

❖ ST. TIMOTHY'S PARCHMENT ❖

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Dear St. Timothy Folk,
November is upon us!

We start out with the time change. Please remember to turn your clocks back before bed Saturday night, Nov. 6th. Our liturgies will offer a variety of moods and subjects this month. Nov. 7th we will celebrate All Saints Sunday. The Gospel passage from John's Gospel is about Jesus raising Lazarus. Please see the article on page 4 for more background on this important feast of the Church. We will remember by name our family and friends who have died since November 1, 2020.

On November 14th the Old Testament and Gospel lessons for Proper 28 are descriptions of the end times. That theme of apocalypse is always heard at the end of the season after Pentecost bridging over into the first Sunday of Advent.

On November 21st, the Last Sunday after Pentecost, we will celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. It will also be our Ingathering Sunday, when we will bless the pledge cards received with our commitments for 2022. Please remember to bring your card in on a Sunday, or mail it to the office.

November 28th is the First Sunday of Advent. The Gospel from Luke has Jesus again speaking about the end times. November 25th is, of course, Thanksgiving Day. We are people of the Eucharist, which

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Recording Sunday Service and Posting to Website

This is a new and vital part of the ministry of St. Timothy's. Many of our members are not able to join us and many now have distant family and friends joining us via our weekly video posts. Our new equipment allows us to record and broadcast our service live from the back of the church. The equipment is in place but needs to be

monitored. Jess Shirley is looking for interested members to train and join in the rotation of operating the recording and sound equipment. Anyone interested in being a part of our A/V production, please contact Jess Shirley.



Vestry Meeting Summary Sunday, October 17, 2021

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of the September 26, 2021 meeting were presented, reviewed and a motion was made to accept as written with amendments.

Treasurer's Report: Snapshot of financial status was presented and reviewed. The Vestry unanimously accepted the August Report as presented.

Action Items

Update from Senior Warden

Discuss 2020 insurance claim – Jeff Adair provided an update about the tree incident on the eastside of the Parish house. Received email and letter this past week that the insurance coverage check was being mailed. Lyle will get new roofing estimates for the Parish House and will see if it covers fascia repair. Jess Shirley is getting estimates for painting the exterior trim and fascia repair.

Lawn Maintenance 2022 – Jeff will talk with Forest, lawn maintenance person, and thank him for all he has done, see if he wants to continue in the same capacity, cut back, or stop altogether. Considered if Forest continues mowing and leaf blowing, we could contract with a service in Spring 2022 for trimming and tree/shrub maintenance. Vestry agreed to continue with additional work days with members volunteering to maintain the church grounds. Will revisit after Jeff talks with Forest.

Discuss Vestry rotation and recruitment – Most years only two people rotate off the seven-member Vestry. However, every third year three members of the Vestry rotate off. This year Jeff Adair, Roberta Charbonneau and Daniel Bennett are rotating off. Now is the time to take nominations. Vestry members are nominated at the November Vestry Meeting. Those nominations are taken to the parishioners at the December service to be voted on. Nominations from the floor would be accepted too. Share any other nominations with Jeff or Rev. Linda by the first Sunday in December

Report from the Priest in Charge

Update on Stewardship campaign – Rev. Linda's sermon on the 10th was about Stewardship, giving of your time, talent and heart. She is preparing a letter to our Parishioners. Kerry has the pledge cards printed and the envelopes are ready. All will be mailed out.

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- Rev. Linda has considering annual meeting placement within service - lasting no more than 8 minutes.
- Rev. Linda and Kathleen Shirley have been working together and experimenting with the disposable cups and cruets for the possible return of wine during the Eucharist.
- After discussing with Louise Purdy, Rev Linda cancelled the pumpkin carving - only one family would be attending. Rev. Linda will try to plan a family event for November.
- Rev. Linda is still looking into sponsoring a family from Afghanistan. She will also be contacting the Episcopal Migration Ministries, as well as our local ministerial group.

-Rev Linda reported that everyone on the Vestry, except Jeff and Daniel who completed it last year, need to take Safe Guarding God's People and Safe Guarding God's Children. She has a link that she will send regarding registering.

Report on Church Workday – George Trudell reported that it was a success and the six people that showed up worked very hard. Shrubs and trees were trimmed. He suggests a work day four times a year starting in 2022.

