

❖ ST. TIMOTHY'S PARCHMENT ❖

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Dear St. Timothy Folk,

We have already begun 2025. Our church year started December 1. Our children and grandchildren are half way through the school year. Covid, flu, RSV and virus-of-the-month are in the air. And then there is the usual wondering what Mother Nature is going to throw at us for weather. Yes, this is January.

Epiphany is the season of manifestation and revelation. We started off with an Epiphany Pageant for the first time in several years. Sunday, January 12th is the First Sunday after the Epiphany, the Baptism of Our Lord. The next two Sundays we hear about the miracle at the wedding in Cana and Jesus' return to his hometown of Nazareth. 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? This idea of revelation and proclamation will continue through the whole of the season of Epiphany.

Last January we celebrated the semi-centennial, the 50th anniversary, of St. Timothy's Episcopal Church as a congregation of the Diocese of Atlanta. We heard at the Annual Parish Meeting how we are actively living out our calling as a congregation. This new calendar year is an opportunity to continue discovering how to live our mission – "to emulate Christ, being a loving and caring family to the community and ourselves".

Blessings in 2025!

Rev. Linda+



The church year begins on the first Sunday of Advent. The calendar also identifies and provides directions concerning the precedence and observance of principal feasts, Sundays, and holy days. The calendar also lists the titles of the seasons, Sundays, and major holy days observed in the Episcopal Church throughout the church year, including Advent season, Christmas season, Epiphany season, Lenten season, Holy Week, Easter season, the season after Pentecost, holy days, and National Days.

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

Rev. Linda's Letters archived

Photos from events

and much more, Check it out!

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



St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

Vestry Summary

December 15, 2024

Attendees: Rev. Linda, Walter Mason, Beth Vaughn, Susan Skaggs
Absent: Jess Shirley, Charlie Phelps, Kelli DeGuire

Committee updates were discussed, including changes to the Worship schedule and changes in the diocese regarding staffing in our area. Rev. Linda has been on the Diocesan Executive Board for three years; 2025 will be her last. This is how she is aware of the staffing changes—Deacon Devon Smyth is reassigned to NW Georgia Convocation.

The vestry initially thought they had a quorum; upon further review they did not since Walter Mason has not been installed.

Acceptance of minutes and the Treasurer's report will be voted upon at the January 12 meeting after services.

Remind Communication: Here at St. Timothy's, we use a system called "Remind" to alert members of emergencies like cancellations due to inclement weather. To use this free service, open up your cell phone as if you were going to text someone. In the "TO" line, please type in 81010; that is the number for the Remind system. In the area where you type your message, please type in "@sttimcal", then press send. You should receive a reply immediately from Remind indicating that you have joined the Remind for St. Timothy's.

The Outreach Committee thanks you for your help in filling the *Little Red Wagon*. For January VAC requests that we provide large canisters of lemonade and instant tea drink mix. Also tea bags and sugar. These are the items they are needing to refill their pantry.



- Jan. 6 Julie Leggett
- Jan. 10 Mary McCoy
- Jan. 10 Kate Leggett O'Toole
- Jan. 11 Sally Tonsmeire
- Jan. 20 Tom Chaapel
- Jan. 21 Jessie McCoy Feller
- Jan. 22 Allen Dutch
- Jan. 26 Lyle Currier
- Jan. 28 Heath Richardson
- Jan. 28 Annie Barnes Gamble



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.

REMINd FOR RAMBLERS: You do the same thing - text, but it's a different code. In other words, in the "TO" line, you will type in 81010; that is the number for the REMIND system. This time, however, you are joining the Ramblers' group, so in the area where you type your message, please type in "@kee8g32", then press send. You should receive a reply immediately from REMIND indicating that you have joined the REMIND for the Ramblers' group.



We have 2 separate groups because not everyone who comes to Ramblers is a member of St. Timothy's and also because weather changes from day to day (or hour to hour here!) While church may be cancelled on a Sunday, for instance, road conditions may be clear by Tuesday.



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

**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, January 20, we'll discuss THE WOMEN OF CHATEAU LAFAYETTE by Stephanie Dray. "An epic saga from New York



Times bestselling author Stephanie Dray based on the true story of an extraordinary castle in the heart of France and the remarkable women bound by its legacy. Most castles are protected by men. This one by women." All are invited to join us for great reads and good conversation! Contact Roberta, 678-773-5655, with any questions.

VALENTINE'S PARTY NIGHT
Join us for an Italian Feast and BINGO!

DATE
14 FEB 2025

TIME
6 PM

PLACE
St. Timothy's Episcopal Church
706.629.1056

Don't throw away your unwanted Christmas gifts! The Parish Life committee asks that you donate them to the church to be used as prizes for a special Valentine's Day dinner and Bingo night!

Thank you so much for the generous Christmas gifts. We are truly grateful to work for such a great organization.
Thank you.
Rev. Linda & Kerry

Luke paints us a picture of a noisy and chaotic birth, in John we encounter the powerfully quiet mystery of the Incarnation. John brings us the astonishing truth that God lived among us as a person, "full of grace and truth," ready to share the pain and sorrow of being human.



Especially this year, our hurting and divided world is desperate for the Incarnation. We live, as have many generations before us, in a time of fear, division, and instability. The Enemy has turned us against one another, sometimes in our own families and communities. The land of Jesus' birth is torn apart by violence and tremendous suffering, and across the globe, we have hardened our hearts against the strangers among us. All too often, we hear voices that claim the mantle of Christianity calling most loudly for exclusion and conquest.

As Episcopalians, we must resist the urge to retreat from this broken world. Instead, we have been called to model our life together on a different vision of God's kingdom. Contrary to the world's expectations, we have bound ourselves together in a global community, following the Risen Christ together despite our differences. We know that death, suffering, and enmity are not the last word, and we proclaim it every time we gather at God's table.

At Christmas, we can make our unity a witness to the world. Every day, in congregations and communities across our church, you are feeding the hungry, binding up the brokenhearted, caring for the vulnerable, and transforming lives through the power of the gospel. We can also proclaim God's presence by giving to our church's historic ministries that are working to alleviate suffering at home and abroad. Most of all, we can commit our lives to creating a world that is more just and more loving, in which the grace and truth that came down to us at Christmas is kindled all year long. Especially this year, as we begin our ministry together, I am grateful to be working toward this vision with you. May God bless you and all those you love this Christmas and always.

The Rt. Rev. Sean W. Rowe
Presiding Bishop



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Thank you to all our families and youth who made the celebration of Epiphany so memorable for our congregation. It's always a joy to celebrate their involvement and talents.

Thank you to Susan Skaggs for the costumes and to the many animals that joined the celebration.

