

❖ ST. TIMOTHY'S PARCHMENT ❖

Volume 23 Issue 2

February 2025

Dear St. Timothy Folk,

As I mentioned last month, Epiphany is the season of manifestation and revelation. This year we hear of one of the less well known events of Epiphany, the Presentation. The Presentation of Jesus in the Temple is always celebrated on February 2nd, 40 days after the Nativity. Also known as Candlemas and the Feast of the Purification, it commemorates the presentation of Jesus and the purification of Mary in the Jerusalem Temple forty days after Jesus' birth, in accordance with the requirements of Jewish law (Lv 12:2-8). According to the account of Lk 2:22-39, the presentation of Jesus was also the occasion of the meeting of Jesus with Simeon and Anna. Simeon's prayer of blessing is the basis for the canticle Nunc dimittis (see BCP, p. 120). Celebration of the feast dates from the fourth century in Jerusalem. It was introduced in Rome in the seventh century, where it included a procession with candles and the singing of the Nunc dimittis. The celebration came to include the lighting and blessing of candles which were carried in procession. This feast was known as Candlemas." [Episcopal Dictionary of the Church]

On February 9th, we hear the story of the miraculous catch of fish, and Peter, Andrew, James and John leaving their boats to follow Jesus. February 16th and 23rd we hear parts of Jesus' Sermon on the Plain, which shares core teachings with the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew.

On February 16th we expect to have Deacon Devon Smyth with us. Many of you will remember Devon from her seven months with us in 2022 when she was a candidate for the diaconate. After two years in Carrolton, she has now been assigned to the Northwest Georgia Convocation, and the six Episcopal churches in NW Georgia will be the beneficiaries of her presence and preaching on a regular basis. Blessings in this Epiphany season!

Rev. Linda+

VALENTINE'S PARTY NIGHT

Italian Dinner
Bingo
Silent Auction

DATE

14 FEB 2025

TIME

6 PM

PLACE

St. Timothy's Episcopal Church



706.629.1056

Dinner Donation Prices:

Adult Dinner & 3 bingo cards: \$20

Child Dinner & 1 bingo card: \$10

Decorated Valentine Bags

will be provided for families/attendees registered to attend.

The **Silent Auction** will begin on Souper Bowl Sunday on Sunday, February 9th, in the Parish Hall.

We need your donations of new and gently used items for bingo prizes and the Silent Auction items.

Please leave your donations in the Green Room in the Parish Hall by February 5th.

All funds raised will be used to set up the Flower Guild work space and storage behind the altar.

Thank You!

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 January 12, 2025

Attendees: Susan Skaggs, Judy Peterson, Walt Mason, Jeannie Vaughn, Charlie Phelps, Kelli De Guire, Beth Vaughn, Jess Shirley, and Rev. Linda Pineo

Rev. Linda called the meeting to order with prayer. October and November minutes were amended for small reasons. Jess and Beth were thanked for their service to the church and excused from the meeting.

We celebrated the successful Epiphany Pageant and Parish Meeting.

Rev. Linda gave a report. Committee reports were discussed. Most of the information was included in the Parish Report in December.

The new budget was presented by Jeannie Vaughan, treasurer, and discussed at length. Since pledges are down, most committees had their budgets reduced. The budget was accepted as presented.

Jeannie Vaughan was re-elected Treasurer, and it was agreed that Charlie Phelps and Judy Peterson will share the responsibilities of Junior Warden.

Committee Liaisons were decided and the calendar for VPODs and Vestry Meetings was developed.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer.

