

❖ ST. TIMOTHY'S PARCHMENT ❖

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Dear St. Timothy Folk,

Happy New Year!! That is, Happy New Church Year! We have entered Advent, the season of anticipation and expectation in which we reflect on the coming ("advent") of Christ – his coming in the past as a babe in Bethlehem, his coming at the end of time to reign over all things, and his coming to us in our lives in the present. It is difficult not to get swept up in the flood of holiday and Christmas music, celebrations, shopping, cooking, and "stuff". Advent invites us to take time out to reflect on the messages of Advent, listen for God's voice and be aware of God's presence within and around us.

This is also the season for our Annual Parish Meeting, which will take place Sunday, December 5th, at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom. The Vestry and I decided to hold the meeting on Zoom so that everyone who wishes can participate, rather than have to limit the number of persons who could come if we held it in-person. Look for an email from the church with the Zoom link.

An important part of Advent is preparing for the annual remembrance of our Savior's birth, the feast we call Christmas. Because we are still protective of your health and the wellbeing of the community, we will have 3 services on Christmas Eve. Our expectation is that this schedule will provide enough space for everyone who wishes to attend

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Recording Sunday Service and Posting to Facebook

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.

Links to Sunday Services

<https://www.facebook.com/sttimscalhoun>
or <https://www.sttimothycalhoun.org/>
You may have to scroll down when you get to Facebook.



Vestry Meeting Summary Sunday, November 21, 2021

The Meeting opened on Zoom with prayer.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the October 17, 2021 meeting were presented, reviewed and approved.

Treasurer's Report: Snapshot of financial status was presented and reviewed. Treasurer's report approved unanimously by acclamation as written and circulated

Update from Senior Warden: Jeff Adair has had a couple people ask when can we stop wearing masks. Jeff explained that the decision is guided by the diocesan protocols, the CDC, and Gordon County Covid numbers while keeping in mind the health and safety of everyone. Most feedback heard from members is we are happy to be back in the church together again with the social distance protocols. Discussed 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, Roberta Charbonneau, and Daniel Bennett are rotating off. We have nominees for the positions..

Report from the Priest in Charge: Rev. Linda reported she has had positive comments about the receiving of wine in the little cups. Everyone seems to be happy with this solution. Rev. Linda is working on the schedule for Lay Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors as well as trying to work in new people as Lectors. Josh Briones is meeting with Jess Shirley Tuesday to tweak the new system for live streaming the service and to fix the microphone issue. Rev. Linda will work with Kelli De Guire on updating the church website. Rev. Linda and Louise Purdy are in discussion on how and when to get kids



back into Sunday School. At this time, it will be after Christmas.

Rev. Linda will be hosting the NWGA Clericus Meeting on December 2nd.

Discussion regarding current / protocols: Registration and seating, Service Size and Social distancing, Virtual Recording and Facility Sanitizing. * Volunteers needed. – The Diocesan recommended guidelines were discussed. They are that we encourage members to be vaccinated, to wear masks indoors if we are not certain members are vaccinated. Also, no indoor social eating, and spacing or

distancing not as important if in small groups and all are known to be vaccinated. Lisa Dunbar has agreed to be part of the sanitizing team and Lyle will train her in the next couple weeks.

Sponsor a family from Afghanistan status update: Rev. Linda has not received any information from the places she has contacted. She will try contacting them again this week. There has been no information about Afghan refugee involvement in the State of Georgia.

Facilities Update: Lyle Currier received an estimate from South Eastern Roofing Company in excess of \$16,000 to replace the roof of the Parish house. Jess Shirley talked with three painters at the church only one submitted an estimate of \$8,000 for the Parish house and \$10,000 for the church. One painter passed up completely said there was too much prep work. Jeff suggested as it is currently not the weather for painting, to continue looking into this and try to find an alternative source with hopefully a lower bid. Whether it's a company that can do all of it and give the church a better price or fix only the parts of the roof that really need fixing and do the paint work that is really needed. Vestry agreed to schedule this for the spring when the weather would be more conducive. Jeff thanked Lyle Currier for repairing the fence on the Potts House property.

Committee Reports –

Outreach – Terry Overlander shared from St. Timothy's Annual Giving Tree twenty-one of the twenty-two children have been chosen. All gifts must be returned to her December 5th. The sponsors will call her when they have their gifts ready and she will go to them and pick them up. Rev. Linda suggested Terry keep track of her mileage and get paid for mileage.

