



Winter Guide

Church of St. Timothy

Parish Life from Advent to Epiphany



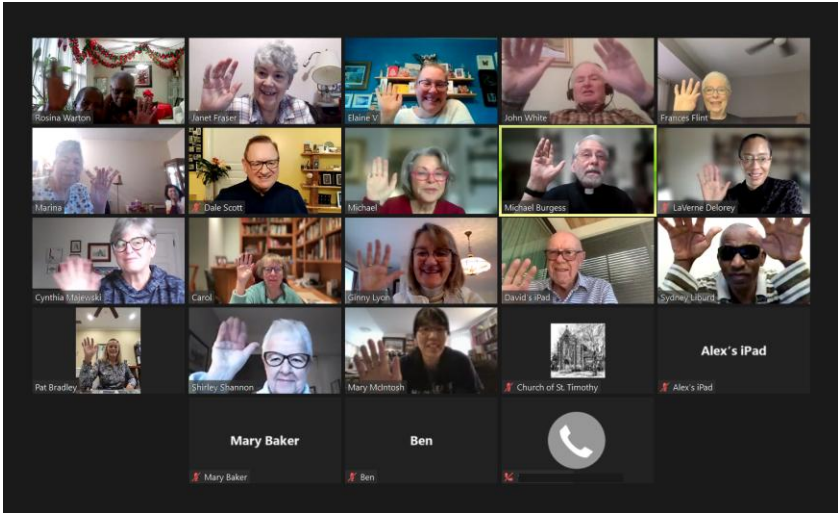
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Worship & Special Services

Weekday Morning Prayer (Zoom, 9:30 a.m.)

A calm and prayerful start to the day, with reflections from the clergy Monday through Thursday and a more informal gathering on Fridays. Nurturing online fellowship and a strong community of support.



Weekday Eucharist (Winter Break)

Mid-week eucharist services will take a break over the winter months and resume in the spring.



First Sunday of Advent (Nov. 30, 10:00 a.m.)

The season of Advent inspires us to wait in anticipation of the coming of the Christ child. We will light the first Advent candle, the candle of Hope.

We will also celebrate the Feast of St. Andrew and honour the ladies of the St. Andrew's group in their 70th year.



Second Sunday of Advent (Dec. 7, 10:00 a.m.)



On the second Sunday of Advent we will light the candle of Peace.

We will also welcome guest speaker Maria Reolin from Flemingdon Park Ministry as part of the diocesan FaithWorks appeal.

Faith
WORKS

Intergenerational Service and Children's Pageant – Third Sunday of Advent (Dec. 14, 10:00 a.m.)

The lighting of the candle of Joy is particularly appropriate for the third Sunday of Advent, with a relaxed, joyful service and a children's pageant offered by our young people.



Quiet Christmas Service (Tue, Dec. 16, 7:00 p.m. at St. Clement's Church)

A contemplative, deanery-wide Quiet Christmas service. This is a new initiative that will be hosted, in turn, by each Anglican parish in our neighbouring area.

This year, it will be held at St Clement's Church, 70 St. Clements Avenue, just down the road from St Tim's. Clergy from all parishes in the area will participate, and **Jonathan Kang** will preach.



This gentle service is especially meaningful for those carrying grief, stress, or heaviness at this time of year.

Carols by Candlelight (Thurs, Dec. 18, 7:30 p.m.)

Our beloved Festival of Lessons and Carols returns — an evening of Scripture, poetry, and music to guide our hearts toward Christmas. Please invite friends and neighbours.



Fourth Sunday of Advent (Dec. 21, 10:00 a.m.)

We conclude the season of Advent with prayer and anticipation, lighting the Candle of Love, as we approach Christmas.



Christmas Services

Wednesday, Dec. 24, 4:30 p.m.

Intergenerational service with a semi-improvised pageant with opportunities for every child to have a role.



Wednesday, Dec. 24, 7:30 p.m.

A traditional candlelight service with carol singing prior to the start of the service at 7:00 p.m. There will be special musical guests contributing to the enchanting ambiance.



Thursday, Dec. 25, 10:00 a.m.

