

# Ka Leo o Timoteo

## The voice of St. Timothy's

### And A Little Child Shall Lead Them

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Dear St. Timothy's 'Ohana,

We are coming to the end of our SECOND year of this pandemic. The Coronavirus has forever changed how we interact with one another. For St. Timothy's, this has meant a drop in our Sunday attendance and a hold on many of the regular activities we used to have such as Aloha/Coffee hour. The Virus is a living entity and will continue to evolve and there will continue to be variants. We will meet such new challenges head on relying on our faith in God above and the available science as we care for one another and for our visitors on campus.

The scriptures appointed for the Advent season are filled with numerous images of judgement and destruction: signs of distress where “people will faith from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world.” (Luke 21:26); and John the Baptizer crying out in the wilderness “Prepare the way...” and at the same time admonishing us to “bear fruits worthy of repentance.”

But then there is a change- John, the prophet, says, “I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming... He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire” (Luke 3:16).

There is one who is more powerful: In the Advent season, we prepare for the coming of Emmanuel, God with us. And in that birth comes the hope that the prophets promised: that God will send a Messenger, the Messiah, the Anointed One who will set the world right again. This is a powerful message of hope as we look forward to what God has in store for us in 2022. Not all is what it seems to be. The distress we currently experience is but temporary. God continues to work out the salvation of the world.

And in the coming of the Savior, there is a great irony: the Messiah does not come to us with the might of any army or with lightning bolts. The Messiah, the Savior, is born in a stable in a small town just outside of Jerusalem. The first people to greet the newborn King were not the royalty of the world (not even the wise men had arrived yet), but common folk- shepherds.

Advent will end when we gather around the manger to welcome the birth of the Christ child. The birth of Christ is not a possibility, it is a REALITY. Jesus Christ IS born. And Christ is born anew in our hearts not just on Christmas morning, but each day. And with it are born once again our hopes and our dreams for a world of God's own making- a world filled with peace, justice, and righteousness. A world where the “wolf shall dwell with the lamb and the leopard shall lie down with the kid... and a little child shall lead them” (Isaiah 11:6).

Blessings,





Happy Birthday!

12/2	Mark Tucker
12/4	Francis Ballesteros
12/11	Roxanne Birch
12/12	Dewey Hamasaki
12/14	Kurt Hirose
12/15	Angie Hamasaki
12/18	Grace Iwami
12/20	Jana Dove
12/30	Jane Hamasaki



**Silent night, holy night**  
**All is calm and all is**  
**bright**  
**Come Celebrate**  
**Christmas**

Songwriters:  
 Joseph Mohr / Franz Gruber

Mass Schedule (in person and online):

Dec 24: 5:30pm Family Service  
 10:30pm Midnight Mass  
 Dec 25: 10am Christmas Day

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2022 Flower Book

Seichi and Fussy Nagai updated the altar flower book to include 2022 for people who would like to donate for a birthday, anniversary, or any special reason. Anyone may reserve a date. If there are multiple people who would like to donate flowers for a given Sunday, we can ask Aiea Florist for multiple bouquets if needed.



Mahalo Nui Loa, St. Timothy's

Oh, how I have missed you! As I have mentioned in previous newsletters, I have been on military active duty for the last 6 months since the beginning of July. My time on the State of Hawaii COVID Joint Task Force is ending. There will be a small contingent of National Guard soldiers and airmen continuing to support Safe Travels screening and contact tracing, but I eagerly look forward to returning to my pastoral duties full time. I was fortunate in that my duties have allowed me to continue to serve at the altar on Sunday mornings so most of you might not have noticed.

Originally the tour of duty was only supposed to last 90 days, but due to the COVID Delta surge it was extended by the Governor through the end of the December. I want to take a moment to thank Jane our Bishop's Warden, Paul our Office Manager, Jana our Treasurer, and the Bishop's Committee for their support and their leadership while I have tended to my National Guard responsibilities as the Joint Task Force Chaplain. I want to thank YOU for your prayers and support as well. These were exceptional times and the longest period I have served on Active Duty. Although one can never say never when it comes to the military and the National Guard, I am looking forward to a return to "normal" weekend duty and my weekday duties as your Vicar.



