



THE WORD

ST. TIMOTHY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

BULLETIN FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2010

The First 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.

Already but not yet

Christians celebrate Advent, the four Sundays leading up to Jesus' birth. We ALREADY go to church, say our prayers, raise children in the faith. But in these four weeks leading to Christmas, we prepare ourselves, our homes, our souls, our church for the Christ who is already but NOT YET.

It's the same way with the interim time. We met as a congregation on Sunday to talk about the 60 year history of St. Tim's. We learned of ALREADY 60 years of growth, grief, joy, community, outreach to this hurting world. Today, in this bridge time between settled rectors, you are already a fully alive, vibrant and faithful community. ALREADY BUT NOT YET through some grief, but have not fully forgiven yourself and others for mistakes in the past.

In Advent we get ready for Jesus' birth by extra acts of prayer and worship. Advent Conspiracy discussions will be held for four Wednesdays leading to Christmas. There will be an Advent Festival today. A caroling party, a Children's Pageant. You'll find the ancient Nicene Creed reintroduced at the 10:30 service. There will be additional silence in the services, and special music throughout. It is the custom of some in the church to kneel during the confession or the prayers as a gesture of repentance and humility, especially suited for this time of year. Advent is the Kingdom of Heaven, too, making room in our lives for a peaceful world. Letting go of what keeps us from knowing Jesus and sharing that love with others.

Finally, we mark the increasing light with the lighting of the Advent Wreath candles. One candle is lit for every Sunday of Advent, and in the center is the Christ Candle that will be lit with the others at our three celebrations of Christ's Nativity, at 5:00 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Christmas Eve and on Saturday, Christmas Day at 10:00 am.

.See you in church,

Janet+

We welcome Christine Foster, our Senior Warden, as our guest preacher for all three services today.

First 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	
Silence	
The Nicene Creed	BCP, p. 326
The Prayers of the People	BCP, p. 328
Confession	BCP, p. 330
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The Great Thanksgiving	
Eucharistic Prayer II	BCP, p. 340
Sanctus	
The Breaking of the Bread	BCP, p. 337
Agnus Dei	
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Postcommunion Prayer	BCP, p. 339
Blessing	
Hymn 11 Awake my soul and with the sun	

Today's Readings

Isaiah 2:1-5

Romans 13:11-14

Psalms 122

Matthew 24:36-44



Collect of the Day

Proper for the First Sunday of Advent

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Today's Psalm

Psalm 122

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- 1 I was glad when they said to me, *
"Let us go to the house of the Lord."
- 2 Now our feet are standing *
within your gates, O Jerusalem.
- 3 Jerusalem is built as a city *
that is at unity with itself;
- 4 To which the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord, *
the assembly of Israel,
to praise the Name of the Lord.
- 5 For there are the thrones of judgment, *
the thrones of the house of David.
- 6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: *
"May they prosper who love you.
- 7 Peace be within your walls *
and quietness within your towers.
- 8 For my brethren and companions' sake, *
I pray for your prosperity.
- 9 Because of the house of the Lord our God, *
I will seek to do you good."

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 Sunday evenings, playing games and building fellowship. Junior High Youth Group meets every other Friday evening. 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

Matt Desmond
Nelson Frick
Nyna Dolby

Tellers

Floral Designer

7:45 a.m.

Althea Parks
Chuck Utley
Dick Yarp
Jack Bindon
Dick Yarp
Joanna Shreve
Darlene Frick
Peter Sammel

Altar Guild
Newcomer Welcome
Greeters/Ushers

Lector
Eucharistic Minister
Healing Prayer
Sound

9:00 a.m.

Melissa Malley
The Casellas Family
The Casellas Family
Lucas Casellas
Sebastian Casellas
Sebastian Casellas
Lucas Casellas
Laura Casellas
David Mintz
Larry Mendoza
Beto Casellas
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
Claire Witzke
Lavonne Bieber
Fran Combe
Kristen Smith
Cory Hartley
Anne Wilde
Anne Wilde
Claire Witzke
Sue-Ellen Johnson
Lavonne Bieber
Sue-Ellen Johnson
Ken Livak
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 with any prayer requests.

Please Pray For: Fe Ayala; Frank Davis, Jr.; Lynette, Tre & Damian Davis; 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!