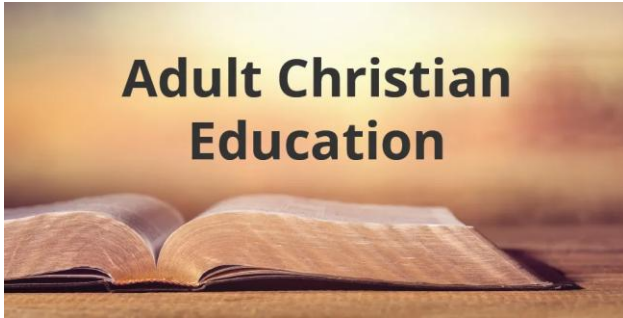
A quiet, contemplative service of holy eucharist, with a soloist leading us in song.

Formation (Adults)

Adult Education:

A Scriptural Journey (Sundays, 8:30–9:30 a.m.)

This Advent, our adult education sessions will take the form of a Bible study exploring Advent themes across Scripture. We will examine selected passages chosen specifically for each session, tracing themes of longing, promise, and renewal. All are welcome.



Deepening Our Faith Program (Sundays during the service)

An opportunity to join the teenagers in exploration of faith, partly geared towards Confirmations, Reaffirmation of Faith, or Reception in the Anglican Communion – especially in Lent – but open to all who desire additional education. On any given week, adults may choose to attend this group, and return to the service in time for Communion, or to remain in the service and hear the Liturgy of the Word + Homily.



Learning & Formation (Children & Youth)

Sunday Children's Ministry (age-specific groups during the 10 a.m. service)

The priest offers a children's message connected to the readings, often with visual or hands-on elements.

Younger Children (Preschool–Grade 4)

After the children's message, younger children begin by unpacking the story and readings for the day with simple prompts and worksheets prepared by the clergy.

They then move into arts-based activities led by professional artists.

This winter, the children will rehearse for the pageant during Advent and return to other art forms in January.

Finished artwork and performances are shared with the whole congregation during the year.

The program will go on winter break coinciding with the school break.

Older Children & Teens (Grade 5 and up)

Gather for discussion and teaching with clergy, lay leaders, or trained volunteers.

Liturgical Leadership Training

Each week, children help lead worship by carrying crosses, candles, or banners, and reading the first lesson. A few children leave their activities a little earlier, and help set up the altar, and ring the bells during the Eucharistic Prayer. Children lead the procession out of the church at the conclusion of the service, as they lead us in at the start.

Youth Group

Meets every Sunday after the service, and includes planning service projects, fundraising for retreats, and leadership opportunities.

Volunteer Opportunities

High-school students are welcome to earn volunteer hours by assisting with live-streaming and sound, serving in liturgical roles, greeting, working in the kitchen, and with younger children.

Parish Retreat Weekend

Breakaway Retreat (Fairhavens in Beaverton), Friday, Jan. 31 – Sunday, Feb. 2

The annual parish retreat is a much anticipated event. In 2026, our guest speaker will be Dr. Michelle Voss, the Director of Master of Divinity Programs and Professor of Theology at Emmanuel College, Toronto School of Theology. She was the 13th principal of Emmanuel College (2018–21) and the first woman to lead the institution as Principal in its 90-year history. She led the school through a consolidation of its multireligious programs, a period of significant faculty renewal, and the first 18 months of the COVID-19 pandemic. She is also an ordained minister of the United Church of Canada. An expert in comparative theology, Dr. Voss has also written widely about aesthetics, gender, embodiment, disability, and interculturalism in the church.



Breakaway (Intown), Sunday, Feb. 2, 11:30 a.m. - Lunch & Presentation/Recital

Mike Janzen is a JUNO- and GMA-nominated musician who has performed in concert halls, churches and festivals across North America, and led worship at Little Trinity Anglican Church, combining undeniable talent with a desire to create music that draws attention to the Maker. Melding jazz, pop, and classical styles, Mike brings an imaginative and fresh voice to the current music scene. From soul-stirring songwriting to mesmerizing piano solos, Mike's music is approachable and hits the deep places of the heart. His recent works include "The Psalms Project" (2021/Independent), a collection of Psalms-inspired sacred songs that emerged during his long period of recovery from a serious concussion injury.



