

❖ ST. TIMOTHY'S PARCHMENT ❖

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Dear St. Timothy Folk,

Welcome 2022!! We come to the new calendar year with mixed emotions: most of us are glad to see 2021 gone, but we're not sure what lies ahead. As I write this on December 31, 2021 all but six Georgia counties are labeled red as "high transmission" for COVID 19. That label applies to Gordon County, where there have been 168 new cases reported in the past 7 days, and fewer than 20% of the population is vaccinated. Please note that there are always even more unreported cases.

What this means for St. Timothy's is that we will continue to mask, distance, and sanitize to protect one another and our wider community. I know of two churches in our Diocese which have cancelled in-person worship on January 2 – one because two people who attended Christmas Eve tested positive shortly after, and the other because the new case rate is so high in their area. The Vestry and I will continue to monitor the situation in our area. We trust all of you to inform us if you become ill within days of attending a service.

Liturgically, as we begin the new secular calendar, we are midway through the twelve days of Christmas, still celebrating the Incarnation, with Epiphany and the season of Epiphany in view. Sunday, January 2nd, we will hear the story of the magi from the Gospel according to Matthew. This is the first, and best known, of the Epiphany stories.

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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, December 19, 2021

Present: Jeff Adair (Senior Warden), Roberta Charbonneau, Lyle Currier (Junior Warden), Lisa Dunbar, Terry Overlander (Secretary), Rev. Linda Pineo, Jess Shirley, George Trudell, Beth Vaughn, Jeanne Vaughan (Treasurer). **Absent:** Daniel Bennett, Dan De Guire, Louise Purdy

Meeting called to order: at 2:14 pm led in prayer by Rev. Linda Baker Pineo.

Welcome of New Vestry Members:

Jeff Adair, Senior Warden, welcomed the newly elected Vestry members Lisa Dunbar, Jess Shirley and Beth Vaughn. They will begin their term officially in January 2022. They take the place of retiring vestry members Jeff, Roberta and Daniel.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of the November 21, 2021 meeting were presented, reviewed, amended, and approved.

Treasurer's Report: Jeannie stated that finances are looking good. At the end of November, the pledges were down for the month about \$2,000, but were still ahead for the year. Expenses and income are tracking together. Pledges received so far for 2022 are \$93,000. She reported the last time we received below \$100,000 was 2012. Snapshot of financial status was presented and reviewed. The vestry accepted the Treasurer's report and approved unanimously as written and circulated.

Action Items

Update from Senior Warden: Annual meeting on December 5th new vestry members were elected: Lisa Dunbar, Jesse Shirley and Beth Vaughn. Roberta updated the church directory and it was sent out electronically.

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A collection was taken up to recognize the service of the priest in charge, the musicians and Forest (lawn service guy) for their service to the church.

Vestry Person of the Day and usher duties were reviewed for the new vestry members. Right now, the VPOD is also serving as usher. The usher is in charge of lining people up for communion and for dismissal. Jeff has been coordinating registration and seating. This we will discuss more later on along with the protocols that are in place.

Jeff reminded the vestry that Terry Overlander was stepping down as secretary and they would need to appoint a new secretary as this is her last meeting.

Jeff and Daniel have been working on a Safety Plan in accordance with requests by the Diocese and by the Church Insurance Company. They will finalize this plan and email it to the present vestry. It will include what to do in case of intruders, bad weather, medical problems, etc.

Report from the Priest in Charge: Rev. Linda will have three services on Christmas eve, 4:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. Rev. Linda has contacted families with children to give them the first opportunity to sign up for the 4:00 p.m. service, which will be a child friendly service with a story in place of the homily. The 11:00 p.m. service will have carols starting around 10:40. There will be a service on Sunday December 26th. This service will be open to everyone. There will not be music that day.