Discussion regarding current / protocols

Registration and seating, Service Size and Social distancing, Virtual Recording and Facility Sanitizing. * Volunteers needed. – Still no additional volunteers for sanitizing so Jeff and Lyle will continue to rotate every other week for now. We started the alternating Sunday worship schedule in September with plans to revisit and decide if we were to continue after November 7th. Vaccination rates are low for Gordon County and the local hospital is overflowing. Decided to continue the alternating schedule with an open-ended date.

Facilities Update

Potts house fence still needs repairs. George will work on getting all supplies needed to fix it, then set another work day. Also, the top bar of the chain link fence around the playground needs to be fixed, they will take care of this at the same time. Jeff reminded us that the water heater had been turned down in the kitchen at the start of Covid—cost savings.

Committee Reports –

Outreach – Terry Overlander shared information for St. Timothy's Annual Giving Tree. The theme she has chosen is 'Help a Child have a Purr...fect Christmas'. Terry requested a virtual request be sent out to everyone on November 8th. She will place the tree in the narthex on November 17th and 24th. All gifts must be returned to her on/before December 5th. They can call her to arrange pick-up.

Worship – Jeff reminded us that with Advent and Christmas approaching we need to decide how to handle this. Rev. Linda will talk with our musicians first. She is thinking of doing three services for Christmas Eve Day, evening, and mid-night to accommodate our members within the regathering protocols that we have in place.

Future Calendar –

- Nov. 8 – Outreach Committee 6:30 pm Google Meet
- Nov 21 – Vestry 2:00 pm Zoom
- Dec 19 - Vestry 2:00 pm Zoom



Virtual "Tree" Coming Soon!

The Outreach Committee is once again sponsoring The Giving Tree this year. We ask you to choose a child from our virtual tree and purchase items from their wish list for Christmas. We have been given the blessing to help. The list of children will be sent out at the beginning of November.

Remember to:

- Plan to spend \$50-\$70
- Buy at least one complete outfit (shirt and pant)
- Buy at least two non-clothing items from their wish list
- Make sure all items fit in the bag provided.
- Turn in all items in the bag provided by December 5th to Terry Overlander.

If you would like to sponsor all of a child or part and have my team shop for you, send a check made out to Terry Overlander and send it to 101 Cathy Lane, Calhoun, GA 30701

If you have any questions call: Terry Overlander 678-986-6760

“Worship lies at the heart of the life of faith. Through encountering God in worship—online and in-person— we are formed and transformed as the people of God. We give thanks, confess, lament, and share our deep hopes for the world and for ourselves, and trust that God receives and blesses that which we have offered. Worship makes a difference

— Bishop Michael Curry

November 1, 2021

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means thanksgiving. A colleague of mine posted a wonderful idea for our spiritual lives in November: to each day articulate something specific (and different) for which we are thankful. It might be something enduring such as a family member or friend; a blessing such as a job or shelter or health; or it might be something of the moment, such as sunshine or a bird singing or a call from a friend. And even better if we find several things in a day for which we offer thanks to the God who loves and blesses us. I am thankful for all of you, and for the things we will share this month, Blessings,
Linda+

Happy Anniversary

Nov 2 Brian & Roberta Charbonneau

Nov 5 Harvey & Ardie Scott



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The 115th Diocesan Annual Council will meet on Friday and Saturday, November 12 and 13. Rev. Linda will be attending with Jeff Adair, Sr. Warden on both days. Roberta Charbonneau will attend on Friday and Daniel Bennett will attend on Saturday. The 115th Annual Council will be held via Zoom.

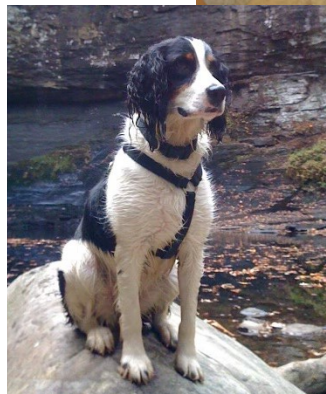


Nov. 2	Joan	Bales
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Nov. 6	Lillian	Towe
Nov. 7	Lisa	Dunbar
Nov. 8	Janie	LeQuire
Nov. 9	Meghan	Ensley
Nov. 13	Brett	Shirley
Nov. 16	Owen	Camp
Nov. 17	Pat	Evans
Nov. 18	Brian	Avery
Nov. 23	Barbara	Langford
Nov. 23	Jeff	Adair
Nov. 25	Lucy	Leggett
Nov. 28	James	Adams

Blessing of the Animals

Several furry friends were blessed during the service on Sunday afternoon, 10/3.

At right, Hershey and Zeke who live with the Curriers. Latte and Lila who are treasured by Jeff Adair



and Jim Kirk.