Community Care & Pastoral Support

Companions in Care

A circle of parishioners— lay pastoral visitors, lay anointers, prayer group members, informal caregivers, and anyone else who feels called to the ministry of care— meet for a short prayer service, Scripture reflection, and shared lunch, to support one another in offering pastoral and practical care. The initiative will introduce the offering of brief confidential prayers during Communion. **The next meeting of the group will be on Thursday, February 12 at noon.**



Drop-in Pastoral Care (Tue–Thu, 1:00–2:00 p.m.)

Clergy are available in the church for conversation, prayer, or a quick check-in—no appointment needed.

The church space is open for personal prayer from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Please use the Ridley Boulevard entrance and let the office know if you intend to spend time in the church. Ring the buzzer if the door is locked.



Language & Arts

ESL Conversation Group (Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m.)

This ministry includes a reading group or career mentoring group at 10:00 a.m., and conversation, short individual presentations, or targeted large skills (phonetics/grammar/vocabulary) at 11:00 a.m.

Holiday Potluck Lunch on Tuesday, Dec 9th, 11:00 a.m.

The program will take a winter break from Dec 16 to Jan 6.



Adult Art Group: Advent Art Project (Wed., 10:00 a.m.)

The Adult Art Group will create a communal Advent – themed collage under the guidance of Melanie Billark, using donated fabric scraps. All adults are welcome to join.



Fellowship & Parish Groups

Advent Potluck Supper (Sun. Nov. 30, 5:00 p.m.)

This annual event brings together friends and neighbours for an evening filled with good food and fellowship. You are encouraged to bring a favourite dish – appetizer, entrée or dessert – eat together and end the evening with carol singing. Contact Gord Hendra at gord.hendra@gmail.com for details and to sign up.



St. Andrew's Ladies' Group (Wed. 12:00 p.m. via Zoom)

Lunch and conversation with light knitting and planning for upcoming fundraising efforts. Contact Janet Fraser at janet.fraser@sympatico.ca for details.



Book Clubs

Round Table (First Sunday of the Month via Zoom)

This group is designed to read books related to our “Spiritual Journey” and encourage a sharing of thoughts in an accepting, non-judgmental atmosphere. Group members choose books that interest them and stimulate discussion. New members welcome!

St. Tim's Book Club (4th Tuesday of the Month, 1:00 p.m.)

Books are chosen from what is available at the library. Members are encouraged to make suggestions of books to read. It is a very relaxed book group and new members are welcome!

C Group (3rd Thursday of the Month, 12:00 p.m.)

Members select books to read and unpack together. The reading is at a leisurely pace as there is always lots of discussion on a wide variety of topics. All are welcome to attend.

Sunday Volunteer Opportunities

Choir Practices (Alternate Thurs., 7:30 p.m.)

New members are welcome.
You do not need to know how
to read music to join.
Contact music director,
Ed Connell at
edward@sttimothy.ca



Sanctuary Guild and Servers Guild

Both these groups
welcome new
members. No prior
experience required.
Training will be
provided as needed.



Audio Visual Assistants

This very important ministry is looking for members to help run
the live stream equipment. Training will be provided. Contact
Jonathan Kang at associate@sttimothy.ca to sign up.



Donating to the Church

We encourage all of you to continue to give generously in support of the work that continues at St. Tim's. The needs are great.

- Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG) – If you are already on pre-authorized giving you do not need to do anything and we are very grateful for your continued support.

If you would like to shift to pre-authorized giving, even if only in the short term, please contact Jane Hutchinson, at [**envelopesecretary@sttimothy.ca**](mailto:envelopesecretary@sttimothy.ca)

- Envelopes & Cheques – If you use envelopes, we encourage you to either put them on the collection plate or mail them in, addressed to The Envelope Secretary.
- Online Donations – We are able to receive electronic transfers (e-transfers). To donate, **add** Church of St. Timothy to your payee list and e-transfer your donation to [**office@sttimothy.ca**](mailto:office@sttimothy.ca)

