



Advent Lessons & Carols

The Third Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 17, 10:15 am

Liturgy of the Word

Prelude

Welcome

Choral Introit

Prepare the Way of the Lord

Gather 330

Please stand as you are able.

Opening Carol

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

UM Hymnal 196

1. Come, thou long - ex - spect - ed Je - sus, born to set thy
2. Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and

peo - ple free; from our fears and sins re - lease us,
yet a King, born to reign in us for - ev - er,

let us find our rest in thee. Is - rael's strength and con - so -
now thy gra - cious king - dom bring. By thine own e - ter - nal

la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art; dear de - sire of
spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone; by thine all suf -

ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
fi - cient mer - it, raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Watch and wait for Christ's coming.

Light candles of hope, peace, joy, and love, remembering the promises of God with prayer.

We light this candle in hope. We light this candle for peace. We light this candle in joy.

Bidding Prayer

Dear People of God: In the season of Advent, it is our responsibility and joy to prepare ourselves to hear once more the message of the Angels, to go to Bethlehem and see the Son of God lying in a manger.

Let us hear and heed in Holy Scripture the story of God's loving purpose from the time of our rebellion against him until the glorious redemption brought to us by his holy Child Jesus, and let us look forward to the yearly remembrance of his birth with hymns and songs of praise.

But first, let us pray for the needs of his whole world, for peace and justice on earth, for the unity and mission of the Church for which he died, and especially for his Church in our country and in this city.

And because he particularly loves them, let us remember in his name the poor and helpless, the cold, the hungry and the oppressed, the sick and those who mourn, the lonely and unloved, the aged and little children, as well as all those who do not know and love the Lord Jesus Christ.

Finally, let us remember before God his pure and lowly Mother, and that whole multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in Jesus, we are one for evermore.

The Almighty God bless us with his grace; Christ give us the joys of everlasting life; and to the fellowship of the citizens above may the King of Angels bring us all. **Amen.**

Children Living the Word Commissioning

At this time, children from 4 years old through 4th grade are invited downstairs to Children Living the Word, returning before communion.

Loving God, who told us that whoever welcomes a child welcomes Jesus himself, bless these children. Guide us as we encourage them in your ways, so that they might become disciples who are your hands and feet and voice in this world. Amen.

Please be seated.

The First Lesson

Genesis 2:4b-9, 15-25

These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created. In the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens, when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up—for the Lord God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground— then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being.

And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed. Out of the ground the Lord God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it.

And the Lord God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

Then the Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living

creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner.

So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken." Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh. And the man and his wife were both naked, and were not ashamed.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

Where Is the Savior?

Purifoy

The Second Lesson

Isaiah 35:1-10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you."

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

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Please stand as you are able.

Carol

Lift Up Your Heads

Gather 341



1. Lift up your heads, e - ter - nal gates, Al - le - lu -
2. But not in arms or bat - tle dress, Al - le - lu -
3. God brings a new face to the brave, Al - le - lu -
4. God's match-less and ma - jes - tic strength, Al - le - lu -



ia! See how the King of glo - ry waits,
ia! God comes, a child a - midst dis - tress,
ia! God re - de - fines who best can save:
ia! In all its height, depth, breadth, and length,



Al - le - lu - ia! The Lord of Hosts is draw - ing
Al - le - lu - ia! No might - y ar - mies shield the
Al - le - lu - ia! Not those whose pow'r re - lies on
Al - le - lu - ia! Now is re - vealed, its pow'r to



near, The Sav - ior of the world is here.
way, On - ly coarse lin - en, wool, and hay.
threat, Ter - ror or tor - ture, de - struc - tion or debt.
prove, By Christ pro - test - ing "God is love!"