Pajama Drive: December 5

Have you ever worn your pajamas to church? To celebrate the Feast of St. Nicholas, we're having a pajama drive on Sunday, December 5. Please bring a new set of pajamas to give to the families of Santa Maria Urban Ministry, and wear your pajamas and robes. Help us collect enough pajamas to share Christmas with our brothers and sisters in San Jose.



Advent Festival Today

From 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., come make advent wreaths (materials cost \$5.00); complete fun, beautiful Christmas crafts; and share treats and fellowship with all of us, as we shift our focus and wait together for the birth of Jesus. We'll have hot dogs and treats for the kids. And we welcome any treats you might have to share!



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

5th/6th Grade Youth Group

Our next meeting of the 5th/6th grade Youth Group will be Wednesday, 12/1 from 6:30-8:00 in Edwards Hall. All are welcome. We will continue our discussion of Disciples and Discipleship, and plan for a rollicking good time. Please spread the word and encourage your children to invite their friends!

Photography Project Update

We are moving forward with our photography project, tentatively titled 'Combusted: Grace, Pressure, and Discovery through the Season of Lent.' We are aiming to launch the project for Lent and will work through not just images of incarnation in our daily lives, but also our own statements of faith. We will update you as this project progresses and look forward to sharing it in the spring. For now, as is appropriate to the season, you'll just have to wait!

Sr. & Jr. High Youth Group Dates

Next Senior High youth group is Sunday, December 5th from 6:30 to 8:30. Our next Junior High youth group will be Friday, December 3rd from 6:30 to 8:00.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Jennifer Fey, jfey@sttims.org.

From the Youth Director:

Last weekend several members of the youth group joined Brian Wilde and me for Godspell at the Sunnyvale Community Theatre. It was a great production! High energy, good chemistry, and a surprisingly funny cast. It was one of the best afternoons I've spent in a long time.

What truly surprised me was a deeply felt moment of incarnation in the middle of the play. The story of the woman the crowd demands be stoned, whom Jesus saves by asking who among them is without guilt, is always powerful. I was not prepared for how it would feel to see the grief on her face, and to see the actor playing Christ (no easy role), communicate his deep compassion, love, and forgiveness. These moments fill me with joy at being a Christian -- seeing the incarnational nature of our faith play out in unexpected places; God's love and grace can be found and seen everywhere, and we can be surprised by that grace whether we have our eyes open for it or not.

Advent is a season of waiting; we wait for our Lord's arrival. For youth at St. Tim's, we are waiting for many things: waiting to grow, to change, to deepen, to mature, to overthrow, to challenge, to accept, to find a place in this church and in this world, to gather together a viable group full of energy, interest, and meaningful relationships. There will be ways in which we wait for these things for all our lives. And there will be ways in which the only way to break through is to say, 'no more waiting. today is the day.' I pray that our youth, as much as yourselves, have eyes to see and ears to hear the power of God's grace and love within your experience. *Jennifer Fey*

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). 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.

Washer/Dryer Needed

Do you have a working washer and dryer you are considering replacing? The rectory is not equipped with a washer and dryer, and we would like to provide one for Rev. Janet's use. If you know of a working set that someone might donate, please contact the church office: 650-967-4724 or jen@sttims.org. Thanks!

When You Shop, Help St. Tim's

There are ways to benefit St. Timothy's financially beyond your pledge. They cost you nothing. When you shop at Amazon.com, use the link on St. Tim's website, and if you enroll in eScrip, designate St. Tim's as a beneficiary organization. A portion of your purchases comes back to support our ministry.

Coming Up

This Week

Sunday, November 28

- 7:45 a.m. Quiet & Meditative Worship
- 9:00 a.m. Dynamic & Kid-Centered Worship
- 10:30 a.m. Joyful & Inclusive Worship
- 11:00 a.m. Advent Festival

Wednesday, December 1

- 5:15 p.m. Kids Music and Movement
- 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)
- 7:00 p.m. Women's Retreat Planning

Saturday, December 4

"Barn-Raising" Rectory Move



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 St. Tim's Stephen Ministry, contact (650) 967-4724 or stephenministry@sttims.org.

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

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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? _____