

Welcome to St Timothy's

The First Sunday of Advent
(St. Andrew)



November 30, 2025

In-Person & Online Service at 10:00am

“Hope”
is the thing with feathers

By Emily Dickinson (1891)

“Hope” is the thing with feathers –
That perches in the soul –
And sings the tune without the words –
And never stops – at all –

And sweetest – in the Gale – is heard –
And sore must be the storm –
That could abash the little Bird
That kept so many warm –

I’ve heard it in the chilliest land –
And on the strangest Sea –
Yet – never – in Extremity,
It asked a crumb – of me.

The Gathering of the Community

Prelude: Sonata VII: Presto, Adagio, Cantabile

(Benedetto Marcello (1686-1739))

(Performed by Edward Connell)

Processional Hymn:

(Please stand as you are able)

432, Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult

Jesus calls us! O'er the tumult
of our life's wild, restless sea,
day by day his clear voice soundeth,
saying, "Christian, follow me!"

As of old Saint Andrew heard it
by the Galilean lake,
turned from home and toil and kindred,
leaving all for his dear sake.

Jesus calls us from the worship
of the vain world's golden store;
from each idol that would keep us,
saying, "Christian, love me more."

Jesus calls us! By thy mercies,
Saviour, may we hear thy call,
give our hearts to thine obedience,
serve and love thee best of all.

(St. Oswald, vs. 1-3, 5)

Opening Sentences

Celebrant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Penitential Rite

Celebrant: Now is the time to wake out of sleep.

All: For the night is far spent and the day is at hand.

Celebrant: Our Sovereign and Saviour draws near.

All: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.

Celebrant: A voice cries out in the wilderness,
‘Make straight the way of the Lord.’
This Advent let us heed the prophet’s call and
turn to the Lord in penitence and faith.
Heavenly Father,

you have created a universe of light,
All: forgive us when we return to darkness.

Celebrant: Lord Jesus, you are the light of the world,

All: cleanse and heal our blinded sight.

Celebrant: Holy Spirit, you give us light in our hearts,

All: renew us in faith and love.

Kyrie Eleison (sung)

**Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Kyrie eleison. Lord, have mercy.**

(Page 1 in the Mass for Advent booklet)

Absolution

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Lighting of the Advent Candle

*The Children are invited to come forward for
the lighting of the Candle of Hope, the 1st of Advent.*

Leader: Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Leader: On this First Sunday of Advent, we reflect on the promises we have in Christ. The ancient prophets foretold the coming of a Saviour, a king from the line of David, who would reign with wisdom and bring blessing to all nations. We light the Candle of Hope to remind us of God's reign within our hearts.

All: This light shines in the darkness,
a reflection of Christ's presence,
filling us with expectation and trust.
Gazing upon this candle,
we celebrate the gift of Jesus,
our Saviour.

(The first Advent Candle is lit)



Song: A Candle is Burning

A candle is burning, a flame warm and bright,
A candle of HOPE in December's dark night
While angels sing blessings from heaven's starry sky,
Our hearts we prepare now for Jesus is nigh.

(Sung to the tune of "Away in a Manger")

Leader: God of justice and peace,
from the heavens you rain down mercy and
kindness. Help us grow in awe and wonder as
we reflect on your marvelous work in our lives.

All: Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: Let us pray.
Almighty God,
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness
and put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life
in which your Son Jesus Christ

came to us in great humility,
that on the last day,
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty
to judge both the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

(Please be seated)

The Proclamation of the Word

A Reading from the Book of Deuteronomy

This command I give you today is not too hard for you. It is not beyond what you can do. It is not up in heaven. You do not have to ask, "Who will go up to heaven and get it for us? Then we can obey it and keep it." It is not on the other side of the sea. You do not have to ask, "Who will go across the sea and get it? Who will tell it to us? Then we can keep it." No, the word is very near you. It is in your mouth and in your heart. So, you may obey it.

Deuteronomy 30: 11 - 14 (ICB)

Silence is kept for reflection.

Reader: Listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 19: 1 - 6

The heavens declare the glory of God, *
and the firmament shows his handiwork.

**One day tells its tale to another, *
and one night imparts knowledge to another.**

Although they have no words or language, *
and their voices are not heard,

**Their sound has gone out into all lands, *
and their message to the ends of the world.**

In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; *
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

**It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of it again; *
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.**

Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;

**as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

A Reading from the Letter to the Romans

'The word is near you,
on your lips and in your heart'
(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you
confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your
heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.
For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one
confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says,
'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.' For there
is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is
Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For,
'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'
But how are they to call on one in whom they have not
believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they
have never heard? And how are they to hear without
someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim
him unless they are sent? As it is written, 'How beautiful are
the feet of those who bring good news!'

