



# THE WORD

## ST. TIMOTHY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

BULLETIN FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2010

*The Second 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 Gathering of Giftedness*

Amid the changes and chances of church life and secular insanity there is at St. Timothy's an ocean of giftedness in the Spirit. It is a glory to be part of the rushing in of immediate and ongoing support of a family who experienced a frightening accident last week. The prayers, gifts, visits, concern, and love flowing to those hurting is absolutely blessed.

And then there is the move from California Street to Persimmon Avenue by your uprooted and discombobulated interim rector. Your outpouring of care, time, muscles, loaned trucks, appliances, and friendly schlepping is a tremendous comfort in a time of transition.

And then there is the gathering of the gifts of the Spirit here for Advent: special music, a children's pageant, a caroling party, and deep conversations about how -- family by family, individual by individual -- to call a halt to the merciless march of the materialism machine that has become our culture at Christmas.

Regifting something of value you own already to someone who will love it, giving donations to those in need as a Christmas gift, making or baking your gifts all say, "We are part of a gathering of giftedness in the Spirit, and we are dwelling in Christ as we eagerly await his appearing."

See you in church,

*Janet+*

We welcome Jennifer Fey, our Youth Director, as our guest preacher for all three services today.

The pajamas gathered today will be delivered for distribution by Santa Maria Urban Ministry, our diocesan partner ministry in San Jose. Thank you!

# Second Sunday of Advent

## 7:45 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST

Lighting of the Advent Wreath  
The Opening Acclamation BCP, p. 323  
Kyrie  
The Collect of the Day  
Scripture Readings  
The Sermon The Rev. Jennifer Fey  
Silence  
The Nicene Creed BCP, p. 326  
The Prayers of the People BCP, p. 328  
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Eucharistic Prayer II BCP, p. 340  
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The Breaking of the Bread BCP, p. 337  
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Communion of the People  
Postcommunion Prayer BCP, p. 339  
Blessing  
Hymn #65 Prepare the way, O Zion

## Today's Readings

*Isaiah 11:1-10*  
*Romans 13:11-14*  
*Psalms 72:1-7, 18-19*  
*Matthew 3:1-12*



## Collect of the Day

### Proper for the Second Sunday of Advent

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

# Today's Psalm

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

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- 1 Give the King your justice, O God,\*  
and your righteousness to the King's Son;
- 2 That he may rule your people righteously\*  
and the poor with justice;
- 3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people,\*  
and the little hills bring righteousness.
- 4 He shall defend the needy among the people;\*  
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.
- 5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure,\*  
from one generation to another.
- 6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field,\*  
like showers that water the earth.
- 7 In his time shall the righteous flourish;\*  
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.
- 18 Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel,\*  
who alone does wondrous deeds!
- 19 And blessed be his glorious Name for ever!,\*  
and may all the earth be filled with his glory.  
Amen. Amen.



# 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:jheltzel@gmail.com)).

# Serving Today

Candace Hanson  
Danelle Hanson

Tellers

## 7:45 a.m.

Althea Parks  
Chuck Utley  
Althea Parks  
Nelson Frick  
Barbara Blancke  
Althea Parks  
Darlene Frick

Altar Guild  
Newcomer Welcome  
Greeters/Ushers

Lector  
Eucharistic Minister  
Healing Prayer

## 9:00 a.m.

Mary Harrison  
The Ellis Family  
The Ellis Family  
Bobby Malley  
Lauren Malley  
Lauren Malley  
Chris Mintz  
Sandy Watkins  
Beto Casellas  
David Mintz  
Scott Rotondo  
Kristin Ellis  
Eric Berg  
Chris Mintz  
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.

Marguerite Williams  
Caroline Aoki  
The Wilde Family  
The Wilde Family  
Charlotte Six  
Marguerite Williams  
Jen Ezell  
Julia Ezell  
Peggy Aoki  
Lavonne Bieber  
Grace Schmidt  
Chaz Gwennap  
Cindy Howard

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### Flower Dedications

Celebrate a birthday, an anniversary, a memory of someone, or simply give thanks for your many blessings. You are invited by the Altar Guild to dedicate an arrangement of flowers by signing up on the Flower Chart on the back of the front door of the church.

The suggested donation is \$35, and it is okay to have more than one dedication per week if you wish.

### Prayer List

*Please call the office or email [prayer@sttims](mailto:prayer@sttims) with any prayer requests.*

**Please Pray For:** Fe Ayala; Frank Davis, Jr.; Lynette, Tre & Damian Davis; Nyna Dolby; Kate Drew; Terry Field; Heidi Griffiths; Stephanie & Jason Hatfield; Ron Holt; Mateo Kohler; Elizabeth Luce; Ryan Phillips; Carol and Mike Saslow; Dave; Dave & Mary; Lisa; Ryan's family; the Poon-Katz family; 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

## Calling All Pledges!

If you still have a pledge to offer for the coming year, please submit it in the office or put it in the plate at any of the three services this Sunday. Your 2011 pledges are the basis for the church's budget for all its ministries and outreach. We need everyone's participation to keep St. Tim's ministry vibrant and growing!



