

# ❖ ST. TIMOTHY'S PARCHMENT ❖

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## RHYTHM OF WORSHIP

**Worship on Sundays**  
Sundays at 11:00 a.m.  
Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

## ON WEDNESDAY NIGHTS, DECEMBER 6th, 13th & 20th

Worship at 6:30 P.M.  
Supper at 7:00 P.M.

## THE WONDERFUL ANNUAL HOLIDAY DINNER WEDNESDAY, DEC. 20TH

Worship Service at 6:00  
Dinner at 6:30

We will gather for a wonderful tradition—a feast. There is limited seating so reservations are required. Also when you make a reservation, you will be reminded by a card or phone call. The cost of the meal is \$10.00. You are responsible for the cost of the meal even if you are not able to attend.

## FIRST SUNDAY LUNCH – Dec. 3rd – 12:15 P.M.

**Lunch will be provided for all.**

## VESTRY MEETING

on Wednesday, December 13th.  
Note, this is one week earlier than usual.

## MEN'S GROUP TUESDAY, Dec. 12<sup>TH</sup>

6:00 p.m.. at Bill Potts' house  
218 Trammel Street

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## BISHOP ALEXANDER COMES TO ST. TIMOTHY'S ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3RD.

10:00 A.M. - meet with all of the adults, in the church, for conversation and 'questions/answers'  
11:00 A.M. - Holy Eucharist, Rite 2, sermon and confirmation  
12:15 P.M. - Sunday lunch with lunch provided by all

CHRISTMAS EVE



## PLANS FOR CHRISTMAS EVE, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24TH

**11:00 a.m.** - Morning Prayer and Sermon  
This is a liturgy of Scripture, Sermon, Hymns and Prayers.

**11:40 a.m.** - The First Eucharist of Christmas  
This service will be especially for those who cannot come back for the late night Eucharist. We will have sandwiches and fruit downstairs on this Sunday, after Morning Prayer.

**12:00 p.m.** - Those who remained for the Eucharist will have an "expanded" Coffee Hour of sandwiches and fruit. All are invited to help with the final decorating of the Church for Christmas.

**8:30 p.m.** - Open House at the home of Bob and Rita Collins

**10:00 p.m.** - Rehearsal at the church of the offertory anthem

**10:30 p.m.** - Sing the carols of Christmas

**11:00 p.m.** - Holy Eucharist, Rite 2, and Sermon. Sometimes called 'midnight mass' as we come to the altar at mid-night.

**Note,** we will **not** have a liturgy on Christmas Day, December 25th.

## ADVENT: CONTINUED OPPORTUNITY FOR ALTERNATIVE 'GIVING'

- A) a contribution to the Heifer Project. For each \$10 receive a certificate for 'giving'. The Heifer project provides animals to families and villages, to enable people to become "self-supporting".
- B) Purchase a toy, or give a check, for a child, ages 6 mos. to 2 years, for distribution through VAC in Calhoun. A certificate for giving is available. Deadline for giving is Dec. 13th. Remember we are the only church giving for children of this age - please help us meet our goal.

## ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup>

During the 11:00 A.M. worship, at the time of the sermon, we will have our annual congregational meeting. This has been found the best way for the most people to be able to attend. We will have a few reports and three Qualified persons will be elected to the Vestry. Nominations for election to the Vestry close on Sunday, December 3rd.

**WE ARE WONDERFULLY  
'OUT OF STEP' BY  
OBSERVING THE  
SEASON OF ADVENT**

For Episcopalians, and with the guidance of the 'Book of Common Prayer' for the next four Sundays we will observe Advent.

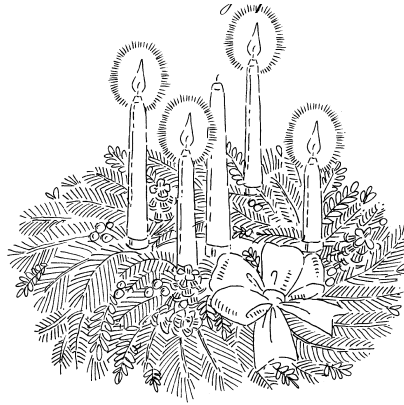
Advent is a season of preparation. It is a time of preparation for ourselves, so that the celebrating of the birth of Jesus, can have this result: 'that Christ is born in us'.

This preparation is often 'making space'. This preparation is often 'making space'. This could be a 'pruning time', with self-examination, and confession, and absolution—so that we know that the *Christ is Our Savior*. Unless we know that we need a savior, we are not likely to receive Him as such.

This preparation means 'sharing', a 'giving of ourselves to others', who can give us nothing in return. Much of what we call 'gift giving' is an 'exchange'. In Advent, we hear the message of John the Baptist, "the one who has two coats must give to the one who has none."

This preparation may be an intentional action of 'being still', a response to a Holy invitation, "Be still, and know that I am God". To do this must be an intentional decision, lest our calendars get too full, our bodies exhausted and our spirits numbed.

Until the night of Christmas Eve, we will sing Advent hymns. These hymns speak of God's judgment and of a promise fulfilled. To assist us in keeping Advent at home we encourage the daily use of an Advent wreath. Also, on the table in the vestibule of the church will be ample devotional materials.



**DECEMBER**

**BIRTHDAYS**

- 12/01 Chelsea Williams
- 12/08 Stephania Lackey
- 12/10 Sabrina Dutch  
John McCoy
- 12/11 Mickey Tasker  
Sam Tomasello
- 12/12 Jess Shirley
- 12/18 Juan Valera
- 12/19 Elizabeth Cantrell
- 12/20 Gene Jones  
Bradley Weaver
- 12/21 Bill Anderson  
Carol Frost
- 12/22 Sally Smelcer
- 12/26 Jim Smelcer  
Steve Vedrody
- 12/27 Carl Blanes
- 12/28 Kerry Dunbar  
Mildred Poirier

**ANNIVERSARIES**

- 12/05 Louis & Sally Tonsmeire
- 12/08 CK & Ilene White
- 12/14 Tom & Chareen Chaapel
- 12/15 Todd & Tammy West
- 12/21 Bob & Peggy O'Connor
- 12/23 Charlie & Linda Phelps
- 12/30 Bernie & Donna Schwartz



**DECORATING THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS**

We invite all to share in providing the flowers for the Christmas season. A form for your participation is in the Sunday bulletins. Flowers can be given as a memorial, in thanksgiving or in honor of events and people who are special in your life. Or, call the church office - 706-629-1056.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL  
SCHEDULE**

There will be special activities during December for the Sunday School attendees. On each Sunday a different aspect of Advent will be explored. Activities will include computer art, drama, baking and a special movie. Join us at 9:45 in the sanctuary for music, a story and activities appropriate for all ages. Note, there will be no Sunday School on Sunday, December 31st.