Romans 10: 8b - 15 (NRSV)

Silence is kept for reflection.

Reader: Listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

(Please stand as you are able)

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Christ appears on earth to reign.

(Helmsley)

The Gospel

(Please stand as you are able)

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,
according to John.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

John (the Baptist) was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' He said to them, 'Come and see.' They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated means Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas' (which when translated is Peter).

John 1: 36 - 42 (NRSV)

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Gospel Acclamation

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Christ appears on earth to reign.

(Helmsley)

(Please be seated)

Homily

The Rev. Irina Dubinski

Silence is kept.

For Rev. Irina's blog visit
<https://irinasart.ca/spiritual-reflections/>
or scan the QR code.



(Please remain seated for the Anthem)

Anthem:

The Heavens Declare God's Glory (Psalm 19)

The heavens declare God's glory;
the earth sings praises to his name.
The hills and valleys sing his praise,
in songs of joy they praise his name.
All heaven and earth sing praise unto God's name.
The day shows forth his majesty,
the night sings praise eternally.

All nature sings:
the day shows forth his majesty,

the night sings praise eternally.
Let all creation lift its voice,
let all of humankind rejoice.
Their voice is sounding,
all sing their praise to him.
The heavens declare God's glory;
the earth sings praises to his name.
Sing praises unto God.

(Benedetto Marcello, arr. Connell)

The Affirmation of Faith

(Please stand as you are able)

Celebrant: Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life, the one for whom we
exist?

All: We believe and trust in God.

Celebrant: Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who
took our human nature, died for us, and rose
again?

All: We believe and trust in God.

Celebrant: Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God and makes
Christ known in the world?

All: We believe and trust in God.

Celebrant: This is the faith of the Church.

**All: This is our faith. We believe and trust in one
God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

(Please adopt the pose most comfortable for you during the prayers of the people and respond as indicated.)

Leader: ... We pray:

All: **Lord, show us your light.**

Celebrant: Stir up your power, O Lord and come. Protect us by your strength and save us from the dangers of our sins. Show your light, O God, and bring us to see the day of our redemption, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

The Peace

(Please stand as you are able)

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn:

(Please stand as you are able)

273, Sing of Andrew, John's Disciple

Sing of Andrew, John's disciple,
led by faith through ways untrod,
till the Baptist cried at Jordan,
"There behold the Lamb of God!"

Stirred by hearing this new teacher,
Andrew, freed from doubt and fear,
ran to tell his brother Simon,
God's Anointed One is here!"

Sing of Andrew, called by Jesus
from the shores of Galilee,
leaving boats and nets and kindred,
trusting in that "Follow me."
When a lad's small meal fed thousands,
when inquiring Greeks found care,
when the Spirit came in blessing,
Andrew faithfully was there.

Sing of Andrew, bold apostle,
sent to make the gospel known,
faithful to his Lord's example,
called to make a cross his own.
So may we who prize his memory
honour Christ in our own day,
bearing witness to our neighbours,
living what we sing and pray.

(Beecher)

If you wish to make a donation and would like to use a donation envelope, they are available at the back of the church.

All cheques should be made payable to Church of St. Timothy.

*You can also donate online through Canada
Helps – just open your camera app and
scan this code.*



*If the collection plate doesn't reach you and you have a donation,
please hand it to a greeter as you leave the church.*

Prayer over the Gifts

(Please stand as you are able)

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: **God of love and power,
your word stirs within us
the expectation of the coming of your Son.
Accept all we offer you this day,
and sustain us with your promise of eternal
life.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our
Lord. Amen.**

(Please adopt the pose most comfortable for you - stand, sit or kneel)

Eucharistic Prayer 3

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: Blessed are you, gracious God,
creator of heaven and earth;
we give you thanks and praise
through Jesus Christ our Lord,

who in the fullness of time came among us in
our flesh,
and opened to us the way of salvation.
Now we watch for the day when he will come
again
in power and great triumph to judge this world,
that we, without shame or fear,
may rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore we praise you,
joining our voices with angels and archangels
and with all the company of heaven,
who for ever sing this hymn
to proclaim the glory of your name.

