

What's Happening at St. Timothy's



Friday, January 9th, 2026

SERVICE TIMES

COME AND WORSHIP WITH US

Saturday, January 10th	1:00pm A Celebration of the Life of Ron Thorpe
Sunday, January 11th	10:00am Service of Holy Eucharist <i>The Baptism of Our Lord</i>
Monday, January 12th to Friday, January 16th	9:30am Morning Prayer via Zoom (https://sttimothy.ca/services/upcoming-online-services/ for the links)
Sunday, January 18th	10:00am Service of Holy Eucharist <i>The Second Sunday After Epiphany</i>

A graphic featuring the words "Upcoming" in orange cursive and "EVENTS" in large, bold, red 3D block letters, all set against a white background with a slight shadow effect.

Sunday, January 11th	8:30am Adult Education
Tuesday, January 13th	10:00 – 11:00am ESL Reading & Career Mentoring Groups
	11:00am - 12:30pm ESL Conversation Group
Wednesday, January 14th	2:00 – 3:00pm Open Church Drop-In Hour
	10:00 – 11:00am Contemplative Art
	12:00nn St. Andrew's Group Meeting (<i>online</i>)
	2:00 – 3:00pm Open Church Drop-In Hour
Thursday, January 15th	2:00 – 3:00pm Open Church Drop-In Hour

From the Incumbent

Happy New Year!

As we step into a new calendar year, my prayer for you is that the months ahead may hold moments of steadiness and grace, renewed hope, and a deep sense of God's presence—whether you begin this year with anticipation, weariness, or a mixture of both. We are especially mindful that for some in our community the year has already begun with health challenges or with fresh experiences of loss. Please know that you are held in our prayers, and that you do not walk this season alone.



This coming Sunday, the Anglican Church celebrates **the Baptism of the Lord**, and we will mark this feast by renewing our baptismal promises together during the service. As part of that renewal, you can also look forward to being gently sprinkled with freshly blessed holy water—a tangible, embodied reminder of belonging, blessing, and new beginnings. It is a rather lovely way to start the year, and considerably more comfortable than the polar plunges our Orthodox siblings in faith undertake at this season!

Originally, the Birth of Christ, the visit of the Magi, and the Baptism of Christ were celebrated together as a single feast. While every Christian tradition celebrates Christmas, the focus at the conclusion of the twelve days differs depending on where you are. In Western Christianity, the visit of the Magi takes centre stage and is called *Epiphany*, as we reflected on last week. In the Orthodox calendar, however, the central feast that closes Christmastide is the Baptism of Christ, known as *Theophany*. This is precisely what the Anglican Church observes on the Sunday after Epiphany—this weekend.

All three events in Jesus' life can rightly be called “epiphanies,” even though the word is now most often associated with the Magi. *Epiphany* means God's self-revelation, and each of these moments manifests something essential about God's presence in the world through human life. This is why our opening hymn on Sunday will be **“Sing of God Made Manifest,”** which weaves together the Nativity and the visit of the Magi, the Baptism of Jesus, and the Transfiguration—which we will mark later this winter on the Sunday before Lent—as key moments of God's self-manifestation through Jesus' life.

A few notes on the rhythm of parish life as we return to regular programming:

- **ESL classes and the Adult Art Group resume next week.**
- **Adult and teen Sunday education programs resume this Sunday.** In the weeks leading up to Lent, the adult education group will be reading the novel "**Gilead**" by Marilynne Robinson (2004), winner of the 2005 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction. **Everyone is welcome to join this "book club" on Sundays at 8:30-9:30am**, even if you do not normally attend these sessions.

Finally, I am already very much looking forward to **Breakaway**, taking place January 30 to February 1. The out-of-town retreat is shaping up to be a genuinely guided spiritual retreat rather than a series of guest lectures, with time for reflection, prayer, shared conversation, art, and outdoor activities. For those staying closer to home, there will also be an at-home presentation and piano recital immediately following the Sunday service, with lunch served alongside it. Later on, I hope to revisit the material with which we engage at Breakaway through special Lenten programming.

With every blessing for the days ahead,

Irina+

Incumbent

Vestry Reports Due

The deadline for submitting vestry reports is **Friday, January 30th**. Microsoft Word format is preferred to allow for easier editing and arranging. Please send an electronic version of your report to office@sttimothy.ca.

Thank you.



Registration Now Open for BREAKAWAY 2026

We are thrilled to invite you to our annual weekend retreat, taking place once again at Fair Havens Resort from **Friday, January 30 to Sunday, February 1, 2026.**

Registration is now open! Sign up online using the [Breakaway Registration Form](#) or by emailing Joanna Maplazi at joannamaplazi@gmail.com. The cost of the weekend is \$230 per adult or \$260 for an individual premium room. There is no cost for children. Cost should not be a barrier to attend. If it is for you, please reach out to Irina as subsidies are available.

Breakaway is a beloved winter retreat that invites our parish community to step away from the city's pace and reconnect in a peaceful, scenic setting. Whether you're a longtime attendee or considering it for the first time, this is your chance to rest, recharge, and enjoy meaningful time together after the holiday rush.

Here's what you can look forward to:

- Inspiring sessions for adults led by engaging speakers
- Fun, age-appropriate programs for children and youth
- Delicious buffet-style meals — no cooking required!
- Outdoor adventures at Fair Havens, from cross-country skiing to a wagon ride

At Fair Havens our Guest Speaker will be Dr. Michelle Voss

Dr. Michelle Voss is 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.

This year we will have an “At Home” component as well:

Lunch and Presentation/Recital by Mike Janzen

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.

We'd love to share either of these experiences with you. Come join us!
For any questions, contact Joanna Maplazi at joannamaplazi@gmail.com

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
- Envelopes & Cheques – If you use envelopes, we encourage you to mail those envelopes in, addressed to The Envelope Secretary.
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Cheques should be made payable to **Church of St. Timothy**.
- Online Donations – We are able to receive electronic transfers. To donate, **add** Church of St. Timothy to your payee list and e-transfer your donation to office@sttimothy.ca



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