The Outreach Committee thanks you for your help in filling the *Little Red Wagon*. For February VAC requests that we provide cereals, instant hot cereals, pop tarts, etc. These are the items they are needing to refill their pantry. Thank you



Feb. 6	Matthew	Tomasello
Feb. 6	Denni	Moss
Feb. 11	Harvey	Scott
Feb. 13	Evie	Briones
Feb. 13	John	Richardson
Feb. 15	Alex	Avery
Feb. 15	Lee Thomas	Richardson
Feb. 15	Walter	Mason
Feb. 17	Samantha	Avery
Feb. 18	Margarita	Mackenson
Feb. 18	Garrison	Ensley
Feb. 20	Ella	Briones
Feb. 21	Lewie	Camp
Feb. 26	Mark	Barnwell
Feb. 26	Susan	Maltony
Feb. 27	Dan	DeGuire
Feb. 29	Peggy	O'Connor



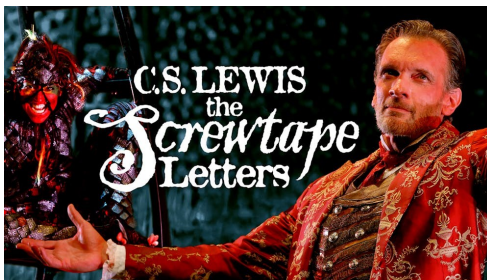
A monthly calendar is posted on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall for sign up to offer flowers for the altar. Post your name, "in honor of ...", and submit your payment to the indicated flower guild person listed for the month. Remember checks for \$30 are not made to the church.

As Christians, our faith is shaped by the biblical story of people whom God led into foreign countries to escape oppression...God commands that we remember this sojourn as part of our own story of faith: "When an alien resides with you in your land, you shall not oppress the alien. The alien who resides with you shall be to you as the citizen among you; you shall love the alien as yourself, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt."

Christ Jesus has made us citizens with the saints and members of the household of God. As we read in 1 Peter 2:9-12, we have received God's mercy, and we must demonstrate this sacrificial love in our lives and deeds. Because our true citizenship is not here on earth but in heaven, we are called to transcend the earthly distinctions made among us by the leaders of this world. We must proclaim that the kingdom of heaven is promised to the persecuted and answer Christ's call to welcome the stranger among us...

As more immigration enforcement policy changes are announced, our churchwide ministries will continue to provide practical pathways to protect the most vulnerable among us.

Across our church, migrants are members of



The Adult Sunday School is studying *The Screwtape Letters* by CS Lewis. There is a live performance of this book at the Cobb Energy Center on Saturday, March 29 at 4pm. A few of us are thinking of attending. Tickets are \$65; there is a discount for groups of 10 or more. Anyone wishing to join us, please see Susan Skaggs.

the Body of Christ and part of our congregations and communities, and our common life is richer thanks to their contributions. To our siblings who are at risk of deportation or of being separated from those you love, know that your story is our story, and your dignity is inseparable from our own. We stand with you, and we will face these challenges together.

Finally, please join us in giving generously to Episcopal Migration Ministries and its ministry with refugees seeking a new life in the United States.

In Christ's Peace,
The Most Rev. Sean Rowe
Presiding Bishop



<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/publicaffairs/letter-from-episcopal-church-leaders-on-trump-administration-immigration-executive-orders/>

The Ramblers Group will meet at noon on Tuesday, February 18 to hear from Devon Smith, Deacon. You may remember Devon from a few years ago when she was at St. Timothy's, but she has recently been assigned to our area as a Regional Deacon. Come and hear about what she is doing now. We will have subs from Sub Delights again along with chips, carrots, cookies, and drinks. Bring a friend!

Youth Group will meet from 6-7:30 on Sunday evening, February 9. The leaders will be Kelli DeGuire and the Averys, who are also providing dinner. The program will be "Finding God in Silence". Bring a friend!

CONTACTS

Office: 706-629-1056 or timothyschurch@gmail.com

Follow us on Facebook at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, Calhoun, GA or our webpage www.sttimothycalhoun.org/

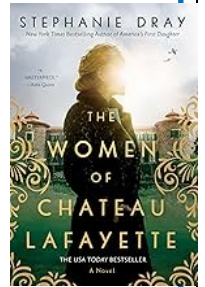
Happy Anniversary!

Feb. 26 Dan & Kelli DeGuire

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, February 17. Due to weather delay, 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.