Rev. Linda hosted the NW Georgia Clericus Meeting. The eight clergy in attendance met in the parish hall where we could distance. Rev Linda give many thanks to Jess & Kathleen Shirley who had everything set up. The group had an interesting conversation about protocols - everyone is doing things a little differently as fits their context. Rev. Linda has talked with Holley Tubbs who is the Youth coordinator for the diocese about the Safeguarding God's Children and Safeguarding God's People training. Every vestry member needs to take these trainings, but we are trying to find out the number of modules and time required.

Rev. Linda and Louise are in discussion on how and when to get kids back into Sunday School. At this time, it will be after New Year. It all depends on Covid conditions in Gordon County and protocols.

Discussion regarding current protocols: After discussion Rev. Linda proposed that we keep as we have been for now until the middle of January with 30-35 people per group then revisit the discussion at the next Vestry meeting. Beginning in January, we will still have seating every other row but people will pick their own place to sit. For the seating chart, a picture will be taken before communion then the seating chart will be written out from the pictures in order to fulfill the diocesan protocols for contact tracing. The usher will still dismiss by rows for communion and dismissal. Terry and Beth are in the process of learning the virtual recording procedures. Lisa has been trained for facility sanitizing. More volunteers are still needed.

Sponsor a family from Afghanistan status update: Rev. Linda has not received any information from the places she has contacted. She will try contacting the Lutheran group next.

Facilities Update: Jeff wanted to remind the vestry that the decision for roof repair and trim painting was put off until spring and that we need more bids as the one we received was high. Jess suggested the possibility of vinyl siding for the trim and we wouldn't have to paint again. He will look into an getting an estimate for that. Lyle inspected the church and found several repairs needed. He will send a full list to Vestry members. Jess added he believes at least three window need replacing and also has great concern about the large tree limbs hanging over the church.

Committee Reports –

Outreach – Terry Overlander stated, via an email vote, the committee agreed to send \$200 to the University of the South: Suwannee (School of Theology) and \$200 to Healing Hands for their food pantry.

Communication Committee – Kelli De Guire, Jess Shirley and Rev. Linda met to discuss the website, It has been updated to include a link for the Facebook livestream on it. They will continue to work on updating it. Adding the livestream to YouTube was discussed, but more information about the process and costs is needed. Roberta has agreed to continue producing the Parchment.

Future Calendar –

Jan 16th – Vestry meeting 2 PM via Zoom and Jan 22nd – Vestry Retreat parish hall 9 AM – 3 PM

Meeting adjourned at 4:20 PM and closed in prayer by Rev. Linda Pineo.

Dear St. Timothy's

It is my unhappy task to tell you that Jane Davis has announced her retirement as organist effective at the end of the Christmas Eve services. Jane and Mike are NOT leaving St. Timothy's, but will be enjoying some travel time in the coming months. We look forward to seeing them in the pews whenever they are able to be present. Please join me in thanking for Jane's long ministry to St. Timothy's providing beautiful music which inspired and supported our worship, not only in person, but also when we were worshipping virtually. It would be difficult to overstate the importance of her gift to us all. Blessings to you, Jane, in your musical retirement! Rev. Linda+

From Jane:

It has been my greatest pleasure to have been the organist at St. Timothy's for over 20 years. My aspiration was to provide music for meditation, spirituality, and enjoyment for our church community. I have been playing for churches since I was 11 years old, thus music of the church will always warm my heart. Jane

On the following Sunday we will hear Luke's very brief report of Jesus' Baptism, which is always celebrated on the First Sunday after the Epiphany. On January 16th, we hear the story of Jesus' first miracle at the wedding in Cana. These three stories form the core of the ancient Church's proclamation of the Epiphany, the revelation of Jesus as the promised Messiah, the Son of God. The last two Sundays of January give us the account of Jesus' return to Nazareth after his baptism and 40 days in the wilderness. There is some drama in that story!

As we reflect on these Gospel stories we are invited to ask how Jesus has been and is being revealed to us in our lives. Christmas, the Nativity, is only the beginning of the story of Jesus for us. How does the story continue and connect with our own stories? If we proclaim Jesus born in Bethlehem, how do we also acknowledge him as the Son of God proclaimed at his baptism, and as the one who can work miracles, as he did in Cana? This idea of revelation and proclamation will continue through the whole of the Epiphany-tide.

