



THE WORD

ST. TIMOTHY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

BULLETIN FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2011



Welcome!

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.

The Second Sunday of Advent

7:45 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST

Lighting of the Advent Candle	Prayer
Acclamation/Collect for Purity	BCP, p. 323
Kyrie	S90
The Collect of the Day	
First Reading	Isaiah 40:1-11
Psalm	Psalm 78:3-7
Epistle	1 John 4:7-14
Gospel Reading	Mark 10:13-16
Homily	The Rev. Beth Parab
The Nicene Creed	BCP, p. 327
Prayers of the People	
The Confession	BCP, p. 331
The Peace	
Announcements	
The Offering	
The Great Thanksgiving	
Eucharistic Prayer ii	BCP, p. 340
Sanctus	S113
Fraction Hymn	S157
The Lord's Prayer	BCP, p. 364
Communion of the People	
Postcommunion Prayer	BCP, p. 339
Blessing	
Hymn #287	<i>For all the saints</i>

Today's Readings

Isaiah 40:1-11

Psalm 78:3-7

1 John 4:7-14

Mark 10:13-16



Collect of the Day

Almighty God, in your love you gave your servant Nicholas of Myra a perpetual name for deeds of kindness both on land and sea; Grant, we pray, that your Church may never cease to work for the happiness of children, the safety of sailors, the relief of the poor, and the help of those tossed by tempests of doubt or grief; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Psalm 78:3-7

That which we have heard and known,
and what our forefathers have told us, *
we will not hide from their children.

We will recount to generations to come
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the Lord, *
and the wonderful works he has done.

He gave his decrees to Jacob
and established a law for Israel, *
which he commanded them to teach their children;

That the generations to come might know,
and the children yet unborn; *
that they in their turn might tell it to their children;

So that they might put their trust in God, *
and not forget the deeds of God,
but keep his commandments;

A Collect for Discernment (during our Rector Search):

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation, in the calling of Israel to be your people, in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him you have delivered us from evil and made us worthy to stand before you. In him you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life. *Amen.*

A Note from Our Interim Rector

Lo, in the silent night
A child to God is born
And all is brought again
That ere was lost or lorn.

Could but thy soul, O man,
Become a silent night?
God would be born in thee
And set all things aright.

15th century carol



And set all things right. There it is again, this crazy notion in our theology that we don't have to do everything ourselves, that there is help for the helpless, there is plentiful redemption, there is room for failure, that vulnerability can be strength, that we are not alone.

Here at St. Tim's we will celebrate the birth of Christ in many different ways this month: Advent Wreath lighting, caroling, worshipping, greeting St. Nick, letting go of pain, acknowledging grief at the "Longest Night" service. We will celebrate the many loving ministries of the Ezell family and say good-bye as they move away. Most of all we will be together as Christ enters our souls and reminds us with St. Julian of Norwich, that with Christ, "All Shall be Well, and every manner of thing shall be well."

That's redemption. It's not a such a heavy religious word when we realize it just means, God is born in us, setting things aright. Like hope, a crazy notion also, that help and a loving embrace are God's constant gift to those who open their souls and lift up their hearts.

Blessed Advent, Blessed Christmas.

See you in Church,

Janet+

Serving Today



Candace Hanson
Beth Leonard

Tellers

7:45 a.m.

Althea Parks
Chuck Utley
Althea Parks
Nelson Frick
Dick Yarp
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
The Rotondo Family
Josh Mintz
Paul Ellis
Todd Hausman
Chris Mintz
David Mintz
Beto Casellas
Larry Mendoza
Kristin Ellis
Austin Schuh
Bobby Malley
Allen Dutra

Altar Guild
Newcomer Welcome
Greeters/Ushers
Advent Wreath Lighting
Lectors

Children's Sermon
Acolyte
Eucharistic Minister

Healing Prayer
Sound
Projector
Streaming

10:30 a.m.