## Caroling and Yuletide Cheer!

Please join us on Sunday, December 19 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](mailto:annett_trail@yahoo.com)) or Christine Foster ([foster81@pacbell.net](mailto:foster81@pacbell.net)).



## Pageant Casting Today!

Today in the Guild Room at 10:30 a.m., all children (and teens) are invited to "audition" for this year's Christmas Pageant. Rehearsals will be Sundays, December 11 and 18, at 10:30, and 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!



## Advent Conspiracy

What if Christmas became a world-changing event again? The concept behind Advent Conspiracy is simple: Worship Fully; Spend Less; Give More; Love All. Each Wednesday night in Advent, we will be meeting together at 7 p.m. in the Guild Room for a discussion on each of these themes. We'll begin on December 1, coming into Advent with a passion to worship Jesus to the fullest. Come join in!

# News & Notes

## youth group news

Greetings to St. Tim's families and friends!

We had a great parents meeting two weeks ago. More will follow as we work to build a youth ministry that is communicative, informative, and responsive to the needs of both kids, teens, and families.

During our first parents meeting, I heard that there might be better times for our youth groups that would enable more kids and teens to attend. I want to be responsive and build a youth ministry in which as many as possible can participate. Based on this, and with the support of the Youth Committee, we are going to try changing the times of some of our youth meetings.

Please watch for an email announcement with more detailed information about time changes, scheduling plans, and upcoming events. The new youth group times will be:

SENIOR HIGH: Sundays, 12:00-1:30 p.m.

JUNIOR HIGH: Wednesdays, weekly, 5:30-7:00 p.m.

5th/6th GRADE: Wednesdays, first of each month, joining the Junior High from 5:30-7:00 p.m.

More information will be available by email and on the church website. If you have questions, please don't hesitate to contact Jennifer Fey (650.215.0126, [jfey@sttims.org](mailto:jfey@sttims.org)).

Blessings on your coming week!

**Jennifer Fey**

## Friends Outside Boxes Pouring In

Thanks to everyone sponsoring families through Friends Outside this year. All gifts should be wrapped, boxed according to the directions, and brought to Edwards Hall by Wednesday, December 8th. Anne Wilde is also looking for a few strong helpers on December 11. Contact her at [AnneAerobic@aol.com](mailto:AnneAerobic@aol.com).

## Visiting Friends Ministry

The groundwork is complete for St. Tim's "Visiting Friends" volunteers to visit long-term patients at Grant-Cuesta Convalescent Center. We need a program leader to schedule visitations, recruit new volunteers and coordinate with Grant-Cuesta's Activity Director. Your ministry will be a gift of love, bringing conversation, companionship and prayer to residents who seldom see family or friends. Please call Jen Ezell (650-967-4724) for information.

## 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](mailto:wrshreve@aol.com).

# News & Notes



## VESTRY NOMINATIONS

The Nominating Committee (the outgoing members of your Vestry) are looking for names... If you wish to nominate someone, or yourself, as a candidate for Vestry, please contact John Heltzel ([jheltzel@gmail.com](mailto:jheltzel@gmail.com)). Nominees should be confirmed or received Episcopalians who pledge and have shown an ability to serve the church. We are consulting those suggested about their availability and commitment, and a final slate will be compiled during December. In January, candidate statements, bios and pictures will be publicized to help the congregation in discernment before the election at our Annual Meeting January 30. Are you called to serve on the Vestry?



## Register for the Women's Retreat

Our theme this year is "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. The cost of the retreat, which includes two nights lodging and six meals, is \$250 for space in a quad room, \$400 for a single. Scholarships are available. The registration is available online on the St. Tim's website: [sttims.org](http://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.

# Coming Up

## This Week

### Sunday, December 5

- Pajama Drive  
 7:45 a.m. Quiet & Meditative Worship  
 9:00 a.m. Dynamic & Kid-Centered Worship  
 10:30 a.m. Joyful & Inclusive Worship  
 12:00 p.m. Executive Committee  
 12:00 p.m. Senior High Youth Group

### Monday, December 6

- 6:00 p.m. Stephen Ministers Meeting

### Wednesday, December 8

- Friends Outside gifts due  
 5:15 p.m. Kids Music and Movement  
 5:30 p.m. Junior High Youth Group  
 5:45 p.m. Kids Choir  
 6:00 p.m. Parish Dinner  
 6:30 p.m. 5th/6th Grades Youth Group  
 6:45 p.m. Worship Band Practice  
 7:00 p.m. The Advent Conspiracy (class)



### December 21

- 7:00 p.m. "The Longest Night"  
 Contemplative Advent Service

### December 24

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

### December 25

- 10:00 a.m. Christmas Service

### 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-Trotter (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  
The Rev. Janet Wheelock Interim Rector [janet@sttims.org](mailto:janet@sttims.org)

## Staff

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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"/> 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? \_\_\_\_\_