As a church family, on January 9th we will recognize the Vestry members who have finished their terms and welcome the newly elected members. We will also commission the 2022 Vestry and ask God's grace and empowerment for them during the year of their service. Please pray for the Vestry, and for me, as we strive to faithfully serve St. Timothy's in the coming year.

Blessings, Linda+

Church Meetings

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

Vestry Meeting - Sunday, Jan. 16 at 2:00 via Zoom

Vestry Retreat - Saturday, Jan. 22, in Parish Hall from 9 AM to 3 PM



Altar Flowers

You are invited to give flowers for our weekly services. We can contact Judy Mincey, 770-773-0818, or Charry Chaapple, 706-307-9698, for any flower requests in January. Please call to let us know which Sunday you wish to have flowers at the altar. Please call **EARLY** in the month. The cost remains the same at \$30. Checks are to be made out to the Altar 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.



Advent is the first season of the church year, beginning with the fourth Sunday before Christmas and continuing through the day before Christmas. The name is derived from a Latin word for "coming." The season is a time of preparation and expectation for the coming celebration of our Lord's nativity, and for the final coming of Christ "in power and glory.." www.episcopalchurch.org/bible-study/year-c/

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



Jan. 6	Julie Leggett
Jan. 10	Mary McCoy
Jan. 10	Kate Leggett
Jan. 11	Sally Tonsmeire
Jan. 15	Anna Brown
Jan. 15	Deke Findley
Jan. 17	Reed Findley
Jan. 20	Tom Chaapel
Jan. 21	Jessie McCoy
Jan. 22	Allen Dutch
Jan. 26	Lyle Currier
Jan. 27	Kay Baxter
Jan. 28	Heath Richardson
Jan. 28	Annie Barnes
Jan. 29	Ron King

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.



Jan 17 THE HOUSE IN THE CERULEAN SEA by TJ Kline
Described as "A magical island. A dangerous task. A burning secret."

Feb 21 THE EXILES by Christina Baker 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!

Thank you for a Purr...fect Christmas!

This year the Outreach committee asked for your help to make this a "Purr-fect Christmas for a child. We started out with 22 children on our Angel tree. Because of your generous donations we were able to provide Christmas for 24. So whether you gave a cash donation and used the Angel shoppers or you shopped for 1, 2 or 3 children yourself, please know that you made a difference. The love you felt in your heart, you passed on with your gift. Your gift not only made Christmas great for the child, but it made it better for the whole family. You helped make our community stronger by not just sitting by and watching, you took action. As we say during the post communion prayer *"And now Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord."* This is what the congregation of St. Timothy's believe in and live by and the reason I, personally, attend St. Timothy's.

Thank you everyone.

Terry Overlander

The Outreach Committee



"Christ has no body but yours, No hands, no feet on earth but yours, Yours are the eyes with which he looks [with] Compassion on this world. Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good, Yours are the hands with which he blesses all the world. * Discipleship is about focusing on Jesus, following in the footsteps of Jesus, becoming his hands and feet in the world. Discipleship is about loving as Jesus loves, giving as Jesus gives, Matthew's gospel concludes with Jesus telling the disciples to "go therefore" and make disciples who make a difference in the world. "Go therefore" and be my hands, be my feet, be my face, be my voice, and change the world! (Matthew 28:19-20)."

— Michael Curry, [Crazy Christians: A Call to Follow Jesus](#)

* — St. Teresa of Ávila

What is Epiphany?