Worship – Rev. Linda has not talked with the worship committee, but has consulted with the musicians and they are good with three services on December 24th. 4:00 p.m. for families with children, 7:00 p.m., and 10:40 p.m. for Carols and Eucharist.

Diocesan Annual Council Report – Rev. Linda, Roberta Charbonneau & Jeff Adair attended. Rev. Linda requested that each person writes a few sentences to go into the Parchment about their favorite part of the meeting. Rev. Linda told us one of her favorites was when the youth were asking the bishop questions. Jeff stated he enjoyed the youth led service on Saturday morning.

Miscellaneous: Jeannie Vaughan reported that we have received 25 pledge cards so far.

Jeff informed the Vestry that Terry Overlander let him know that at the end of December she was stepping down as secretary of the Vestry. Jeff thanked Terry for her hard work and the Vestry expressed their appreciation for everything she has done for the last five years.

Meeting adjourned at 3:43 pm closed in prayer by Rev. Linda Pineo.

The 115th Annual Council of the Diocese of Atlanta took place online on Nov12th and 13th. The theme was the last part of our Diocesan Purpose Statement, "Growing Spiritually" joined together with the idea of what it means for us as a Diocese to get our second wind.

During the general session, Sally Ulrey, Missioner for Congregational Vitality, gave the [Vitality Report](#) of the diocese. It touched on many stories of Good News of the diocese and how parishes continue to adapt and thrive in the face of immense challenges.

Bishop Wright addressed The 115th Annual Council to talk about the ways in which we have responded collectively to the challenges of the last twelve months and ways we can continue to be faithful going forward.

Saturday began with Youth Led Worship, and a brief address from Carter Sessions, a young person of the diocese. . Holle Tubbs, the new Youth Missioner of the Diocese, convened a Q&A with young people of the diocese and Bishop Wright.

The legislative agenda and passing of the 2022 Mission and Ministry Budget followed. Four proposed resolutions were debated, with one resolution being tabled ([C21-1](#)). Each of the other proposed Resolutions, ([R21-1](#), [R21-2](#), [R21-3](#)) were adopted. The 2022 budget was passed without discussion.

Annual Council concluded with special recognitions and expressions of gratitude from Bishop Wright. Bonnie Burgess was presented with a Diocesan crest for her service to the Diocese as the Canon for Finance and Administration. Ten thousand dollars will be given in her name to the Wright House Foundation. Learn more about the Wright House and the foundation here: episcopalatlanta.org/wright-house/

Finally, a special video entitled "[Encouragement](#)" was shown reminding the delegates of our Diocesan Purpose Statement and the resilience that is our inheritance as followers of Jesus Christ.

one service.

The first, at 4:00 p.m., will be modified for our youngest members with a shorter set of lessons and fewer verses to the carols. In place of a homily, I will read a wonderful picture book to the children (and adults), and then we will share prayers and Communion. This is a service for families with children and grandchildren, and for those who prefer not to drive after dark.

The other two services will be at 7:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. with a time of Christmas carols preceding the 11:00 p.m. service. Unfortunately, the risks of COVID prevent us from sharing refreshments in the Parish Hall this year. Both services will be the full Eucharist for the Feast of the Nativity of our Lord with hymns, lessons, homily, prayers and Communion. Look for details coming soon about registering for the Christmas Eve services.

There will not be a service on Christmas Day, December 25th.

There will be a service of Eucharist on Sunday, December 26th at 11:00 a.m.

Coming back around to Advent, if you are looking for an Advent experience, you can join in an Advent Quiet Day with Presiding Bishop Michael Curry on Saturday, December 11th from 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. online at <https://stmartinsepiscopal.org/advent-quiet-day>. It is free to watch online at St. Martin's (Houston) website.