Marguerite Williams
Julia Ezell
The Wilde Family
The Wilde Family
Marguerite Williams
Nancy Schaefer
Jen Ezell
Julia Ezell
Sue-Ellen Johnson
Grace Schmidt
Kandace Klemba
Steve Swayze
Carina Gwennap

Altar Guild
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Here is an opportunity you don't want to miss. The Altar Guild is asking members of the parish to donate potted poinsettias for the Christmas decorations. We would love to have the 6" or 12" sizes. If you could bring to the church on Saturday morning, December 24 before 10:00 a.m. it would be great.

If you need to bring them earlier, put them in the garden near the outside door to the priest's sacristy.

Your support for this project is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Prayer List

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

Please Pray For: Sue Linney Arrouzet; Lynette, Tre & Damian Davis; the Ezell Family; Tom Fenstermacher; Darlene Frick; Tom Hammer; Ron Holt; Virginia Holt; the Howard Family; Lucretia Mann; Ryan Phillips; Tani Sanda; Nancy Schaefer; Santa Maria Urban Ministry; the Vestry and our Search process; the Diocese of El Camino Real and Bishop Mary Gray-Reeves; our Companion Dioceses of Western Tanganyika and Gloucester, England; Stephen Ministers and their care receivers.

Worship assignments can be found at www.sttims.org/worship/schedule.pdf. Please arrange a substitute if you must miss a service.

News & Notes

Rector Search Survey

As you know, St. Timothy's is in a period of transition as we complete the process of finding a new rector. Part of the process involves a comprehensive self-study to assess the current state of our parish and to explore our possible future state. We have completed the Appreciative Inquiry Process to start this self-study. The next step is a parish-wide survey that will allow us to collect demographics, further assess where we are today and what we value most, and to gather information about the qualities we want in our next rector.

The results of our self-study are being used to write our parish profile, the document that will introduce our parish to prospective candidates for the position of rector. It will also form the basis for our search committee's selection of candidates to present to the vestry. It is vitally important that everyone in the parish participate in this survey so that we get as complete picture of St. Timothy's as possible.

The survey will be available next week via a link on the St. Timothy's



home page. For those who would prefer to complete the survey off-line, a paper version will be available in the narthex. It will take about 30 minutes to complete. Please allow time to complete the survey at a single sitting. Although it is not necessary that you answer all questions, please answer as many as possible. All members of your household should complete separate, individual surveys.

Please complete the survey by January 2, 2012. Thank you for your participation.

News & Notes

Stewardship Update

Our stewardship campaign is over, but we still need to hear from a number of you so that the Vestry can make responsible plans for 2012. To date, we have received 50 pledges totaling \$256,050. Last year we had 72 pledges totaling \$361,280. We had hoped to increase our pledge income for next year to make up for decreases in revenue from other sources. With your help we can still do that.

This year a number of parishioners made an additional specific pledge to support our ministry to children and youth. We have received four special pledges for a total of \$20,500 for youth ministry.

If you have not yet turned in a pledge card, please do so. If you cannot find the pledge card that was mailed to you, additional cards are available in the back of the church or in the church office.

Vestry members will be calling those who have not yet pledged to provide a gentle reminder that we need your pledges so that we can plan effectively.

If you have already pledged, thank you! If you have not yet pledged, please give making a pledge your prayerful consideration.

Bill Shreve
Treasurer



Calling New Vestry Members

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 Sue-Ellen Johnson (suejhsn@comcast.net) or Beto Casellas (betolaura@mac.com).

Nominees should be confirmed or received Episcopalians who pledge and have shown an ability to serve the church. Nominees will be consulted 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 29th. Are you called to serve on the Vestry?

News & Notes

From Your Music Director

Advent and Christmas Music

Throughout Advent, we will have a new Kyrie at all services. The 7:45 and 10:30 a.m. services will sing a beautiful, traditional Kyrie from Russia, and the 9:00 a.m. service will speak the ancient words in English, accompanied by the ringing of a singing bell.

