

❖ ST. TIMOTHY'S PARCHMENT ❖

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Dear St. Timothy Folk,

I am writing this on November 6th, the day after the election. I apologize for the Parchment being late this month, but I have had a couple of health issues over the past week and a half – nothing contagious, for those who talked to me Sunday. The results of the election - as we have reflected over past weeks - will be a cause for rejoicing for some, and a cause for grieving for others. Some things will change over the next months and years. That would be the natural order of things, regardless of the election. What will not change is our identity as God's beloved people, called at St. Timothy's to emulate Christ and to be a loving and caring family to the community and ourselves. That is the Mission Statement we embrace.

This past Sunday, as we celebrated the Feast of All Saints, we reflected a bit on the Saints and our identity as saints today, all of us flawed, imperfect, but given new life through Baptism. So how do we live this new life God gives us through Baptism? Jesus was asked what commandment was first of all. His answer was "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." [Mark 12:28-31]

What does living our identity, and loving God and our neighbor, look like? We renewed our Baptismal Covenant, and made some promises in answer to these questions:

Will you continue in the apostles'

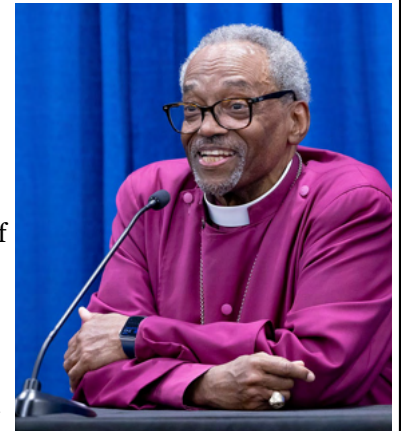
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Retiring Presiding Bishop Michael Curry

may ... be remembered for a capacity to keep the main thing the main thing. Love. His turn on the world stage was merely recognition of Curry's rock star preaching skills. Fluent in a Black preaching tradition, he is able to captivate both the well-heeled and the working class. But when COVID-19 hit and churches closed, Episcopalians also saw his down-to-earth skills of improvisation. Staffers at the denomination's New York headquarters had appealed to the boss to deliver his online Easter message from a local church, using a stained-glass window as a backdrop.

Curry, never big on pomp and circumstance, said a church would be unnecessary: He was fine delivering the message from his home study in Raleigh, North Carolina. He gave his Easter 2021 sermon from his desk, with a tableau of family photos and a red Buffalo Bills helmet perched atop a stack of books behind him. He spoke directly, fireside-chat-like, about wanting to meet Mary Magdalene in heaven. On Thursday (Oct. 31), Curry, 71, completed his nine-year term as presiding bishop of the Episcopal Church ... The most beloved presiding bishop of recent decades, he has an easy manner that helped the church weather a period of rapid change.

<https://religionnews.com/2024/10/31/at-a-time-of-rapid-change-presiding-bishop-michael-curry>



Keep up with St. Timothy's Online

The website has been updated and you are now able to access -

Monthly Newsletter, PARCHMENT

Calendar of events

... Photos from events

Rev. Linda's Letters archived

and much more, Check it out!

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St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

Vestry Summary

November 23, 2024

Present were Rev. Linda Pineo, Kelli De Guire, Jess Shirley and Beth Vaughn. Absent: Susan Skaggs and Charlie Phelps. After a prayer and updates from Rev. Linda, committee reports were reviewed. There were only a few, but our successes were many. The Kid's Unity Run, the Pet Blessing, and the bumper stickers were well-received. The Facilities Committee has designated November 17-24 as "Love Your Church Week". Parish Life has a new calendar, so stay tuned for that. Committees are encouraged to have regular meetings. The treasurers report and minutes from the last meeting were approved. The meeting was adjourned with prayer.

Our Mission Statement: To emulate Christ; being a loving and caring family to the community and ourselves.

teachings and fellowship in the Breaking of bread, and in the prayers? Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ? Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

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Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

To each question we responded **"I will, with God's help."** These promises are only possible with God's help and grace. But we can work toward these, we can commit to these, as followers of Christ.

We will continue to love and care for one another at St. Timothy's, and love and care for our neighbors in Calhoun and Gordon County. We will continue to worship together and work together and volunteer together and fellowship together. What we share in common is greater and stronger than what divides us. On Sunday, November 10th, we will sing "God himself is with us." Do not doubt that God is present and active in our lives. I see it whenever I am among you, and I believe it with all my heart.

Blessings,
Rev. Linda+

Dear People of God in The Episcopal Church,
Early this morning, we learned that President Trump has been elected to another term as president of the United States. I pray that he will govern wisely and justly.

Regardless of our political allegiances, we must remember that God has called us in The Episcopal Church to seek and serve Christ in all persons. No matter the party in power, we are one church, and we will continue to fulfill our baptismal covenant by proclaiming in word and example the Good News of God in Christ, striving for justice and peace among all people, and protecting the dignity of every human being.

We commit to working with the new administration to advance policies that follow the teachings of Jesus by supporting the most vulnerable among us.