Blessings, Linda+

Church Meetings

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

Vestry - Sunday, Dec. 19, at 2:00 pm

Happy Anniversary

Dec 5 Louis & Sally Tonsmeire
Dec 8 C. K. & Ilene White
Dec 14 Tom & Chareen Chaapel
Dec 21 Jeff Adair & Jim Kirk
Dec 23 Charlie & Linda Phelps



The Annual Council of the Diocese of Atlanta Rev. Linda, particularly appreciated the Question and Answer session between the Bishop and several youth members of the Diocese. It begins at minute 21 on the YouTube video of the Saturday morning Youth-led worship. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gakYwv5dfNI&list=PLTIMk-jvXcWKvI87ileLiKl-vZLXAdZo7&index=5>



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Hurry to place your order in honor of a loved one, in thanksgiving, or for other blessing. The price is \$10.00 each and the cut off date for orders is Sunday, 12/19. Make checks payable to St. Timothy's and write "Christmas flowers" on the memo line of the check. Be sure to include the name for "giver" and "in honor of" or "blessing for". Thank you.

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<https://www.sttimothycalhoun.org/>



Dec. 1	Frank	Wilson
Dec. 4	Marge	King
Dec. 5	Susan	McLeod
Dec. 8	Stephanie	Lackey
Dec. 10	Sabrina	Dutch
Dec. 10	John	McCoy
Dec. 11	Sam	Tomasello
Dec. 12	Jess	Shirley
Dec. 15	Grace	Bramblette
Dec. 20	Gene	Jones
Dec. 21	Carol	Frost
Dec. 23	Emmie	Camp
Dec. 23	Andrea	Scott
Dec. 26	Steve	Vedrody
Dec. 28	Kerry	Dunbar

COVER TO COVER

Book Club

All are welcome to join our Church Book Club. We meet virtually from the comfort of your home via Zoom starting at 6:45 PM to discuss books we have decided on and read.

We will not meeting in December. But our future reads include -

Jan 17 THE HOUSE IN THE CERULEAN SEA by TJ Kline
Feb 21 THE EXILES by Christina Baker Kline
Mar 21 WHO IS MAUDE DIXON by Alexandra Andrews
Apr 18 LOVE IN THE DRIEST SEASON by Neely Tucker
May 16 THE FIFTH PETAL by Brunonia Barry

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!

Help a Child have a Purr...fect Christmas!

1) The Outreach Committee would like to thank everyone who sponsored a child this Christmas. Remember all gifts must be turned in by Sunday, Dec. 5th. Please bring them to church or contact Terry Overlander if you need her to pick them up from you. 678-986-6760.

2) The Outreach Committee has been busy In November. Besides organizing and implementing the Angel Tree program, they have made several donations: 1st to the Appleton Episcopal Ministries = promotes the health, safety, education and well-being of child and families; 2nd to Gordon County DFAC to help purchase Christmas gifts for children in foster care; 3rd to the Gordon County Senior Center to help support them to purchase items for their Christmas celebration; and 4th to "VAC fill in fund" = this was set up in case a child(ren) was not selected by a family for Christmas. There will be funds to cover those children.



"Yes, Mabel, it is very festive...
But Advent wreaths are only supposed to have four candles!"

Who was St. Nicholas? The true story of Santa Claus begins with Nicholas, who was born during the third century in the village of Patara in Asia Minor. At the time the area was Greek and is now on the southern coast of Turkey. His wealthy parents, who raised him to be a devout Christian, died in an epidemic while Nicholas was still young. Obeying Jesus' words to "sell what you own and give the money to the poor," Nicholas used his whole inheritance to assist the needy, the sick and the suffering. He dedicated his life to serving God and was made Bishop of Myra while still a young man. Bishop Nicholas became known throughout the land for his generosity to those in need, his love for children and his concern for sailors and ships. Read more <https://www.stnicholascenter.org/who-is-st-nicholas>

- Find Myra and Turkey where Saint Nicholas lived on a globe or map.
- Help children learn about the difference between St. Nicholas and Santa Claus. St. Nicholas was a real person who lived hundreds of years ago. Many people around the world celebrate his life and good deeds on December 6. This is a day to think more about giving than receiving!

Start on St. Nicholas Day with some special Nicholas deeds.

- Post a St. Nicholas image on social media or in a text stream to let others know you are celebrating the life of St. Nicholas. You can choose from one of these or choose another. <https://www.stnicholascenter.org/gallery/110-santos>

St. Nicholas' Prayer:

*God of joy and cheer, we thank you for your servant, the good bishop Nicholas.
In loving the poor, he showed us your kindness; in caring for your children, he revealed your love.
Make us thoughtful without need of reward so that we, too, may be good followers of Jesus. Amen*



Christmas

ADVENT CALENDAR