**All (sung): Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blest the One who comes in the name of the
Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

(Page 3 in the Mass for Advent booklet)

Celebrant: We give thanks to you, Lord our God,
for the goodness and love
you have made known to us in creation;
in calling Israel to be your people;
in your Word spoken through the prophets;
and above all in the Word made flesh,
Jesus your Son.

For in these last days you sent him
to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary,

to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world.
In him, you have delivered us from evil,
and made us worthy to stand before you.
In him, you have brought us
out of error into truth,
out of sin into righteousness,
out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over
to suffering and death,
a death he freely accepted,
our Lord Jesus Christ took bread;
and when he had given thanks to you,
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples,
and said, "Take, eat:
this is my body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine;
and when he had given thanks,
he gave it to them,
and said, "Drink this, all of you:
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me."

All:
Therefore, Father, according to his command,
we remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;

Celebrant: and we offer our sacrifice
of praise and thanksgiving
to you, Lord of all;
presenting to you, from your creation,
this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God,
to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts,
that they may be the sacrament
of the body of Christ
and his blood of the new covenant.
Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice,
that we, made acceptable in him,
may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time,
reconcile all things in Christ,
and make them new,
and bring us to that city of light
where you dwell with all your sons and daughters;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
the firstborn of all creation,
the head of the Church,
and the author of our salvation;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father,
now and for ever.

All: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us,
we are bold to say,

**All (sung): Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
Your will be done on earth as in heav'n.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive our sins as we forgive those, forgive
those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
Deliver us from evil.
The kingdom, the power and the glory are
yours,
Now and forever, Amen.**

(Page 4 in the Mass for Advent booklet)

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: God of promise,
you prepare a banquet for us in your kingdom

**All: Happy are those who are called
to the supper of the Lamb.**

The Communion

Celebrant: The Gifts of God, for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Agnus Dei (sung by all)

Lamb of God, you take away our sin:

Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away our sin:

Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:

Grant us, O grant us peace.

(Page 5 in the Mass for Advent booklet)

*All persons are welcome to receive **Communion or a Blessing** as appropriate at our services. You may choose to receive both the bread and the wine or just the bread. Gluten free wafers are available. Please ask the priest for these as you come to receive. If you choose to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest as you stand at the altar rail.*

*If you would like to receive an **Anointing**, please proceed to the chapel on the right where one of the anointers will meet with you.*

Communion Hymn: *(Congregational singing while seated)*

Jesus, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

Jesus, you have come to the lakeshore
looking neither for wealthy nor wise ones;
you only asked me to follow humbly.

O Jesus, with your eyes you have searched me,
and while smiling, have spoken my name,

now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me;
by your side, I will seek other seas.

You know so well my possessions;
my boat carries no gold and no weapons;
you will find there my nets and labour.

O Jesus, with your eyes you have searched me,
and while smiling, have spoken my name,
now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me;
by your side, I will seek other seas.

You need my hands, full of caring
through my labours to give others rest,
and constant love that keeps on loving.

O Jesus, with your eyes you have searched me,
and while smiling, have spoken my name,
now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me;
by your side, I will seek other seas.

You, who have fished other oceans,
ever longed for by souls who are waiting,
my loving friend, as thus you call me.

O Jesus, with your eyes you have searched me,
and while smiling, have spoken my name,
now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me;
by your side, I will seek other seas.

(Pescador de Hombres)

455, Dear God, Compassionate and Kind

Dear God, compassionate and kind,
forgive our foolish ways.

Re-clothe us in our rightful mind,
in purer lives thy service find,
in deeper reverence, praise,
in deeper reverence, praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard,
beside the Syrian sea,
the gracious calling of the Lord,
let us, like them, without a word,
rise up and follow thee,
rise up and follow thee!

O Sabbath rest by Galilee!
O calm of hills above,
where Jesus knelt to share with thee
the silence of eternity
interpreted by love,
interpreted by love!

Drop thy still dews of quietness,
till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and stress,
and let our ordered lives confess
the beauty of thy peace,
the beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire
thy coolness and thy balm;
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still, small voice of calm,
O still, small voice of calm.

(Repton)

Prayer after Communion

(Please stand as you are able)

Celebrant: Let us pray.

**All: God for whom we wait,
you have fed us with the bread of eternal life.
Keep us ever watchful,
that we may be ready to stand before the Son
of man.
We ask this in the name of Christ the Lord.
Amen.**

Doxology

Celebrant: Glory to God,

**All: whose power, working in us,
can do infinitely more
than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the Church and in Christ Jesus,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Blessing

Celebrant: Be steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and untiring
in love all the days of your life;
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the
Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and
remain with you always.

