

❖ ST. TIMOTHY'S PARCHMENT ❖

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Dear St. Timothy Folk,
It's Advent!!

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 4th, at the end of the 11:00 a.m. service. The Treasurer will provide a financial statement of the Parish through October 31st, and short reports will be given.

That evening, we will celebrate our Holiday Dinner at 5:00 p.m.

An important part of Advent is preparing for the annual remembrance of our Savior's birth, the feast we call Christmas. We will have 2 services on Christmas Eve. 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 good service for families with children and grandchildren, and for those who prefer not to drive after dark.

The other service will be at 11:00 p.m. with a time of Christmas carols beginning at 10:30 p.m. This service will be the full Eucharist for

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Recording Sunday Service and Posting to Facebook

This has become a 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.



St. Timothy's Episcopal Church Vestry Minutes November 14, 2022

Present: Lisa Dunbar (Senior Warden), Rev. Linda Pineo, George Trudell, Louise Purdy, Lyle Currier (Junior Warden), Jess Shirley, Beth Vaughn and Dan De Guire **Absent:** Jeannie Vaughan

(Treasurer)

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 12:40 pm and led in prayer by Rev. Linda Pineo.

Designate Secretary for this meeting: Lisa Dunbar and Rev. Linda

Approval of previous Minutes: The minutes of the October meeting were presented, reviewed and a motion was made by Jess to accept with one correction. Motion was seconded by Beth. All in favor.

Treasurer's Report: The Vestry accepted the Treasurer's Report as presented.

Discussion of questions from members regarding re-instating pre-pandemic parts of worship: alms basins, ushers during eucharist, and the common cup. Also discussed the importance of our LiveStream.

Action Items

- Discussed recruitment of new Vestry Members/Scheduling Annual Parish Meeting. An email will be sent to the parish this week asking for volunteers for two Vestry positions.
- Annual Parish Meeting will be December 4th at the end of service. Sermon will be a short Children's sermon. A brief Vestry meeting will take place Wednesday, November 30th for an update on responses and planning of the meeting.
- Report from the Priest in Charge (Rev. Linda)

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- Discussion of Worship committee items, reinstating 2nd chalice, Epiphany pageant and its fit with lectionary of 2023, elimination of photos for contact tracing, and upcoming 50th anniversary of St. Timothy's to include a significant ministry focus.
- Established VPOD for each service through December 2022 including Christmas Eve services
- Discussed outside lighting Issues
- Opportunities for more visibility in the community
- Discussed having a booth at BBQ, Boogie and Blues in April handing out bottled water with St. Timothy's info on the label as well as brochures. Outreach and Communications committees will work together in planning.
- Discussed St. Timothy T-shirts
- Also discussed having Parish ministry fair early in 2023 and putting together an inventory of community involvement from our parish.

Committee reports

.Discussed Facility issues and Parish Life events

Education/Youth:

Advent unit for Sunday School will be about shepherds.

An article will be added to the Parchment regarding Diocesan Youth events. The Youth Fund has money for registration fees.

Youth group would like to start having a meeting on the 1st Wednesday of the month since Parish Life typically does not host a parish dinner at that time.

Future Calendar Vestry Meeting – December 18th with new Vestry members invited to attend

Adjourn with prayer: Meeting adjourned at 2:10 pm and closed in prayer by Rev. Linda Pineo.

Reverend Linda and I attended the first in-person Diocesan council meeting in two years with about 500 lay and clergy. We listened to a wonderful address given by Bishop Wright, participated in committee meetings, Holy Eucharist, and voted on new church resolutions. It was an enjoyable and enlightening experience.

Louise



HEIFER PROJECT— As we are finally able to meet in person to worship each Sunday, I will again be doing the Heifer Project as a choice for Christmas gifts. We have missed being able to share this very worthwhile cause for the last two Decembers due to Covid 19!! Starting Sunday December 4th. I will be downstairs after the service with the Heifer materials and the "gift cards" to give the gifts of animals, water and so much more. Please join me after church to learn more!!! Thank you!! Charry Chaapel

After two years of pandemic-induced online sessions, Episcopalians from throughout Middle and North Georgia gathered in person on November 11 and 12 for the 116th Annual Council of the Diocese of Atlanta.

