

# ❖ 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 8th, after the Gospel reading at the 11:00 a.m. service in place of the homily. A financial statement of the Parish through October 31<sup>st</sup> will be available and short reports will be given. We will not have a Potluck lunch, but we will have Coffee Hour. That evening we will celebrate our Holiday Dinner at 5:00 p.m. Please be sure to sign up! (\$10 for adults and \$5 for children.)

An important part of Advent is preparing for the annual remembrance of our Savior's birth, the feast we call Christmas. There will be two Christmas Eve services. The first, at 4:00 p.m., will be a service with the usual lessons and prayers and Communion. This is a good service for families with children and grandchildren, and for those who prefer not to drive after dark.

If you have not already brought or sent in your pledge card for 2024, please do so.

Advent blessings!

Rev. Linda+

**Advent is a time of preparation and expectation** for the birth of Jesus and the second coming of Christ. In the Episcopal Church, Advent is the first season of the church year and begins on the fourth Sunday before Christmas, which in 2024 is Sunday, December 1. The season ends at midnight on the day before Christmas.

The word "Advent" comes from a Latin word meaning "coming". During Advent, Episcopalians consider the meaning of the first and second comings of Christ and what that means for their lives. It's a time to practice hope and to strengthen the desire for God.

Some other aspects of Advent include:

**Mary** - Advent is a time to focus on Mary, who is often depicted kneeling beside Jesus in the stable.

**Candles** - Some churches use an Advent wreath with four candles, each representing a different virtue, such as love, hope, joy, and peace.

**Prayer** - Advent is a time of prayerful yearning for Emmanuel, which means "God With us".



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!

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



## St. Timothy's Episcopal Church Vestry Summary November 23, 2024

Present were Rev. Linda Pineo, Kelli De Guire, Jess Shirley, Charlie Phelps, Susan Skaggs, Walter Mason and Beth Vaughn.

After a prayer and updates from Rev. Linda, Walter Mason gave a report about Diocesan Council that he attended with Rev. Linda. Overall, both agreed it was a wonderful experience with well-organized meetings and lots of new information. Rev. Linda reported a possible deacon assignment in our area and the proposed holiday service schedule. Beth requested that we investigate help from prospective or current seminarians from Sewanee.

Discussion about how to support and encourage our Youth ensued. Committee reports were reviewed. Communications committee will meet 12/8. Education met online and received schedules and lesson plans. Thanks to Daniel Bennett, who is taking over for Beth while she recovers from knee surgery. Evangelism is entering Snowman Spectacular. Looking forward to a Block Party in the Spring, and will now be meeting bi-monthly. Facilities had keys made and asked for a dehumidifier for the basement. Vestry approved getting a quote. Outreach reported that all Christmas child tags were taken, and we exceeded our goal of 50 detergents for 50 for Carol's Closet. Parish Life, along with Flower Guild and Altar Guild, asked for permission to use a portion of the vesting room for flower arrangement. This was approved and members were encouraged to get quotes. October minutes and Treasurer's Report were approved. Next up: Developing a Pastoral Care committee and protocol. Future calendar was agreed upon. Meeting was adjourned with prayer.



Bishop Wright instituted the Bishop's Cross to acknowledge and celebrate the ministries of exemplary clergy, and lay people throughout the diocese. These are people who embody the diocesan purpose statement: we challenge ourselves and the world to love like Jesus, as we worship joyfully, serve compassionately and grow spiritually. Recipients are nominated by their convocational deans and peers along with some chosen Bishop Wright. Charlie Phelps has served on Vestry and in many other ministry and leadership roles. He was a Mentor for EFM and has led many adult book studies. He and his wife also often go together to take Communion to those in the hospital on Sundays, and together they provided significant practical support to a disabled member of the congregation until his passing.



On Sunday, 11/11, Charlie Phelps was celebrated and recognized as having received the Bishop's Cross from the Diocese of Atlanta. Bishop Cross recipients are faithful witnesses that have served their neighbors in many ways across the diocese! Thanks be to God for Charlie's service through the years!



The Outreach Committee thanks you for your help in filling the *Little Red Wagon*. For December VAC requests that we provide cereal. 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.

"...We have access to life even when death is around us. Even when the nightmare of this world surrounds us. We have access to the life and to the dream of God. As we baptize and bury God's people, as we make disciples and proclaim the Gospel, as we soothe the suffering and shield the joyous, we are unbinding our congregations and setting a hurting world free.



This sort of unbinding, though, is nothing less than standing against the lies of the enemy. This is the enemy who would keep us small and lifeless and hopeless. This is the enemy that would have us saying we can't do any better than we're doing. The enemy who would keep us bound and will keep us bound if we prize our own preferences, traditions, and comforts above the need to collaborate, to share, to work creatively, to proclaim the Gospel..."

*Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe preaches Nov. 2, 2024, at his investiture in the Chapel of Christ the Lord at the church's headquarters in New York,*



## STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

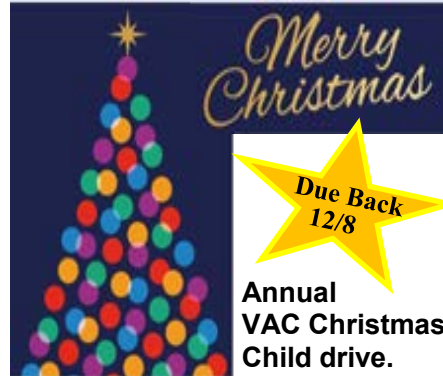
Pledge cards are due as soon as possible. If you need one, they are available in the office or the narthex.



