



Saturday, December 24, 2022 at 9pm
St. Timothy's Episcopal Church
West Des Moines, Iowa

Liturgy of the Word

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

Introit

Christmas Chant and Processional

Purifoy

Please stand as you are able.

Opening Carol

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Gather #357

1. *O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him, born the King of angels;
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!*
2. *Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest;
O come, let us adore him...*
3. *Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest;
O come, let us adore him...*
4. *Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy
morning,
Jesus, to thee be all glory giv'n;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;
O come, let us adore him...*

Liturgical Greeting

Priest Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
People Glory to God for ever and ever. Amen.

Gloria

Angels We Have Heard on High

Gather # 361, v.1

*Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply echo back their joyous strains.
Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

Collect of the Day

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

Please be seated.

The First Reading

Isaiah 62:6-12

Upon your walls, O Jerusalem, I have
posted sentinels;
all day and all night
they shall never be silent.
You who remind the LORD,
take no rest,
and give him no rest
until he establishes Jerusalem
and makes it renowned throughout
the earth.
The LORD has sworn by his right hand
and by his mighty arm:
I will not again give your grain
to be food for your enemies,
and foreigners shall not drink the wine
for which you have labored;
but those who garner it shall eat it
and praise the LORD,

and those who gather it shall drink it
in my holy courts.
Go through, go through the gates,
prepare the way for the people;
build up, build up the highway,
clear it of stones,
lift up an ensign over the peoples.
The LORD has proclaimed
to the end of the earth:
Say to daughter Zion,
"See, your salvation comes;
his reward is with him,
and his recompense before him."
They shall be called, "The Holy People,
The Redeemed of the LORD";
and you shall be called, "Sought Out,
A City Not Forsaken."

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 97

- 1 The LORD is King; let the earth rejoice*
let the multitude of the isles be glad.
- 2 Clouds and darkness are round about him,*
**righteousness and justice are the
foundations of his throne.**
- 3 A fire goes before him*
and burns up his enemies on every side.
- 4 His lightnings light up the world;*
the earth sees it and is afraid.
- 5 The mountains melt like wax at the presence
of the LORD,*
**at the presence of the Lord of the whole
earth.**
- 6 The heavens declare his righteousness*
and all the peoples see his glory.

- 7 Confounded be all who worship carved images
and delight in false gods!*
Bow down before him, all you gods.
- 8 Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah
rejoice,*
because of your judgments, O LORD.
- 9 For you are the LORD,
most high over all the earth;*
you are exalted far above all gods.
- 10 The LORD loves those who hate evil;*
**he preserves the lives of his saints and
delivers them from the hand of the
wicked.**
- 11 Light has sprung up for the righteous,*
**and joyful gladness for those who are
truehearted.**
- 12 Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous,*
and give thanks to his holy Name.

The Second Reading

Titus 3:4-7

When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Carol

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Gather #356

1. **Hark! the herald angels sing,
'Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild
God and sinners reconciled!'
Joyful, all you nations, rise,
Join the triumph of the skies;
With the angelic host proclaim,
'Christ is born in Bethlehem!'
Hark! the herald angels sing,
'Glory to the newborn King!'**
2. **Christ, by highest heav'n adored,
Christ the everlasting Lord:
Late in time behold him come,
Offspring of the Virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see:
Hail the incarnate Deity,
Pleased as man with us to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! the herald angels sing,
'Glory to the newborn King!'**
3. **Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righeousnes!
Light and life to all he brings,
Ris'n with healing in his wings.
Mild He lays his glory by,
Born that we no more may die,
Born to raise us from the earth
Born to give us second birth,
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the new-born King!"**

Gospel

Luke 2:1-20

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see - I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

“Let Jesus Show”
The Rev. Kyle Carswell

Please stand as you are able.

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the
Virgin Mary and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under
Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and
was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the
Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the
living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father,
who with the Father and the Son is
worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and
apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the
forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the
dead, and the life of the world to
come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

On this holy night in which God joins heaven and earth, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all those in need.

For the church around the world, as it celebrates the birth of Christ. Lord, in your mercy.
Hear our prayer.

For the nations of the earth, that as kings were drawn by a star to worship the infant Jesus, all peoples may stream to your light. Lord, in your mercy.
Hear our prayer.

For those who live surrounded by conflict and violence, that the angels' proclamation of peace on earth among all people might be realized among us today. Lord, in your mercy.
Hear our prayer.

For the weak and the vulnerable, the sick and the suffering, the homeless, the cold, the hungry; for all who, like Mary and Joseph, find no room to spend the night. Lord, in your mercy.
Hear our prayer.

For all those who travel this Christmas season, that you would watch over them as you watched over the Holy Family as they traveled to Bethlehem, and to foreign lands. Lord, in your mercy.
Hear our prayer.

For all the departed, and for those who grieve, that they may experience the loving presence of Emmanuel, “God with us.” Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

Deacon

O God, we bring before you this night our prayers for those who are close and whom we love; we also bring before you this night our prayers for those far from us whom we don’t know and don’t love. As we celebrate the birth of your son, help us to be ever more like him, to learn to love as he loves, and to do our work to bring about your kingdom. **Amen.**

The Peace

Priest The Peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Liturgy of the Table

Offertory

Glory to God in the Highest

Althouse

Please stand as you are able.

Doxology

Good Christian Friends Rejoice

Gather #367, v. 1

*Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
O give heed to what we say: Jesus Christ was born today!
Ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!*

The Great Thanksgiving

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest Lift up your hearts.

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

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Celebrant

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. You created light out of darkness and brought forth life on the earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through your prophets.