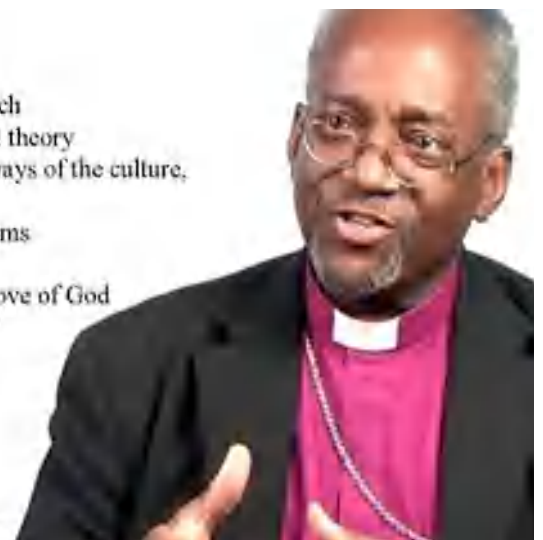
Bishop Rob Wright, who resumed his practice of individually greeting attendees as they arrived, said online gatherings accomplished the official work of Council but lacked the personal interactions that are a vital part of the largest annual gatherings of the diocese.

"It is so good to see you all, and not in those little boxes," Wright told the more than 450 delegates, visitors, vendors, and guests who filled the main gymnasium of the Holy Innocents' Episcopal School in Atlanta.

November 17, 2022

"Our commitment to be an inclusive church is not based on a social theory or capitulation to the ways of the culture, but on our belief that the outstretched arms of Jesus on the cross are a sign of the very love of God reaching out to us all."

Preceding Bishop Michael Curry
January 2016



for the Feast of the Nativity of our Lord with hymns, lessons, homily, prayers and Communion.

There will be a service on Christmas Day, December 25th since it is a Sunday. It will be a regular service of Eucharist at 11:00 a.m. but there will not be music.

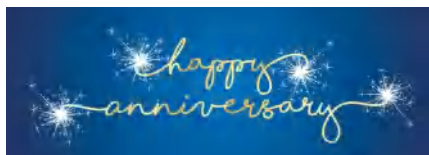
Blessings,
Rev. Linda Baker Pineo
404-520-2742

Epiphany, The

The manifestation of Christ to the peoples of the earth. The winter solstice was kept on Jan. 6 at some places during the first centuries of the Christian Era. In opposition to pagan festivals, Christians chose this day to celebrate the various manifestations, or "epiphanies," of Jesus' divinity. These showings of his divinity included his birth, the coming of the Magi, his baptism, and the Wedding at Cana where he miraculously changed water into wine. The day was called "The Feast of Lights." Celebration of the Son of God replaced celebration of the sun. Baptisms were done, and a season of preparation was instituted. It was later called Advent.

The coming of the Magi is celebrated on the Feast of the Epiphany, Jan. 6, in the BCP. The Baptism of our Lord is celebrated on the First Sunday after the Epiphany.

<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/glossary/epiphany-the/>



- Dec 5 Louis & Sally Tonsmeire
- Dec 8 C. K. & Ilene White
- Dec 14 Tom & Chareen Chaapel
- Dec 23 Charlie & Linda Phelps



The Voluntary Action Center wants to Thank You, Gordon County; all of our 562 Children from 209 families will be having a much more magical Christmas thanks to you; all of our families have been sponsored at this time.

St. Timothy's participated in this successful year by shopping for 26 children in 11 families. Please deliver your "Specially Marked" black bags to Terry Overlander on or before this Sunday, 12/4. Contact Terry to make arrangements: 678-986-6760. Thank you!



- Dec. 1 Frank Wilson
- Dec. 4 Marge King
- Dec. 5 Susan McLeod
- Dec. 8 Stephanie Lackey
- Dec. 10 Sabrina Falkenhagen
- 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

An informal "Singles" group has popped up! Open to all ages, it's just a fun way to gather and attend community events. Food will be involved. Contact Louise Purdy, Booley Dimon, or Susan Skaggs if you are interested.



