 a.m. service. Everything that happens in a *Godly Play* classroom – the classroom set-up, the carefully chosen and placed materials and the management of the community of children – serves the child's relationship with God. Wyn Schuh (at wynsttims@boardsailor.com) is the coach of the Godly Play ministry team, and would love to help you learn more about how we can help with your child's faith and religious education.

Kids Music and Movement is a joyful half-hour of music and rhythm play on Wednesday evenings at 5:15 in the church building. Children of all ages sing simple (and sometimes silly) songs, play drums and other instruments, and move their bodies. "Kids Music" wraps up just in time for Wednesday night dinner. The class is free and registration is not necessary. Our Music Director, Peter Sammel, (at peter@sttims.org) can provide you with more details.

St. Timothy's Preschool has been serving children and families in the Mountain View, Los Altos and Sunnyvale communities since 1961. Our school offers a play-based program that includes academic and social readiness in preparation for kindergarten. Within a peaceful, nurturing, cooperative environment, children experience art, literature, music, math and reading readiness, cooking, science and creative drama. For more information, contact Helen Wooldridge, Preschool Director at (650) 967-4724.

Youth

Youth Group is for youth in 6th-12th grades. Senior High Youth Group meets Sundays 12-1:30 p.m. Junior High Youth Group meets every Wednesday evening 5:30-7:00 p.m. 5th/6th Graders meet the first Wednesday of each month, joining the Junior High from 5:30-7:00 p.m. For more information contact Youth Minister Jennifer Fey, at jfey@sttims.org.

Breakfast Club happens every Sunday from 9:45 to 10:25 a.m., after the 9:00 a.m. service and before the 10:30 a.m. service. Youth, grades 6-12, meet to explore the meaning of the gospel together. For more information contact the coach of the Breakfast Club Ministry Team, John Heltzel (at jheltzel@gmail.com).

Serving Today

Larry Mendoza
Matt Desmond

Tellers

7:45 a.m.

Susan Wachsmann
Chuck Utley
Darlene Frick
Nelson Frick
Bill Shreve
Joanna Shreve
Gwen Bindon

Altar Guild
Newcomer Welcome
Greeters/Ushers

Lector
Eucharistic Minister
Healing Prayer

9:00 a.m.

Laurie Hartford
The Hartford Family
The Hartford Family
Nick Felipa
Meredith Berg
Ryan Felipa
Meredith Berg
Sandy Watkins
Wyn Schuh
Madeleine Gerdes
Larry Mendoza
Donna Yobs
Parker Schuh
Lucas Mendoza
Allen Dutra

Altar Guild
Newcomer Welcome
Greeters/Ushers
Lectors

Prayer
Acolyte
Children's Sermon
Eucharistic Minister

Healing Prayer
Sound
Projector
Streaming

10:30 a.m.

Nan Fuller
Julia Ezell
The Ezell Family
The Ezell Family
Amy Hartley
Anne Wilde
Grace Schmidt
Caroline Aoki
Grace Schmidt
Jen Ezell
Sue-Ellen Johnson
Ken Livak
The Hartleys

Altar Guild
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Prayer
Acolyte
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Healing Prayer
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Projector



Christmas Flowers

During Advent, the altar floral arrangements are replaced by greens until Christmas. If you wish to make a Christmas floral and music offering in memory or in honor of someone, please use the enclosed envelope.

Prayer List

Please call the office or email prayer@sttims with any prayer requests.

Please Pray For: Fe Ayala; Bowe Bergdahl; Frank Davis, Jr.; Lynette, Tre & Damian Davis; Nyna Dolby; Kate Drew; Terry Field; Stephanie & Jason Hatfield; Ron Holt; Mateo Kohler; Elizabeth Luce; Carol and Mike Saslow; Gertrude Ullman; the Diocese of El Camino Real and Bishop Mary Gray-Reeves; our Companion Dioceses in Western Tanganyika and Gloucester, England; Stephen Ministers and their care receivers.

News & Notes



Advent Conspiracy

Christmas is still (and forever) a world-changing event. The concepts behind the Advent Conspiracy are simple: Worship Fully; Spend Less; Give More; Love All. Each Wednesday night in Advent, we meet together at 7 p.m. in the Guild Room for a discussion on each of these themes. Join us this week for a lively conversation on how we can love the world as God does this Christmas. Come be with us!