## Pearlridge Elementary Food Drive

The Pearlridge Elementary Food Drive was held on November 17th, 2021. Pearlridge Elementary informed us that they collected over 900 items during their drive. It took 2 vehicles to pick up all of the donations and many helping hands were available to restock our Outreach shelves. Thank you to everyone who was able to help that day and for all the items generously donated.



## Magnum P.I. Filming at St. Timothy's

On December 3rd, St. Timothy's Choir room was used as the set of a Magnum P.I. location. Shooting day was the "circus" that was promised. There was controlled chaos from 5am to 10:30am. Our regular tenants were apprehensive, yet thrilled at what was happening on campus. Raul Esparanza, the site manager, was able to work with us and assist with not shutting out our tenants or creating an unsafe work environment.





## Greening the Church



Mahalo nui loa to those that were able to join us on Advent 1 Sunday between services to help us green up the church. This included hanging wreaths, garlands, and greening the Advent wreath. The Nativity creche was also added in front of the altar. We will continue to change and transform the space to make it ready for Christmas. If you weren't able to join us and would like to help, we will still need volunteers to take it down in January.



## Formation and Study in the 2021 Advent Season

LIVING WELL THROUGH ADVENT 2021: Practicing Patience with All Your Heart, Soul, Strength, and Mind.

“In a culture that glorifies immediate gratification, learning to wait is counter-cultural. This makes Practicing Patience a perfect theme for our 2021 Advent reflections because the season of Advent is counter-cultural. The emphasis on immediate gratification increases tenfold as we rush full-speed ahead into the Christmas season. We are encouraged to give in to the barrage of invitations to eat more, do more, drink more, and buy more this time of year. The season of Advent—along with these reflections—provides us with the support we need to slow down in order to make counter-cultural choices, choices that will help prepare us for the true meaning of Christmas.”

- From the Introduction to Practicing Patience

Print Copies of the Devotional Booklet have been ordered. A FREE PDF copy of the booklet is available at <https://www.livingcompass.org/advent>.



Our 4-week Advent Series takes place on Sundays from 9:00-9:45 in Sumida Hall

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| 11/28 | The First Sunday of Advent: Practicing Awareness of Our Impatience |
| 12/5  | The Second Sunday of Advent: Practicing Patience With Ourselves    |
| 12/12 | The Third Sunday of Advent: Practicing Patience with Others        |
| 12/19 | The Fourth Sunday of Advent: Practicing Patience with God          |



### Adult Formation:

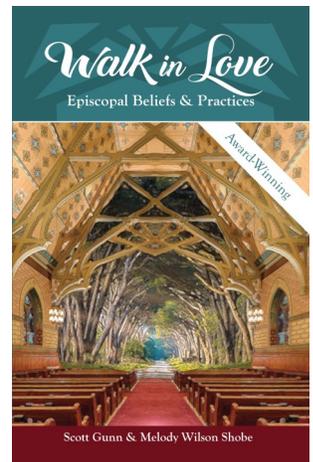
On January 12 at 7pm, we will continue our Adult Formation class on Zoom. We are reading chapters from *Walk in Love*, by Scott Gunn and Melody Wilson Shobe. This course takes us on a journey through *The Book of Common Prayer*, the Christian life, and basic beliefs of our faith and covers topic such as the liturgical year, the sacraments of the church, habits of daily prayer, and the teachings of Anglican Christianity. See how our prayer shapes our belief and our lives and how our beliefs lead us into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ.

Even though we pray the words of *The Book of Common Prayer* each week, many of us don't know where these prayers come from, what they mean, or how they call us to live daily lives of faith. Each week, participants will gather for a short lecture on one section of *The Book of Common Prayer*, exploring what each liturgy says and how it is typically used in our communities.

Classes run each week and you can drop in any time. See the “Grow” tab of our St. Timothy's Website: <https://www.sttimothysaiea.org/grow> for more information.

We will be taking a break from these Adult Formation Classes in order to focus on the Advent Season Formation (see below). We will resume classes in January.