COVER TO COVER Book Club



All are welcome to join our Church Book Club. We are meeting at the Parish House starting at 6:30 PM with discussion beginning at 7:00. On Monday, Dec. 19 we'll discuss *ON THE BRIGHT SIDE*

by Hendrik Groen. "85-year-old Hendrik Groen is fed up to his false teeth with coffee mornings and bingo. He dreams of escaping the confines of his care home and practicing hairpin turns on his mobility scooter." All are invited to join us for great reads and good conversation! Contact Roberta, 678-773-5655, with any questions.



CONTACTS

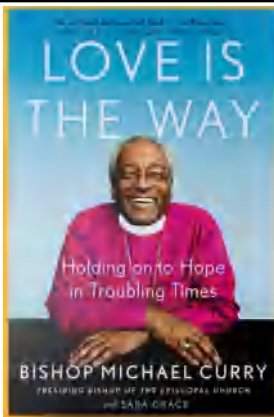
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www.sttimothycahoun.org/

It has been wonderful to start Sunday School

after the long hiatus, and the Education committee is thankful for everyone's support! Now we need your help. Our "Palace Theatre" (the Sunday School room for our younger members) has some extraneous A/V material that needs to be moved. We are appreciative of your generosity, but this equipment is no longer needed. There are 4-5 camera tripods, some kind of amplifier(?), an old video recorder, a few dvd or vhs players, a boom box, the actual TV cart, and other various and sundry things. If these items are not claimed or moved by Jan 1st, they will be sold and proceeds will be given to the church. Questions? See Lisa Dunbar or Susan Skaggs.



Is any adult interested in exploring Bp. Curry's "The Way of Love" beginning in January? We are trying to determine interest. This could be an in-person, virtual, or hybrid discussion and learning opportunity.

Please contact a Vestry member or Rev. Linda



Lisa Dunbar will lead a "Shepherd's Feast" for all school-age children during Sunday School time on 12/11. Kids (and teachers) are encouraged to dress as shepherds. Costumes available at church as well. Many thanks to Lisa! We're excited about this fun day!



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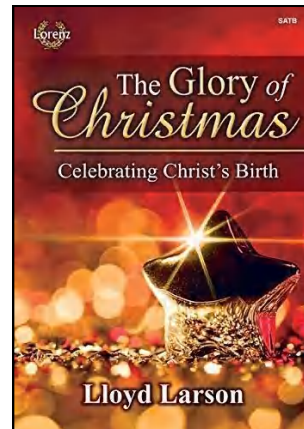
The Diocese of Atlanta will host several retreats which may be of interest to our youth. "These events are designed to express God's unconditional love to everyone who attends, which means that all students – yes, ALL students – will receive an enthusiastic welcome, regardless of race, gender, ability, orientation, etc. Financial assistance is available to those who need it. If your student requires special accommodations, contact us so we can help!" https://eycdioatl.org/?page_id=6&lang=en

Local scholarships are also available. If you have questions, talk with Rev. Linda or Susan Skaggs. Dani Tate has been to these events and can tell you about them.

JANUARY 6-8 | **Jr./Sr. DYC Retreat** for grades 6-12 at Camp Mikell (\$150) | [Register](#)

FEBRUARY 17-19 | **Happening 77** for grades 9-12 at Camp Mikell (\$150) | [Register](#) or [Apply for Team](#)

MARCH 3-5 | **New Beginnings 45** for grades 6-8 at Camp Mikell (\$150) | [Register](#), [Apply for Team](#), [Apply for Junior Weekend Advisor \(Team Lead\)](#), or [Apply for New Beginnings Steering Committee](#)



All Are Invited to Enjoy an Evening of Music!

Wednesday, Dec. 14,
at 7:00 pm at
Calhoun First Presbyterian
Church
(829 Red Bud Rd NE, Calhoun)

Sponsored by
First Presbyterian Church
and
St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

The Bishop's Cross was given in 2017-2019, but was paused 2020-21 when Diocesan Council did not meet in person. Nominations are made by each of the 11 convocations, and there is usually one recipient per convocation.