Pledges up to Date?

With just two weeks left until the end of the year, now is the time to bring your pledge up to date. Statements were sent out last month. Please contact Lyn Cuenca if you need help with your balance. Our total 2010 pledge income expected is \$410,000, and as of November 30 we have received \$332,000, which leaves \$78,000 to receive during this calendar year. Your faithful stewardship is greatly appreciated.

The Vestry is now considering the 2011 operating budget. The following is an update on St. Tim's pledges:

2011 Pledges to date -- 66 totalling \$335,000
2010 Pledges -- 79 totalling \$415,000

Please prayerfully consider submitting a pledge if you have not already done so.



Caroling and Yuletide Cheer!

Please join this evening for yuletide cheer and Christmas caroling in the neighborhoods near St. Tim's. We will meet in the church courtyard at 5 p.m., carol from 5:30 to 7 p.m., then return to warm up with light food and holiday cheer -- wassail, gluhwein, hot cider and cocoa. If you'd like to bring something, dessert to share would be lovely. Please bring wagons for kids who may get tired as well as warm coats and mittens! Singing talent is not a prerequisite. We will make up with spirit what we lack in talent... Please RSVP to Annett Trail (annett_trail@yahoo.com) or Christine Foster (foster81@pacbell.net).



“The Longest Night”

Quiet Christmas Service

December 21 is the longest night of the year. Join us for a candlelight service of music, prayer and Eucharist with healing prayer in preparation for Christmas on Tuesday, December 21 at 7:00 p.m.

News & Notes

youth group news

A friendly reminder that Sr. High Youth Group meets today, from 12-1:30. Thanks to all who joined us last week, and for your mad skills at cooking homemade chicken soup. We will definitely do that again!

A few things to note:

** I am in Oregon, returning December 29.

** Bryan Wilde will run Senior High youth group today.

*** There will be no youth group on Sunday, December 26th, or Sunday, January 2nd.

*** We will host a New Year's Eve party for Junior and Senior High on Friday, December 31st. 7:30 PM - 12:30 AM. Watch for details about where we will start out -- and feel free to invite your friends. We may be playing a fierce game of broom-ball very late that evening, among other things... ;-)

**** We will resume Sunday youth group on January 9th, with a service project outing. More details to follow.

Merry Christmas to all of you, and thank you for your outstanding support, love, and friendship these past three months!!!

Faithfully,

Jennifer Fey

Register for the Women's Retreat

Our theme will be "Pathways to Prayer," led by Jan Wiersma, a retreat leader, spiritual director, writer and Lutheran pastor. We will convene at Asilomar in Pacific Grove, January 21-23. Registration, which includes two nights lodging and six meals, is \$250 for space in a quad room, \$300 for double occupancy, and \$400 for a single. Scholarships are available. The registration is available on the St. Tim's website: sttims.org.



Advance Preschool Registration

Parishioners of St. Timothy's Church and siblings of St. Timothy's Preschool students have advance registration beginning December 1, 2010. (General registration will open January 3, 2011.) We invite interested parents to call the church office at (650) 967-4724 to arrange a visit. We invite you to spend time in the classroom to experience what is unique about our preschool and discuss school philosophies, your child's needs and preschool readiness.

2010-2011 Tuition Rates

TTh 3s - \$285

MWF 4s - \$385

Science 4s - \$285

For more information, contact Preschool Director Helen Wooldridge.

News & Notes



Christmas Pageant

Today in the Guild Room at 10:30 a.m., children (and teens) are rehearsing for this year's Christmas Pageant. Final rehearsal takes place Wednesday, December 22 at 4:45. (Angels and animals may join the cast as late as the day of the pageant.) Our grand performance will be December 22, at 5:30 p.m., followed by the Wednesday night dinner. We welcome all children to come find themselves in the wondrous Christmas story!



Friends Outside

Once again St. Timothy's really jumped in with the Sponsor a Family Christmas program through Friends Outside. Thanks to all the individuals, families, neighborhoods, and covenant groups that together sponsored 15 families! And thanks to the Monday afternoon covenant group for organizing and checking boxes. Thanks also to Bill Shreve, Myu Campbell and Dave Wilde for loading and delivering the gifts to the drop off site. We estimate our contributions to total about \$4,000 but the best reward is knowing that we are comforting families missing a loved one this Christmas.