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



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



**Annual VAC Christmas Child drive.**  
Place 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.

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

If you have not signed up to attend the dinner, please contact a member of the Parish Life Committee. The dinner is catered by Karen Yate and Parish Life Committee members.. A \$10 adult and \$5 child donation is charged.



### CONTACTS

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Sunday, January 12 at 6:00—7:30  
We meet at the Parish House.



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| Dec. 1  | Frank     | Wilson      |
| Dec. 8  | Stephanie | Lackey      |
| Dec. 10 | Sabrina   | Falkenhagen |
| Dec. 10 | John      | McCoy       |
| Dec. 11 | Sam       | Tomasello   |
| Dec. 12 | Jess      | Shirley     |
| Dec. 13 | Chris     | Lonvick     |
| Dec. 14 | Terri     | Barnwell    |
| 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      |



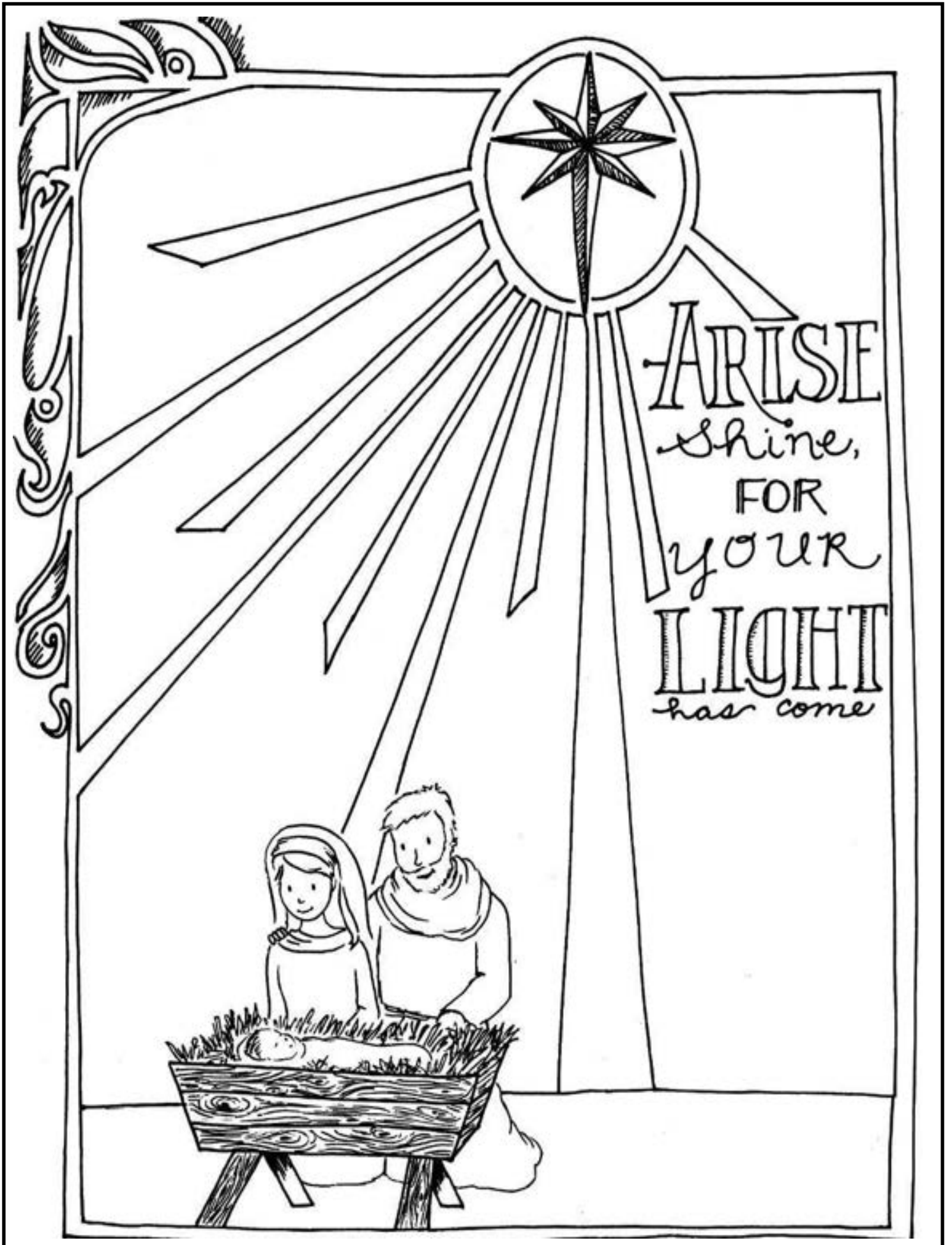
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### COVER TO COVER Book Club

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, December 16, we'll discuss MESSENGER OF TRUTH by Jacqueline Winspear. "London, 1931. The night before an exhibition of his artwork



opens at a famed Mayfair gallery, the controversial artist Nick Bassington-Hope falls to his death. The police rule it an accident, but Nick's twin sister, Georgina, a wartime journalist and a infamous figure in her own right, isn't convinced." All are invited to join us for great reads and good conversation! Contact Roberta, 678-773-5655, with any questions.



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Shine,  
FOR  
your  
LIGHT  
has come