All: Amen.

Community Notices

(Please be seated)

Recessional Hymn:

(Please stand as you are able)

114, Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending

Lo, he comes with clouds descending,
once for favoured sinners slain;
thousand thousand saints attending
swell the triumph of his train:
hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!
God appears on earth to reign.

Now redemption, long expected,
see in solemn pomp appear;
all his saints, on earth rejected,
thrill the triumph sound to hear:
hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!
See the day of God appear!

Yea, amen, let all adore thee,
high on thine eternal throne;
Saviour, take the power and glory;
claim the kingdom for thine own:
O come quickly! O come quickly! O come quickly!
Hallelujah! Come, Lord, come!

(Helmsley, vs. 1, 3, 4)

The Dismissal

Leader: As we await our coming Saviour, go in peace to
love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: Sonata VII: Allegro, Presto

(Benedetto Marcello (1686-1739))

(Performed by Edward Connell)

**Our worship is over
– our service begins.**

Altar Flower Memorial

The flowers in the church today are
given to the glory of God,
in loving memory of
past members of
the St. Andrew's Group,
given by the members of the St.
Andrew's Group.



Coffee Hour



A warm welcome is extended
especially to all visitors and
newcomers. Please join us for
refreshments in Soward Hall.

Your hosts today will be
members of the St. Andrew's Group.
Gluten free options are available.

Week of December 1st to 5th



The office is open for in-person drop
ins on Tuesday, Wednesday &
Thursday this week from 10:00am –
3:00pm.

Please call ahead and **make an**
appointment if you wish to meet with
a specific member of the clergy or staff.

This Week at St. Timothy's

- **Today at 5:00pm**, all are welcome to the *Advent Potluck Supper* in Soward Hall.
- *Morning Prayer with a Thought for the Day* will be broadcast online via Zoom every morning, **Monday to Friday at 9:30am**.
- *ESL Reading & Career Mentoring* and *ESL Conversation and Practice Groups* meet in the Children's Chapel on **Tuesdays at 10:00am and 11:00am respectively**.
- *Open Church Hour* every week on **Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday from 1:00 - 2:00pm**.
The church will be accessible for drop-in quiet prayer, and if desired, pastoral care and time with the clergy. Please use the Ridley Boulevard entrance and ring the bell for access.
- *Contemplative Art* every **Wednesday at 10:00am** in the Loft. *All materials provided. Open to all.*
- *St. Andrew's Group* meets online via Zoom **on Wednesdays at 12:00nn** for lunch and fellowship.
- **Next Sunday, December 7th – The Second Sunday of Advent**
 - **8:30am:** Adult Christian Education in the Parlour
 - **10:00am:** Holy Eucharist with Children's Programming

Children's Programming

The children will begin preparing for our Christmas plays beginning today and through Advent.

New to St. Tim's?

Are you new to St. Tim's?

Welcome! We are glad you have chosen to join us.

Please consider completing a **Newcomer Information Card** (ask a member of the Welcome Team) or contact Ashani directly 416-488-0079 or office@sttimothy.ca so that we can accurately record your information in the parish directory and ensure you are kept up to date with news and events.

Photo Directory

Our **photo directory** is now online, you are encouraged to use your unique login to verify your information and upload your photo, if you haven't already done so. If you haven't received your unique login, please contact Ashani and she will create a new one for you.

We would also love **volunteer photographers** to help take pictures of parishioners who may not have one to submit — thank you in advance for helping us keep this community resource up to date.



ADVENT POTLUCK



Come one, come all to this lively event!

Sunday, November 30th from 5:00 – 8:30pm

- As St Timothy's has a nut-free policy, please do not bring any items containing nuts to the Potluck Dinner.
- Appetizer, salad, main dish, or dessert. If you are 1, bring for 1, etc.
- Set up 4:30pm – tables & chairs, cutlery, plates, etc.
- Warm food deliveries anytime after 5pm, just for keeping warm (must arrive fully cooked!)
- Appetizers served 5:30-6:00pm
- Buffet dinner 6:00-7:00pm
- Desserts 7:00-7:30pm
- Christmas carols 7:30-8:00pm
- Cleanup, put away 8:00-8:30pm
- Everyone takes home their leftovers and casserole, dishes etc.!

As always, help in setup and cleanup is much appreciated - everyone who can should allow 5 minutes to help make the tasks easy for all.

Contact Gord Hendra at 437-230-6986. or email at gord.hendra@gmail.com