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| 1/12 | Chapter 9  | Accept the Prayers of Your People: The Daily Office and Daily Prayer    |
| 1/19 | Chapter 10 | All Times Are Your Seasons: The Church Calendar and the Liturgical Year |
| 1/26 | Chapter 13 | Gathered Together in Unity: The Creeds                                  |
| 2/2  | BREAK      |   |
| 2/9  | Chapter 14 | Written for Our Learning: The Bible                                     |
| 2/16 | Chapter 11 | Walking in the Way of the Cross: Holy Week and Easter                   |
| 2/23 | Chapter 12 | Jesus Christ Who Is the Resurrection and the Life: The Burial Office    |





Charcuterie & Crafts  
by Lisa Andres

On December 5, 2021, Sumida Hall was transformed into a winter wonderland with beautifully decorated tables and craft workshops set up. Young and old alike gathered for fellowship, food, fun, and crafting while FUNdraising for St. Timothy's.

The afternoon started with guests being treated to a beautifully decorated buffet table of: charcuterie boards with cheeses, salami, fruits, crackers, and olives (donated by the Luczak family and the Staley family); veggies (donated by Anne Kiyosaki); desserts of energy bars (donated by Fussy Nagai); chocolate trifle, and cherry cheesecake tarts. Wine and soft drinks were also provided.

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## Charcuterie & Crafts

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After everyone had their fill, the craft workshops began. Bette Kalohi and Jana Dove hosted and donated the supplies for the beautiful Christmas card workshop. Laurie Luczak hosted and donated all the supplies for the fabric wreath workshop.

It was a lovely afternoon and a great time was had by all. Everyone left with beautiful handmade Christmas cards or a special handmade Christmas wreath to take home. A side table was set up to sell jars of Amy Hironaka's wonderful mango chutney.

Special thanks to: the Luczak family; Bette; Jana; Lara; Anne; Kimberly; and Amy. The event could not have happened without their gracious help and support.

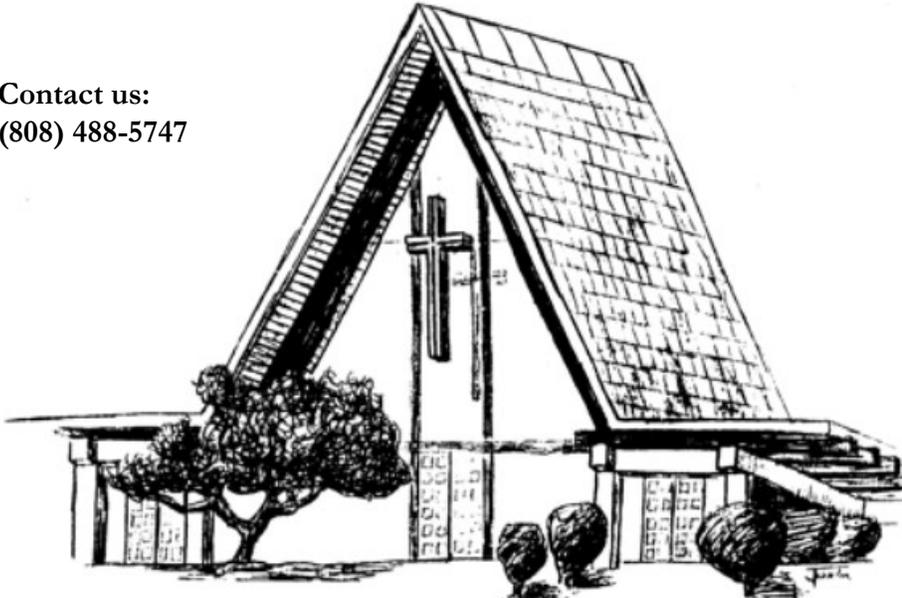


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## St. Timothy's Events

### Classes, Meetings, & Services

#### Sunday

8:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist Rite II  
(in person and live streamed)

9:00 a.m. - Advent Series  
(in person)

10:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist Rite II  
(in person and live streamed)

#### Wednesday

11:00 a.m. - Bible Study  
(online only)

6:00 p.m. - Evening Prayer  
(live streamed only)

### Calendar Highlights

#### December

- 5 Second Sunday of Advent  
Charcuterie and Cards Fellowship Event
- 7 Outreach Pantry
- 12 Third Sunday of Advent
- 14 Outreach Dinner/Pantry
- 19 Fourth Sunday of Advent  
Bishop Committee Meeting
- 21 Outreach Pantry
- 24 Christmas Eve Services
- 25 Christmas Day Service
- 26 First Sunday after Christmas
- 28 Outreach Dinner/Pantry
- 31 New Year's Eve (Office Open)