

January 2025

We have already begun 2025. Our church year started December 1. Our children and grandchildren are halfway 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 the weather. Yes, this is January.

Epiphany is the season of manifestation and revelation. We started 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 was 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 semicentennial, 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!

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