For Christmas Eve, the 5:00 p.m. family service will have our usual contemporary band setting of the carols we all know and love. Joy to the World with a rock beat! The 9:00 p.m. candlelight service will have traditional settings of the carols, with Roy Stegman providing the organ music, plus a setting of In Dulci Jubilo by Rutter, sung by our Choral Ensemble.

Christmas Day will be our Lessons and Carols service, with the wonderful telling of the Gospel stories illustrated by traditional carols. The organist for this service will be Keith Wannamaker.

Blessings,

Peter Sammel
peter@sttims.org



December 14...

is the day we will celebrate the ministry of the **Ezell family** at St. Timothy's. Our dear friends are moving to the Sacramento area this month.

We will continue to see them from time to time but their almost daily presence will be sorely missed.

The entire Ezell family has made lasting contributions of time and talent in our community and we would like to thank them before they leave. Please come to wish them well at the Wednesday Night Dinner on December 14.

Women's Retreat

Women's Retreat Registration is Open Now!

Be Quick to Listen

The women of St. Timothy's will gather on January 20-22, 2012 at the Mt. Hermon Retreat Center in the beautiful Santa Cruz Redwoods to explore the power of listening. Our guest speaker, Ellen Schell, will share her experience of listening and its power in her work. We'll try out exercises that will help us deepen our experience of listening, and find our way to deeper relationships with God and each other as the body of Christ.

Two room types are offered in either single or double occupancy. Rates include two nights lodging, all meals, and range from \$230 to \$290 per person. Installment payments are available for registrations completed prior to November 15th. Registration will continue after November 15th, but may only be paid in a lump sum.

For more information and to register online, please visit our website, www.sttims.org.

Saturday afternoon workshops, including a Redwood Canopy Zipline Tour (for an additional fee), will be offered. If you would like to lead a workshop, please contact Anne Wilde anneaerobic@aol.com.

If you would like to help with hospitality, or offer other gifts to the retreat, please contact Susan Pimlott at susanandluke@comcast.net or Laura Casellas at betolaura@yahoo.com.



News & Notes

KITT KATT NEWS

(That's *Keeping in Touch with Kids, their Adults, Teens and Tweens*)

for ADVENT II and Beyond

TODAY:

ST. NICHOLAS CELEBRATION
at 9:00 a.m.

- * Remember to wear your pajamas to church and bring a new pair to donate to Santa Maria Urban Mission
- * St. Nicholas will visit during the service
- * **BE SURE TO WEAR SOCKS TO KEEP YOUR FEET WARM!** (After you leave your shoes by the door for St. Nick to fill with treats)

GODLY PLAY TRAINING

Noon to 5:00 p.m.

- * It's not too late to sign up. Only \$25 per person
- * Bring a sack lunch
- * Childcare available in The Ark

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT REHEARSAL
at 10:30 a.m. in Edwards Hall

- * Parts we still need to fill: 2 wise men, donkey, 3 shepherds, Innkeeper,

stable animals

- * Adult volunteers needed. Please speak to Rev. Beth Parab, Director of Youth and Childrens Ministry.

ON THE HORIZON:

- * December 18: Caroling and Dinner, gathering in courtyard at 4:00 p.m. All are welcome!
- * January 2012: Activities for kids at Wednesday Night Dinners! Board games in one room, movies in your pajamas in another. Childcare-staffed so parents can relax!



News & Notes



St. Timothy's Preschool Tell a Friend!

We have openings in our 3 year old class. Children must be turning three years old on or before October 1, 2011.

Tuesday and Thursday 3s
9:00 to 11:30 a.m.

We have openings in two classes for 4 year olds. Your child must be turning four on or before November 1, 2011.

Monday, Wednesday and Friday 4s
9:00 to 11:30 a.m.

Tuesday and Thursday 4s
12:30 to 3:00 p.m.

Classes have started — reserve your space now! For more information and/or a tour of the facility, please call Preschool Director Helen Wooldridge at (650) 967-4724.

Outreach

Tanganyika Scholarship Program Two Weeks to Go!