It is awarded to individuals, either lay or clergy, who exemplify the Diocesan purpose statement of loving like Jesus as we worship joyfully, serve compassionately, and grow spiritually.

Fr. Louis was not able to be at Council for the presentation. Linda Hamilton, Senior Warden at Ascension, accepted it on his behalf at Council, and presented it to Fr. Louis during the service on Sunday, Nov. 13. The photo was taken by Jane Davis at the luncheon after the service.



Flowers for the sanctuary on Christmas Eve can be given in memory or in thanksgiving for loved ones. Cost is \$10 per flower. Payment must be made at the time of placing the order. Checks are made payable to St. Timothy's with "Christmas flowers" on the memo line. Deadline for orders and payment is Sunday, Dec. 18. Place in offering plate or send to the office.

Include the following information -

Name of Giver: _____

In memory of: _____

In thanksgiving for: _____



The Twelve Days of Christmas: The Meaning Behind The Song

The twelve days of Christmas are the twelve days between Christmas Day, Dec. 25th, the birth of Jesus, and the Epiphany, Jan. 6th, the day Christians celebrate the arrival of the Magi (Wise Men) and the revelation of Christ as the light of the world.

The Christmas song, "The Twelve Days of Christmas" may sound silly and contrived to many of us. But it actually had its origins in religious symbolism - and with a serious purpose. It dates from a time of religious persecution. The song, "The Twelve Days of Christmas," was written as a kind of secret catechism that a person could sing in public without fear of arrest. It was a learning tool or memory aid to Christians in fact.

Popular folklore says that the song can be taken at two levels of interpretation: the surface meaning, and the hidden meaning known only to the Christians involved.

So here are the days, and the Christian teaching associated with them.

1. The partridge in a pear tree is Jesus.
2. The two turtledoves are the Old and New

Testaments.

3. Three French hens stand for faith, hope and love.

4. The four calling birds are the four Gospels.

5. The five gold rings recall the Hebrew Torah (Law), or the Pentateuch, the first five books of the Old Testament.

6. The six geese a-laying stand for the six days of creation.

7. The seven swans a-swimming represent the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit: apostles, prophets, teachers, miracles, healing, tongues, interpretation

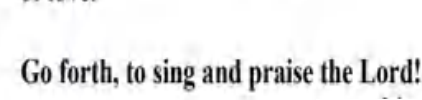
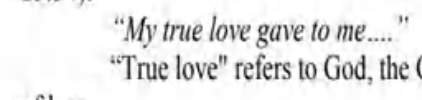
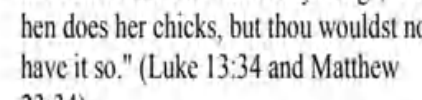
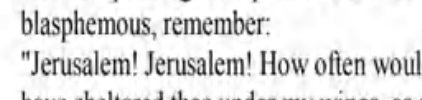
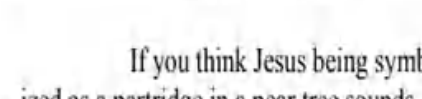
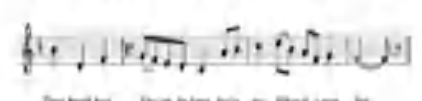
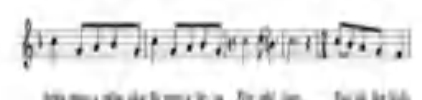
8. The eight maids a-milking are the eight Beatitudes.

9. Nine ladies dancing are the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

10. The ten lords a-leaping are the Ten Commandments.

11. Eleven pipers piping represent the eleven faithful Apostles.

12. Twelve drummers drumming symbolize the twelve points of doctrine in the Apostles Creed.



If you think Jesus being symbolized as a partridge in a pear tree sounds blasphemous, remember:

"Jerusalem! Jerusalem! How often would I have sheltered thee under my wings, as a hen does her chicks, but thou wouldst not have it so." (Luke 13:34 and Matthew 23:34).

"My true love gave to me...."

"True love" refers to God, the God of love.

Go forth, to sing and praise the Lord!

Linda+