In the fullness of time you gave your only Son Jesus Christ to be our Savior, and at his birth the angels sang glory to you in the highest and peace to your people on earth. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. As Mary and Joseph went from Galilee to Bethlehem and there found no room, so Jesus went from Galilee to Jerusalem and was despised and rejected. As in the poverty of a stable Jesus was born, so by the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
**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.**

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.

Communion

You do not need to be a member of this church or of any church to receive communion.

To receive the sacrament, come forward and stand or kneel at the rail. The wine is received by intinction, by dipping the wafer into the bowl.

*Please let the clergy know if you require a **gluten-free wafer**.*

*To indicate that you would prefer a **blessing only**, cross your arms across your chest.*

If you are unable to come forward, please notify an usher and the sacrament will be brought to you.

Carols at Communion

Wexford Carol

Soloist: Dan Montgomery

Christmas Peace Canon

Please stand as you are able.

Traditional English

Shafferman

Prayer after Communion

Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and forevermore. Amen.

The candles will be lit along the aisles. Please pass on the light to your neighbor.

1. *Silent night, holy night,
All is calm, all is bright
Round yon Virgin Mother and Child,
Holy Infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace.*
2. *Silent night, holy night,
Shepherds quake at the sight;
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heav'nly hosts sing alleluia;
Christ, the Savior, is born!
Christ, the Savior, is born!*
3. *Silent night, holy night,
Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.*

Blessing

Closing Carol

Joy to the World

Gather #353

1. *Joy to the world! the Lord is come:
Let earth receive her King;
Let ev'ry heart prepare him room,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.*
2. *Joy to the world! the Savior reigns:
Let us, our songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.*
3. *No more let sin and sorrows grow
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make his blessings flow
Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found,
Far as, Far as the curse is found.*
4. *He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness,
And wonders of his love,
And wonders of his love,
And wonders, wonders of his love.*

Dismissal

Deacon Alleluia! Alleluia!! Let us go forth rejoicing in the power God has given to us to bring Jesus' redeeming love into the world.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!!

Postlude

MINISTERS OF THE SERVICE

Presider/Preacher

The Rev. Kyle Carswell

Deacon

The Rev. Jeanie Smith

Organist

Don Agee

Acolytes

Caitlin McManus, Rosemary McKinney, OPEN

Lector/Litanists

Audrey Tanner, Dan Montgomery

Chalice Bearer

Lillie McManus, Bill Smith

Oblation Bearers

OPEN

Ushers

OPEN

Altar Guild

Marty Wells

Livestream Coordinator

Colleen Krantz

Vestry Representative

Suzy Coen

Merry Christmas!

Whether you are a longtime parishioner at St. Timothy's, a newcomer, or a friend or family member visiting from out of town, we are delighted that you are celebrating the miracle of Christ's birth with us tonight.

Our worship tonight is full of joyous carols, familiar readings, and candles glowing in the night. All of it calls us to remember the incredible gift God has given us in the birth of Jesus, our Prince of Peace. And all is made that much more special by your presence.

I wish you a Merry Christmas from St. Timothy's, and may God bless you and keep you in the New Year.

Peace,



The Rev. Kyle Carswell
Rector

COMING UP

CHURCH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED FROM DECEMBER 26 THROUGH JANUARY 2.

Calls and emails will be monitored for pastoral care needs.
All others will be returned when the office re-opens on January 3.



Christmas Day Service

Sunday, December 25 | 10:15 AM

In-person only; no livestream available. No Christian formation this Sunday.

THE COMING WEEK

Wednesday, December 28

11:30 am Men's Lunch at Palmer's on Ingersoll

Friday, December 30

NO BBB – We resume January 6.

Saturday, December 31

NO 5 pm SERVICE

Sunday, January 1

10:15 am New Year's Day Service

NO FORMATION – We resume January 8.

New Year's Day Service

Sunday, January 1 | 10:15 AM

No Saturday service on the 31st

On New Year's Day, we will conduct our service using the Book of Common Prayer rather than a bulletin. Come crack open that red book in the pews as we continue our celebration of the Christmas season. No Christian formation this Sunday.

Epiphany Celebration

Sunday, January 8 | 10:15 AM

Start the year off right by celebrating the arrival of the magi at Epiphany. After our worship service, we will gather for a potluck meal in the Parish Hall. There will be Epiphany-related activities for children, including crafts, cookie decorating, and chalking the door.





Thank You



To all who donated to support our Christmas flowers and greens!

In Thanksgiving For

Given By

In Memory Of

Given By

Our Children and Grandchildren

Lee & Bob Hollwager

Jacquelyn Rambo

Mel Rambo

Our Family & Friends

Jeanie & Bill Smith

Jean McKinney & Shirley Hamrick

Julie & John McKinney

Jeff, Jill Steve, Nick, and Lauren Anderson

Kathy & Mark Larson Family

Ed Wilson, Michelle Campbell, and Evelyn & Ed Meyers

Dorothy Wilson

Ned & Lucy

Larry Anderson

Betty & Jack Douglas, Jeannie & Bill Smith, Janet D. Amos, Mary D. Macy, and Wes Burlingame

Jeanie & Bill Smith

Blessings Received

Jana & Dan Montgomery

Peter Dickinson

Janice Dickinson

Our Family

Marty & Lyndy Wells

Chiamaka M. Ekeh

Nasa Okpokiri

Nan Ryden & Ginny Hunt

Kathy & Mark Larson Family

Sheree Kunz, Jane Kunz and Peggy Rayner

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Jana & Dan Montgomery

Jacque & Mort Baker, Ruth & Neil Guy, and Myrna & Luther Dooley

Tammy & Neil Guy

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Our parents: All, BJ, Elmo & Joan

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