

THOSE  
WHO *keep  
awake*  
DREAM  
*1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent*

Voluntary  
Welcome

Processional Song

Prepare the Way of the Lord

Gather 330

*Prepare the Way of the Lord  
Prepare the Way of the Lord  
And all people will see the salvation of our God*

Liturgical Greeting

People Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Call to Worship

The power of dreams lies in waking up.  
For when we close our eyes,  
We can see a better world.  
When we close our eyes,  
We can dream a better dream.  
But when we open our eyes,  
We begin the work of faith.  
The power of worship is the same.  
We enter this space,  
We can see a better world.  
When we enter this space,  
We dream a better dream.  
But when we leave this space,  
We begin the work of faith.  
So come in. Dream your dream.  
Find hope here.  
For in an hour,  
We will begin the work of faith.  
Let it be so.

## Candle Lighting Liturgy | The Candle of Hope

I dream of sunflower fields.

I dream of key lime pie with a mile-high meringue.

I dream of the days when we could be part of a crowd.

I dream of snow days.

I dream of empty beds in jail cells.

I dream of a world that will let kids be kids.

I dream of full tables instead of empty bellies.

I dream of schools with enough money to teach.

I dream of parents with enough money to feed.

I dream to keep awake, because if we don't dream of better days, then we might forget that this is not what God imagined.

So today we light the candle of hope, for hope is the very thing that keeps dreams afloat.

*Light candle.*

May this light be an invitation to keep awake.

May this light be our invitation to be Advent people—people who dream.  
Amen.

A Song

Come, O Long Expected Jesus

Gather 345

A Prayer

O Great Dreamer,

You dreamed up the stars in the sky.

You dreamed up that magic baby smell and the way cream sinks into coffee.

You dreamed up the crunch of fall leaves and jazz music.

You dreamed up wisteria and evergreen and the pure magic that is a six-foot-tall sunflower.

And in the midst of all of that, you dreamed up a dream for your people—a dream of hope and justice,

a dream for eyes wide open, to both the world's suffering and the world's beauty.

So today, as we read scripture, we ask that you would plant that same dream in us.

Pour out your Spirit on our hearts and minds so that we may see what you see, and dream what you dream.

Gratefully we pray, Amen.

# LITURGY OF THE WORD

*Please be seated*

A Story from our Ancestors

Isaiah 2:3b-4, 7:14, 9:6-7, 40:1-10, 11

A Reflection

Mary Cole-Duvall

Prayers

*Deacon*

Dear God, Listen to the prayers of all of us who serve you. Give us hope that, with your help, we can make a difference. Come quickly and strengthen us to live as Jesus lived, creating the world you have always envisioned – a world filled with kindness and compassion, love and generosity. Amen.

Prayer of Confession

God of Vision and Truth,  
Over and over again in scripture, we hear your dream for a beautiful world.  
We hear your dream for peace and reconciliation.  
We hear your dream for harmony and togetherness.  
We hear your dream for community and hope.  
We hear your dreams, and yet we do not open our eyes.  
We continue to live with the curtains drawn,  
the covers pulled tight,  
eyes shut to the realities of the world.  
Forgive us. Kindle a hope in us that will burn through the darkest nights.  
Give us the strength and the will to keep awake in this sleeping world.  
With hope we pray, Amen.

Absolution

Forgive us, God who comes near to us. When we have lost our way, show us yours. Lead us in humility down the streets of your kingdom. Teach us your truth, so we might be able to keep your Word, revealed to us in Jesus. Amen.

# LITURGY OF THE TABLE

## The Offertory

### Doxology

On Jordan's Bank

Gather 344, v. 5

*Together we offer our thanks as we say*

*All praise the Son eternally,  
Whose advent sets his people free;  
Whom with the Father we adore  
And Spirit blest for evermore.*

## The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord is coming soon!

His Advent is drawing near!

Therefore let us give him our thanks and praise.

And call upon his presence at our Advent table.

Blessed are you, breath of peace, giver of all life, source of love that knows no boundaries. Your song of wisdom rang out before the world began; throughout the ages, your song of liberation has filled us with your hope for a world where:

those considered last and least are first and most;  
violence is overcome by the power of your ancient love;  
and all siblings work together for peace.

You bring our longings to birth, and send prophets to awaken us to your approaching Advent among us. We thank you for those who, like Mary, have the strength and courage to give birth to your love in the world; for those who, like the shepherds, dare to seek out the Child of Bethlehem; for those who, like the wise ones, actively challenge violent and oppressive powers.

We praise you that your everlasting light is shown to us in womb and tomb, in cradle and cross, in tenderness and compassion. We join in the Advent prayer of all your people, as we wait and watch for your coming among us, we proclaim your goodness as we sing.

*O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
And ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appear  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to you, O Israel!*

At this time, we remember Jesus, who on the night before he died, took a loaf of bread, gave you thanks, broke it, and said, "Take and eat; whenever you do this, remember me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup, saying, "This is the new covenant; remember me."

Gracious God, Breath of peace, source of love, we pray for your Spirit. Be with us at our table, O God, in our eating and in our drinking, that the Spirit of hope is kindled in our hearts and in our lives, uniting us in him who comes, and who will come again, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Make us, while many, one. Make us, though broken, whole. Make us, despite death, alive.

And so we pray:

Come, Holy Spirit, come. AMEN.

