

❖ ST. TIMOTHY'S PARCHMENT ❖

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Dear St. Timothy Folk,

This year March falls entirely in the season of Lent. We began Lent with Ash Wednesday and then the First Sunday in Lent February 22nd. The Sundays in Lent are not part of the forty days – even in Lent Sundays are feast days, celebrating the Resurrection. This year for the five Sundays between Ash Wednesday and Palm Sunday, we are using the traditional language and liturgy of Rite I from the Prayerbook, and the Healey Willan musical settings for the service music. The last Sunday in Lent is Palm Sunday/ Sunday of the Passion, and we return to Rite II.

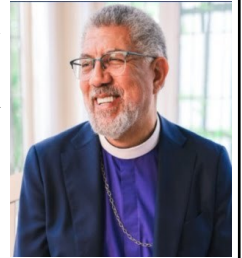
There are many resources for focusing on our spiritual lives during Lent. The Diocese of Atlanta is offering a weekly video meditation by Bishop Wright. The Sunday morning Adult group is using it – 10:00 a.m. in the Parish House. You can find it at <https://episcopalatlanta.org/lent26/> to use on your own. Some will choose to read through one of the Gospels during Lent or choose one of the daily meditation series. There are still a few copies available in the Narthex of a meditation guide from Living Compass Ministries focusing on "Cultivating Healing and Wholeness in Heart, Soul, Strength, & Mind". There is also a digital edition available.

A more light-hearted option to add to your Lenten days is Lent Madness, offered by Forward Movement, publishers of *Forward Day by Day*. Each weekday two "saints", drawn from groups of both ancient and contemporary examples, go head to head, voted on by those who read their stories online. The "winners" go forward in brackets (which look like the collegiate basketball brackets) until one emerges victorious for the year, being awarded the "Golden Halo". It's an easy way to learn about folk who have left a

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Join the discussion of Bishop Wright's **For Faith** devotionals each Sunday morning at 10 am during Lent. Meet in the Parish House with Kelli De Guire.



Bishop Wright's **For Faith** weekly devotional has been expanded to include videos that are available every Friday morning

You can "catch up" or relisten to each at the following link:

<https://episcopalatlanta.org/for-faith/>



St. Timothy's Episcopal Church Vestry Summary

The vestry met on Sunday, February 22. Present were Walt Mason, Jeff Adair, Susan Skaggs, Charlie Phelps, Judy Peterson, and Rev. Linda Pineo. The meeting began with

prayer.

Rev. Linda updated the vestry concerning pastoral concerns and the Vestry retreat which is tentatively planned for June.

Committee information was discussed.

-Communications is working on The Parchment and a new directory which will be out soon. Online signups for volunteers may be added to the website.

-Education has begun a Lenten Study from Bp Wright that meets at 10am on Sunday led by Kelli De Guire. Rev Linda is hosting an Episcopal 101 that she will fine tune to specific attendee needs and wants during Lent. -

-Evangelism is meeting on Friday the 27th. They're looking forward to some exciting events.

-Facilities has installed the Little Free Library and no parking signs. Neighbors to be informed. Plumbing and maintenance issues were discussed. Our aging facilities are requiring more upkeep, and unexpected repairs seem to be the norm now. It was decided to get another estimate for both plumbing and landscaping. A "punch list" was developed based on parishioner requests.

-Outreach received an additional \$2679 from the Valentine's Day fundraiser.

-Parish Life submitted a report and a corrected calendar; the website calendar was updated. Parish Life is planning some exciting events and is changing the way they've done co-chairs in the past.

-Rev Linda explained upcoming absences and coverage for services. Easter acolytes, LEMs, and music aren't decided yet.

The calendar was adjusted and VPOD assignments were determined.

Next Vestry meeting date is March 22

The meeting was adjourned with prayer.

lasting effect on the Christian faith. Check out <https://lentmadness.org>.

I will be continuing the Episcopal 101 group at Coffee Hour, except on Vestry Sunday (March 22). This is an open group for anyone with questions about the Episcopal Church history, theology, and liturgy. I don't claim to have all the answers, but I know where to look them up.

Easter is coming on April 5th!

May you find blessings in your Lenten journey,

Rev. Linda+



Sign up sheets are downstairs for March Wednesday evening suppers at 6pm.

EPISCOPAL 101

Are you new to the Episcopal Church? Have you forgotten what you learned in Confirmation class decades ago? Do you have questions about liturgy or theology or our weird words? Join us on Sunday mornings during Coffee Hour for Episcopal 101.

Happy Birthday Kits for our local Domestic Violence Outreach Office.



In 2025, experts estimate that 1 in 4 women and 1 in 9 men have experienced severe physical violence from an intimate partner.

For many, the abuse is not physical at all, but emotional, financial, or digital — and therefore often invisible to outsiders.

The majority of women fleeing with their children are financially incumbered. Our Outreach Committee is again asking for help to assemble 52 birthday kits with all the ingredients needed for a child's birthday. Each kits will include a 9"x13" aluminum pan with lid, a cake mix + one can of soda, can of frosting, sprinkles and candles, with napkins and small plates.

All kits due on/before Sunday, 4/5. Questions, speak with Roberta at 678-773-5655.

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Calendar of events
Rev. Linda's Letters
Photos archived from events
and much more, Check it out!
www.sttimothycalhoun.org/

St. Tim's Ramblers Ramblers will meet on March 17 in the Fellowship Hall starting at 11:30.

Lisa Martin will give a presentation about PFAS. Sign up to attend on sheet by the kitchen door. Luncheon sandwiches will be \$10 per person.



Thank you to members of Parish Life who donated the food: thank you to folks for their auction donations: and thank you to the musicians who donated their time and talents to make the Valentine Cabaret Dinner fundraiser a success! Our Outreach committee will add about \$2,700 to their 2026 budget. It was truly a wonderful evening.

Watch for information about online sign up for -

- . Wednesday suppers
- . LEM, Readers,
- . Altar Guild, Ushers,
- . Greeters, Acolytes
- . Live Streaming



The VAC is asking St. Timothy's to donate **Ramen Noodles** each month. Thank you for helping to fill our Little Red Wagon. Note, other food items are welcome too. Such as breakfast bars, cereals, protein bars, canned meats, etc.



Altar Flowers -

Sign up to provide flowers for a Sunday service on calendar downstairs. Make a \$30 check out to the Altar Guide Person with your dedication instructions.



March 2	Jane	Haigler
March 6	Cailin	Branning
March 7	Patti	Garner
March 15	Chris	Ensley
March 15	Harrison	Hughes
March 16	Abiona	Prengu
March 16	Melodie	Aultman-Morris
March 17	Suzanne	Wilson
March 18	Jim	Haigler
March 19	Victoria	Hughes
March 20	Gladys	Lampe
March 20	Kathleen	Shirley
March 23	Will	Camp
March 29	Colleen	Currier



Coffee Hour Hosts are needed!

Signup on the bulletin board by the buffet table.

This is a ministry of our church. It's easy!

Louise Purdy will be visiting with us on Wednesday evening, 4/1. We will have a special supper. Please watch for sign up.

COVER TO COVER

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, Mar. 16. **KNOW MY NAME** by Chantal Miller, National Book Critics Circle Award for autobiography, "... will forever transform the way we think about sexual assault, challenging our beliefs about what is acceptable and speaking truth to the tumultuous reality of healing. ." All are invited to join for great reads and good conversation! Contact Roberta, 678-773-5655, with any questions.