Epiphany, also called Feast of the Epiphany, Theophany, or Three Kings' Day, (from Greek *epiphaneia*, "manifestation"), Christian holiday commemorating the first manifestation of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, represented by the Magi, and the manifestation of his divinity, as it occurred at his baptism in the Jordan River and at his first miracle, at Cana in Galilee. Epiphany is one of the three principal and oldest festival days of the Christian church (the other two are Easter and Christmas). Roman Catholics, Anglicans, and other Western churches observe the feast on January 6. The festival originated in the Eastern church, where it at first included a commemoration of Christ's birth. In Rome, by 354 Christ's birth was being celebrated on December 25, and later in the 4th century the church in Rome began celebrating Epiphany on January 6. In the Western church the festival primarily commemorates the visit by the Magi to the infant Jesus, which is seen as evidence that Christ, the Jewish Messiah, came also for baptism of the salvation of Gentiles. In the West the evening preceding Epiphany is called Twelfth Night. The time between December 25 and January 6 is known as the Twelve Days of Christmas. Epiphany is celebrated with special pastries in many countries, and children often receive small gifts in their shoes in honor of the Magi's gifts to the infant Jesus.

<https://www.britannica.com/topic/Epiphany>



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ST. TIMOTHY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, 12/5/2021 at 7:00 pm via zoom

Attendees: Rev. Linda Pineo, Jeff Adair, George and Deb Trudell, Mike and Jane Davis, Beth and Martin Vaughn, Jeanne Vaughan, Louis Purdy and Phyllis Purdy, Richard and Jeanne Shaw, Norman Battan, Jesse and Kathleen Shirley, Kerry and Lisa Dunbar, Roberta Charbonneau

Meeting was opened with a prayer by Rev. Linda

Rev. Linda provided reminders of upcoming deadlines and events – pledge cards and Communication Committee meeting Thursday. The Giving Tree has been completed except for pickups by Terry Overlander.

Annual Report: Jeff gave a succinct overview of the Vestry Report in the ANNUAL REPORT for 2021 that was emailed to all parishioners on Friday, 12/3/2021. Jeff expressed his heartfelt thanks to all for their support to him during this very stressful and difficult time.

Rev. Linda thanked Jeff for all his work as Senior Warden during this very demanding and trying times with COVID. She also thanked the Vestry for their diligence.

Financial Report: Jeanne reviewed the report as published in the Annual Report. She noted that all data/figures are from October 31, 2021.

Pledges are slowly coming in, as usual, and therefore the total budget for 2022 is still lower than anticipated.

New Vestry Member Nominations: On behalf of the Vestry, Rev. Linda put forth three vetted candidates for election: Lisa Dunbar, Jesse Shirley and Beth Vaughn. Phyllis made a motion to accept the candidates presented, Jeff seconded the motion and the vote passed by a show of hands.

New Vestry members are invited to attend the next meeting set for Sunday, 12/19, at 2:00 via zoom.

Closing remarks: Rev. Linda, Jeanne and Jeff shared thanks and praises for the work of the Church Administrator Kerry Nance. She lauded her work from home or from wherever she may be traveling; her ability to anticipate the reports as well as needs of Rev. Linda, and is “the backbone of our church.”

Adjournment: Beth made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Jeanne and accepted by show of hands.

Submitted by,
Roberta Charbonneau



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GIFTS OF THE THREE KINGS

In addition to the honor and status implied by the value of the gifts of the kings or magi, scholars think that these three were chosen for their special spiritual symbolism about Jesus himself—gold representing his kingship, frankincense a symbol of his priestly role, and myrrh a prefiguring of his death and embalming.

Because the Magi were coming to hail the new king, gold makes sense as an acknowledgement of royalty. Gold was valuable, beautiful, and long-lasting. Scholars generally agree that the gift of gold represented Jesus as a king with an everlasting throne. It was a treasure befitting royalty.

The gift of frankincense is said to have been an acknowledgement of Jesus' priesthood, setting him apart from a typical king. Frankincense was used in the temple routines, burned ceremonially by the priests. It was not native to that region, however, so obtaining frankincense from the east was costly. This gift was precious in both meaning and value.

The most bittersweet of the gifts, myrrh had been imported to Egypt in droves for embalming rituals, and the practice filtered out through the surrounding areas. Even without the mummification process, myrrh was connected with death and burial. A disheartening gift for a new mother to hold, yet beautiful in light of her understanding of his purpose.

— <https://naturallivingfamily.com/gold-frankincense-and-myrrh/>