We're getting close, but haven't quite reached our goal of being able to return all of last year's DWT scholarship recipients to school. There's still time to provide for scholarships — a gift of any amount will help!

You can see photos of the students who have been sponsored this year by St. Tim's on a poster in the narthex, and informational brochures are available on the table by the poster. Your gifts bring hope!

Questions? Contact Becky Mikkelsen at bmikkels2001@yahoo.com.

Thank you!



Outreach

Thank you from Santa Maria Urban Ministry

The community of SMUM would like to thank all who are part of the community of St. Timothy's for their wonderful support this past year – your weekly “Love Bucket” donations, your donations of used clothing and household items, the support for our “back-to-school” program and for the financial support via the proceeds from the Oktoberfest. All of your donations have been vital to the work of SMUM.

The numbers of people that we serve continues to increase each month. In the past two years, we have almost doubled the number of people to which we provide food. Thank you so much for your generous hearts.

As we approach this Christmas, we humbly ask that you continue to fill the Love Bucket with canned goods etc. Protein items are particularly appreciated – canned tuna, ham, chicken, Spam, etc.

We are currently registering our families for our Christmas present program. Donations of unwrapped toys are always welcome. We begin our distribution program on December 5th. A monetary donation is also very helpful as we have several great buyers who have made arrangements with local merchants for excellent prices on

toys for our program. Simply make a check out to St. Timothy's and put SMUM on the memo line.

The community at SMUM wishes all at St. Timothy's a joyous Christmas season, filled with the celebration of the birth of Christ, and the hope that this give us all. In thanksgiving to God. *Amen.*

Employment Assistance Program

NEW JOBS BEGIN WITH A GREAT RESUME

Tell Your Friends About St. Tim's
Free Resume Service

If you know someone looking for work, let them know that St. Timothy's Employment Assistance Program can help. The program is administered by Church members Chuck Utley and Dick Yarp. And a current resume is a good place to start.

We specialize in building a powerful new resume that makes the best possible first impression for you. Then you can access additional free, job-seeker services nearby.

To get started, phone the church office at (650) 967-4724, Extension # 7, or you can call Chuck Utley directly at (650) 969-4030 and tell us how we can contact you.



Holiday Schedule

Today	9:00 a.m.	St. Nicholas Celebration <i>During 9:00 a.m. service</i>
December 18	4:00 p.m.	Caroling Party and Dinner
December 20	7:00 p.m.	“The Longest Night” (Blue Christmas) <i>For those who find Christmas a bittersweet time of year</i>
December 24	5:00 p.m.	Family Christmas Eve with Children's Pageant
	9:00 p.m.	Candlelight Christmas Eve
December 25	10:30 a.m.	Lessons and Carols <i>One service only</i>
January 1	10:30 a.m.	New Years Day Service <i>One service only</i>
January 4	6:00 p.m.	Epiphany Party <i>Special Wednesday Night Dinner</i>

Coming Up

Sunday, December 4 (Today)

- 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
- 12:00 p.m. Godly Play Training

Monday, December 5

- 6:00 p.m. Stephen Ministers Dinner

Wednesday, December 7

- 5:00 p.m. Kids Music and Movement
- 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Night Dinner
- 6:45 p.m. Advent II Program

Sunday, December 11

- 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



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. Ming-Hui Murdock (408) 736-4983
- 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. Tom Slakey (408) 249-7114
- 8:00 p.m. Deanne Phillips (408) 739-1479
- 8:00 p.m. Scott Rotondo (650) 917-9355
& John Ezell (650) 776-7182

Wednesdays

- 1:30 p.m. Althea Parks (408) 245-0295

Thursdays

- 7:00 p.m. The Johnsons (408) 737-8355
- 7:00 p.m. Nyna Dolby (650) 941-9335
& Jen Ezell (650) 964-4834

Connecting

Clergy

The Rt. Rev. Mary Gray-Reeves	Bishop, the Diocese of El Camino Real	BishopMary@edecr.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"/> 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? _____