Through **Episcopal Migration Ministries**, we abide by God's command to welcome the stranger, and since 1988, we have resettled more than 100,000 refugees through a bipartisan program with a strong record of success. We urge President Trump and members of Congress to exercise compassion toward the immigrants, asylum seekers, and refugees we serve and to know that, at every turn, we will stand for the dignity and human rights of all of God's people.

We are Christians who support the dignity, safety, and equality of women and LGBTQ+ people as an expression of our faith. I pray that President Trump and his administration will do the same.

In the coming months, I ask us all to be agents of peace and reconciliation in our communities, both in person and online. As people of faith, we can work and pray for peace and unity among God's people whether we are joyful, hurting, or afraid. Especially now, when we know of **efforts by domestic terrorists and foreign adversaries** to undermine our trust in institutions and in one another, we can combat the misinformation and fear by which the Enemy seeks to divide us from one another.

I give thanks for all the ministries in dioceses and congregations across the church that are tangible expressions of our belief in a God of compassion and mercy. In every season, this is the work that God has set before us.



The Most Rev. Sean W. Rowe
Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church



I recommend the following prayers from the Book of Common Prayer for your use.

3. For the Human Family [page 815]

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

27. For Social Justice [page 823]

Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart [and especially the hearts of the people of this land], that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

28. In Times of Conflict [page 824]

O God, you have bound us together in a common life. Help us, in the midst of our struggles for justice and truth, to confront one another without hatred or bitterness, and to work together with mutual forbearance and respect; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

18. For our Country [page 820]

Almighty God, who hast given us this good land for our heritage: We humbly beseech thee that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of thy favor and glad to do thy will. Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought hither out of many kindreds and tongues. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom in thy Name we entrust the authority of govern-

ment, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that, through obedience to thy law, we may show forth thy praise among the nations of the earth. In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in thee to fail; all which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.





As we continue to celebrate our parish anniversary, the Outreach committee and members of The Ramblers met with Family Resource Center (FRC) director Angela White. She shared data of need in our community for house-keeping items. These are distributed free to the families they serve as well as others in the community through Carol's Closet. Carol's Closet was established and named for our own Carol Vedrody, the executive director of FRC for many years.

Fifty-five containers of laundry detergent and dryer sheets are on the way to support this essential program. Thank you to all who supported the effort.



STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

Watch your mailboxes for information about the 2025 Stewardship Campaign to support the many on-going efforts of our church. Pledge cards will be included with the information.



Charry Chaaple will have information for giving this unique and much needed gift in the Fellowship Hall after services beginning on Sunday, December 1.



Nov 2 Brian & Roberta Charbonneau
Nov 5 Harvey & Ardie Scott



Child drive. As always, all you need do is pick a child, then you buy a complete outfit and a jacket or a pair of shoes *and* 3 items off their wish list items. Place these items in the bag given when you chose your child. Return to St. Timothy's by Sunday, December 8th. If you have any questions, call Terry (678)986-6760.

Thank you!
The Outreach Committee

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Sunday, November 10 at 6:00—7:30
Sunday, December 1 at 6:00—7:30
Sunday, January 12 at 6:00—7:30

We meet at the Parish House.

Happy Thanksgiving!

SCHOOLS ON BREAK
11/25-29



Nov. 7	Lisa	Dunbar
Nov. 9	Meghan	Ensley
Nov. 13	Brett	Shirley
Nov. 16	Owen	Camp
Nov. 18	Brian	Avery
Nov. 23	Jeff	Adair
Nov. 25	Lucy	Leggett
Nov. 28	James	Adams

Save the Date!

Sunday, December 8,
Annual Holiday Dinner at 5:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Please watch for sign-up sheets on the bulletin board for your attendance as well as for your food donation. Parish Life Committee will be collecting a \$10 adult and \$5 child donation this year for the meat main dish.



SIGN UP for Wednesday evening suppers.

COVER TO COVER Book Club

All are welcome to join our Church Book Club. We meet at the Parish House starting at 6:30 PM with discussion beginning at 7:00. On Monday, November 18,



we'll discuss **FORGOTTEN ON SUNDAY** by Valerie Perrine. "Justine is 21 years old and has lived with her grandparents and cousin Jules since the death of her parents.

She works as a carer at a retirement home and spends her days listening to her residents' stories. All are invited to join us for great reads and good conversation! Contact Roberta, 678-773-5655, with any questions.

The Outreach Committee thanks you for your help in filling the *Little Red Wagon*. For November VAC requests that we provide canned vegetables. These are the items they are needing to refill their pantry.



A monthly calendar is posted on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall for sign up to offer flowers for the altar. Post your name, "in honor of ...", and submit your payment to the indicated flower guild person listed for the month. Remember checks for \$30 are not made to the church.

THE ART OF MINDFULNESS

SIGN UP to participate in the fun and meaningful event on Sat., 12/14, starting at 10 am. Materials are provided. Light brunch served. Donations accepted. Contact Susan Skaggs or Roberta Charbonneau for more information.



Many families with their pets joined Rev. Linda at the City Park for the pet blessing! We thank the helpers hosting the pets with treats, friendly pats and plenty of space for a comfortable visit.

