

#### Dear St. Timothy Folk,

We begin March with the last Sunday after the Epiphany, and Luke's story of the Transfiguration, the revelation of Jesus' divinity. March 4<sup>th</sup>, Shrove Tuesday, we are invited to share a Pancake Supper with our Presbyterian friends from 5:00-7:00 p.m. March 5th is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the season of Lent, with the Imposition of Ashes and Eucharist at noon and 6:00 p.m.

The forty days of Lent are patterned after Jesus' forty days in the wilderness following his baptism in the Jordan. The Book of Common Prayer gives us an Invitation to a Holy Lent (spoken by Celebrant): [see the box to the right,] It continues: "Thereby, the whole congregation was put in mind of the message of pardon and absolution set forth in the Gospel of our Savior, and of the need which all Christians continually have to renew their repentance and faith. I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word." (BCP page 264)

The Sundays in Lent are not part of the forty days – 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 BCP, and the Healey Willan and Shubert musical settings for the service.

Many resources are available for focusing on our spiritual lives during Lent. Some will choose to read through one of the Gospels during Lent or choose one of the daily meditation series, such as Forward Day by Dav.

May you find wisdom and blessings in your Lenten journey, as you prepare to celebrate the Resurrection on April 20<sup>th</sup>. Rev. Linda+

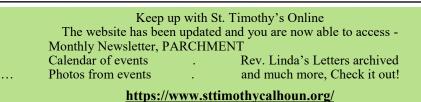


#### Ash Wednesday Service

March 5 at Noon and 6:00 pm

Calhoun First Presbyterian has again invited us to join them on Shrove Tuesday, 3/4, for traditional pancake supper from 5:00 to 7.

The Book of Common Prayer explains Lent in this way: "The first Christians observed with great devotion the days of our Lord's passion and resurrection, and it became the custom of the Church to prepare for them by a season of penitence and fasting. This season of Lent provided a time in which converts to the faith were prepared for Holy Baptism. It was also a time when those who, because of notorious sins, had been separated from the body of the faithful were reconciled by penitence and forgiveness, and restored to the fellowship of the Church (BCP, pp. 264).



#### St. Timothy's Episcopal Church **Vestry Summary** February 23, 2025

The Vestry met on 2/23/25. They celebrated the collection of 91 cans of soup for the "Souper Bowl" and the \$2400 raised at the Valentine's Dinner fundraiser. The Flower Guild will receive

\$1000 of the proceeds to complete their move upstairs; the rest will go to Outreach to raise their budget almost to last year's level. We hope to make this an annual event.

Rev. Linda shared the annual Parochial Report, average attendance for 2024 was slightly better than 2023. Reports were received from Communications, Education, Facilities, Parish Life, and Worship Committees. Service times for Lent and Holy Week were announced: Ash Wednesday--noon and 6pm, Maundy Thursday --7pm, Good Friday--noon. Rev. Linda also relayed that we are invited to 1st Presbyterian for their Shrove Tuesday dinner.

Previous minutes and the Treasurer's report were accepted. The Parochial Report was approved. Facilities use for a non-partisan "Know Your Rights" meeting was approved. Vestry retreat is scheduled for March 29, and VPOD duties and Vestry meeting dates were decided through June.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer.

### THE SOUL OF FAIRY TALES

# Enter the woods of wonder, come back with riches.

St. Timothy's **Journey Group** offers this course from Jungian Platform: Psychological and Spiritual Perspectives FREE beginning Tuesday, March I Ith, at 5:30 pm in the Parish House. Dr. Jonathan Young trained in the lineage of mythic imagination directly with Joseph Campbell. Young finds new life in 3 classic fairy tales. He points to the archetypal patterns of the soul that we find as we journey through the stories. Fairy Tales to be studied are *Hansel & Gretel, Little Red Riding Hood* and *Cinderella*. A study guide will be provided.

For more information contact Roberta Charbonneau, Colleen Currier or Dan De Guire.

## INTERNATIONAL ACADEMIC COMPETITION

Calhoun High School hosted the North

Georgia History Bowl and Bee, where Pippa McKinney earned her spot in the international competition in Washington, D.C. In April, she will join students from around the world to com-



Pippa McKinney

pete in history, geography, and political science. Congratulations, Pippa!







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.



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March	15	Chris	Ensley
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March	20	Kathleen	Shirley
March	23	Will	Camp
March	29	Colleen	Currier

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### **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, March 17. THE WIND KNOWS MY NAME by Isabel Allende. "This powerful and moving novel



weaves together past and present, tracing the ripple effects of war and immigration on one child in Europe in 1938 and another in the United States in 2019." All are invited to join us for great reads and good conversation! Contact Roberta, 678-773-5655, with any questions.

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