*Deacon*

And so we join with our siblings around the world in the prayer of Jesus:  
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

## The Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

## Invitation to Communion

*Join us, you who are near and you who are far away,  
in this communion of thanksgiving.*

*Or, come to the church between 11 - 11:30 am  
to receive contactless communion in the circle drive.*

Communion Song

People, Look East

Gather 337

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

We thank you, God, for breaking into our world and pouring into our lives and our experiences. We thank you, God, for this meal of thanksgiving and the stories of love, grace, and hope that it tells. We thank you in the name of Jesus Emmanuel. Amen.

## Blessing

Go now and prepare the way of the Lord. Welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, and bear fruits worthy of repentance. And may God grant you harmony with one another; May Christ Jesus fill you with joy and peace in believing; And may the Holy Spirit empower you and fill you with hope. Amen.

## Closing Song

God of All People

Gather 349

## Dismissal

We wait in hope for the coming of Jesus. Come Jesus and come soon.  
Amen. Come, o come, Emmanuel.  
May Emmanuel's peace be always with you.  
And also with you.  
Let us offer each other a sign of Emmanuel's hope.

## Voluntary

*Eucharistic Prayer adapted from Advent Communion Liturgy,  
Written by Alydia Smith, United Church of Canada*

*Those Who Dream, Liturgical Resources,  
Created by Sanctified Art*

*Contactless communion is available from 11-11:30 am on the Sundays in Advent. Please enter the circle drive entrance closest to Ashworth.*

*If you have Advent collection items or Angel Tree gifts to drop off after communion, please place your items in the trunk or back of vehicle and drive to the parking lot entrance. An Advent Angel will retrieve the packages from your vehicle.*

*Packages may also be dropped off Monday-Thursday 9am – 4 pm beginning November 30. Please place the items in the marked totes near the parking lot entrance*

# St. Timothy's Episcopal Church



This year, St. Timothy's has adopted four families with a total of 15 children. The parents have specified for each child something they want, something they need, something to wear, something to read." That means we have a total of 60 gift opportunities for these children. In addition, we will try to provide parents with grocery gift cards and, perhaps, a gift or two.

We have only a "virtual" Angel Tree this year, So you can't come in to pick an "ornament" off our tree as in previous years. Therefore, if your family would like to participate, please contact Mary or Jeanie or the office and we'll supply you with a child's name and something from his or her list, or if you prefer, a family name for you to gift with a grocery gift card. We ask that gifts be returned, wrapped and labeled, as part of the post-communion drop-off on one of the Sundays in Advent, but no later than **December 20**. Questions: Contact Deacon Jeanie at [deacon@sttimothyiowa.org](mailto:deacon@sttimothyiowa.org).

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## REVERSE ADVENT

Turn your "want list" into someone else's "need list" as you focus this Advent season on the journey to Bethlehem. In a time of uncertainty, Mary and Joseph gathered what they had and traveled to Bethlehem to be counted in the census. What would they eat? Would they be warm? What did they need for themselves & a baby?

Each week your household is invited to collect items for our neighbors in need. For the week of Advent 2 (November 30-December 6), please gather warm clothes (hats, gloves, scarves, socks) for the homeless. Bring your items to church parking lot doors on Sundays from 11-11:30 am where an Advent angel will take them from the back of your vehicle. Or Monday-Thursday, 9 am – 4 pm, place you items in the totes near the parking lot doors.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*For or those in service to our country: Scott, Jack, Zach, Marshall & Reece;*

*For those seeking ordination: Abigail Livingood;*

*For those who are sick or in need of healing: Rosemary, Marty, Jovan, Kris, Troy, Lu, Mary, Sophia, Suzanne, and Dorothy;*

*For those celebrating a birthday: Kathy Larson, George Eldridge, Clayton Bunch, Krystal Coffey, Hillary Gaebler, Susan Koenig-VandeHaar, Hinton Stokes, and Hugh Drake;*

*For those awaiting the birth of a baby: Katy & Nik Pappas;*

*For those to be married: Sarah (Larson) & Alex, Dana & Zach (Slocum), and Molly & Joe (Brennan);*

*For those just married: Andrew & Jessie Marshall;*

*For those celebrating an anniversary: Stephanie & Scott Andrews;*

*For our 2nd Offering Partner in December: Angel Tree & Faith & Food Fund; and*

*For the Episcopal Church in Sudan & South Sudan, Archbishop Samuel, Bishop Richard and their families.*



# ADVENT & CHRISTMAS AT ST. TIMOTHY'S

ADVENT 2 ~ DECEMBER 6, 10:15 AM  
SERVICE OF HOLY EUCHARIST

ADVENT 3 ~ DECEMBER 13, 10:15 AM  
SERVICE OF HOLY EUCHARIST

ADVENT 4 ~ DECEMBER 20, 10:15 AM  
CHRISTMAS PAGEANT WITH HOLY EUCHARIST

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE AND HOPE ~ DECEMBER 21, 7 PM  
WITH HOLY EUCHARIST

CHRISTMAS EVE ~ DECEMBER 24, 5 PM  
WITH HOLY EUCHARIST

CHRISTMAS DAY ~ DECEMBER 25, 9 AM  
VIA ZOOM

CHRISTMAS 1 ~ DECEMBER 27, 10 AM  
CHRISTMAS LESSONS AND CAROLS FROM ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL

NEW YEAR'S EVE SERVICE ~ DECEMBER 31  
5 PM WITH HOLY EUCHARIST

CHRISTMAS 2 ~ JANUARY 3, 10:15 AM  
WITH HOLY EUCHARIST

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