At right, Vedrody's Fiona made her appearance along with Annie, at left, who lives with the Davis'.

Such joy thy bring!



Church Meetings

While there are no in-person meetings, committees will be conducting **virtual** meetings—

Vestry - Sunday, Nov 21, at 2:00 pm

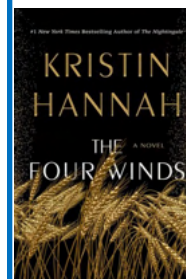
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COVER TO COVER

Book Club

On Monday, Nov 15, our Church Book Club will meet virtually from the comfort of your home via Zoom starting at 6:45 PM to discuss **THE FOUR WINDS** by Kristin Hannah.



"From the #1 *New York Times* bestselling author ... comes an epic novel of love, heroism and hope, set against the backdrop of one of America's most defining eras—the Great Depression.

No meeting in December.
Jan 17 **THE HOUSE IN THE CERULEAN SEA** by TJ Kline

All are invited to join us for great reads and good conversation!

What have you been reading? Join our group and share a new or old favorite for us to read and then discuss. Contact Roberta, 678-773-5655, to learn more about joining Zoom meetings!

Many people struggle daily to provide basic necessities for their families.

Please continue to fill our red wagon in the narthex.

An update from the Gordon County Christian Ministerial Alliance County Hunger Walk will follow.



... on Sunday, November 7th.



KEEPING OUR CHURCH SAFE

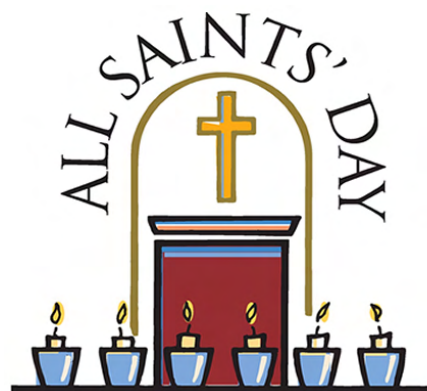
Each week after our Sunday Service, a thorough sanitizing is completed. This is done in accordance with the current CDC

and Diocese of Atlanta recommendations and guidelines to keep our sanctuary as safe as possible. We have a team of two fellows who are currently handling this task but we are seeking other volunteers to learn the protocols and safety measures that are taken each week AND ROTATE WITH THEM ONE TIME A MONTH. Please contact Lyle Currier, Junior Warden and chair of facilities committee if you'd like to learn more about this vital service for our church.

From the Altar Flower Guild

You are invited to give flowers for our weekly services. We can contact Rita Collins at 706-629-3129, or Ilene White at 706-767-1549 for any flower requests in November.

Please call to request a Sunday. The cost remains the same at \$30. Checks are to be made out to the Guild lady purchasing the flowers, and can be mailed to them, or sent to the church office. **DO NOT** make the check out to the church.



Collect for All Saints' Day Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen

All Saints' Day, celebrated November 1 or the nearest Sunday afterward, is characterized by the Book of Common Prayer (BCP) as a Principal Feast, "taking precedence over any other day or observance" (BCP, 15). The day is set aside to remember and commend the saints of God, especially those who are not recognized at other points in the church year.

According to Holy Women, Holy Men, in the tenth century, it became customary to recognize on a single day "that vast body of the faithful who, though no less members of the company of the redeemed, are unknown in the wider fellowship of the Church" (Holy Women, Holy Men, 664). Over time, the day became associated with special remembrances of an individual's family and friends.

While several churches abandoned the commemoration during the Reformation, the Feast of All Saints was retained on the Anglican liturgical calendar. All Saints' Day began to assume the role of general commemoration of the dead: all Christians, past and present; all saints, known and unknown.

Because of the day's association with the remembrance for the dead, many churches publish a necrology. This reading of the names of the congregation's faithful departed may include prayers on their behalf. Such prayers are appropriate, as the Catechism reminds us, "because we still hold [our departed] in our love, and because we trust that in God's presence those who have chosen to serve him will grow in his love, until they see him as he is" (BCP, 862).

The day is often characterized by joyful hymns, including such favorites as "For All the Saints," "Who Are These Like Stars Appearing," and "I Sing a Song of the Saints of God." These hymns share motifs of rest, fellowship, and continued, joyful service to God—salient indeed on this day, as we remember "those of dazzling brightness, those in God's own truth arrayed, clad in robes of purest whiteness, robes whose luster ne'er shall fade"!