New Stephen Minister Training begins in January

Are you feeling blessed and looking for an opportunity to share that blessing? Consider becoming a Stephen Minister. Not only will you help others, but you will see your blessing multiplied. New minister training will begin in January. Applications are available in the office, or contact Bill Shreve at wrshreve@aol.com.

Coming Up

This Week

Sunday, December 19

- 7:45 a.m. Quiet & Meditative Worship
- 9:00 a.m. Dynamic & Kid-Centered Worship
- 10:30 a.m. Joyful & Inclusive Worship
- 10:30 a.m. Christmas Pageant Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Caroling Party

Monday, December 20

- 7:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry

Tuesday, December 21

- 7:00 p.m. The Longest Night Service

Wednesday, December 22

- 4:45 p.m. Christmas Pageant Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Christmas Pageant
- 6:00 p.m. Parish Dinner
- 6:45 p.m. Worship Band Practice
- 7:00 p.m. The Advent Conspiracy

Friday, December 24

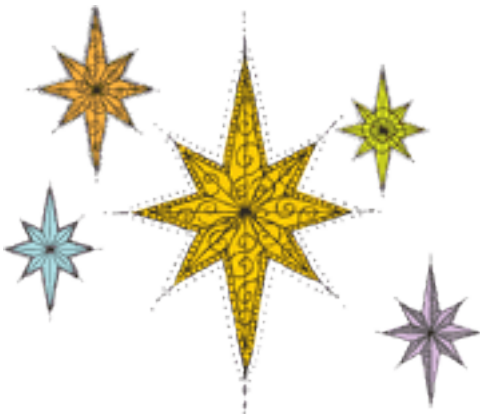
- 5:00 p.m. Family Christmas Eve Service
- 10:15 p.m. Christmas Choral Music and Carols
- 10:30 p.m. Candlelight Christmas Eve Service

Saturday, December 25

- 10:00 a.m. Christmas Service

Sunday, December 26

- 10:00 a.m. Lessons and Carols
(One service only)



Covenant Groups

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
& Wyn Schuh (650) 965-8037

Tuesdays

- 9:30 a.m. Cindy Howard (650) 424-9741
- 7:00 p.m. Susan Slakey (408) 249-7114
& Amy Witzke (408) 985-7162
- 7:15 p.m. Bill Shreve (650) 941-6436
- 8:00 p.m. Will Watkins (408) 867-6063
- 8:00 p.m. Steven Schumaker-Trottier (650) 279-1407
& David Foster (650) 279-9010

Thursdays

- 7:00 p.m. The Johnsons (408) 737-8355
- 7:00 p.m. Nyna Dolby (650) 941-9335
& Jen Ezell (650) 964-4834
- 8:00 p.m. Christine Foster (650) 279-6613
& Deanne Phillips (408) 739-1479

Fridays

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

Connecting

Clergy

The Rt. Rev. Mary Gray-Reeves	Bishop, the Diocese of El Camino Real	BishopMary@edecr.org
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Staff

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Jen Ezell	Interim Parish Administrator	jen@sttims.org
Peter Sammel	Music Director	peter@sttims.org
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Anne Wilde	Covenant Group Coach	AnneAerobic@aol.com

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CONNECTION CARD
ST. TIMOTHY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

WELCOME TO ST. TIMOTHY'S. WE ARE HONORED TO HAVE YOU WORSHIPPING WITH US TODAY. SO THAT WE MAY WELCOME YOU,
PLEASE FILL OUT THIS FORM AND DROP IT IN THE OFFERING PLATE OR HAND IT TO AN USHER AFTER THE SERVICE.

I'm a first-time visitor or guest I'm a second-time visitor or guest I'm a returning visitor or guest Please update my information

Service Attended _____ Date _____

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

To find out more about our weekly happenings, please add me to the parish email announcement list. (You can opt out at any time.)

I'd like more information about:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Baptism/Confirmation | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Ministries |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Children's Ministries | <input type="checkbox"/> Covenant Groups/Bible Study |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Outreach | <input type="checkbox"/> Ways to Meet Others at St. Timothy's |

Prayer Requests/Comments/Questions: _____

How did you find out about us? _____