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

The Third Lesson

Jeremiah 31:31-34

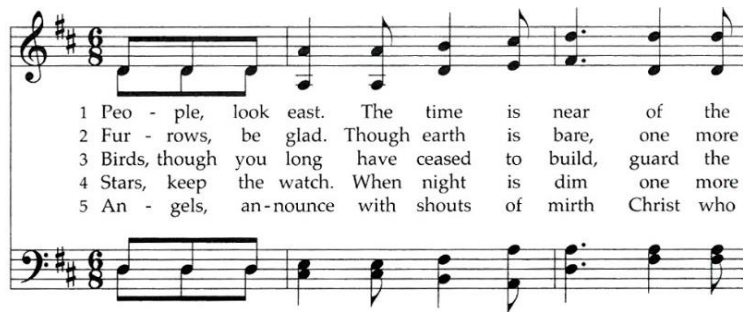
The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people. **Thanks be to God.**

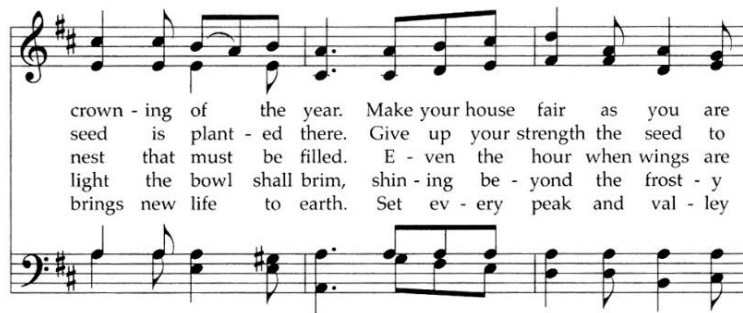
Carol

People Look East

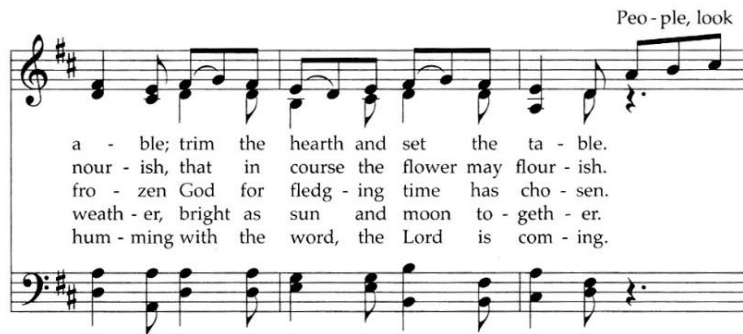
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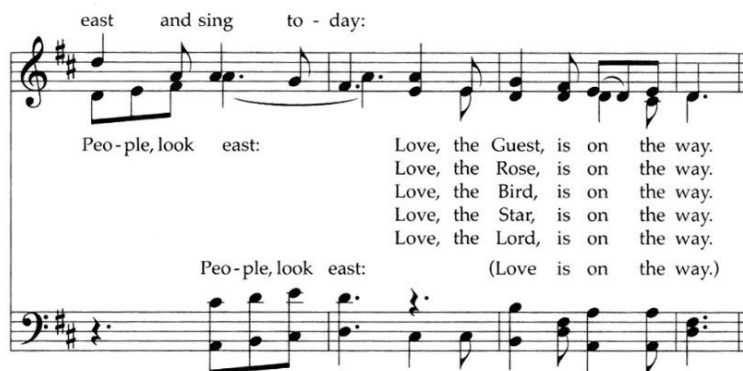
1 Peo - ple, look east. The time is near of the
 2 Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more
 3 Birds, though you long have ceased to build, guard the
 4 Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim one more
 5 An - gels, an - nounce with shouts of mirth Christ who



crown - ing of the year. Make your house fair as you are
 seed is plant - ed there. Give up your strength the seed to
 nest that must be filled. E - ven the hour when wings are
 light the bowl shall brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y
 brings new life to earth. Set ev - ery peak and val - ley



Peo - ple, look
 a - ble; trim the hearth and set the ta - ble.
 nour - ish, that in course the flower may flour - ish.
 fro - zen God for fledg - ing time has cho - sen.
 weath - er, bright as sun and moon to - geth - er.
 hum - ming with the word, the Lord is com - ing.



east and sing to - day:
 Peo - ple, look east: Love, the Guest, is on the way.
 Love, the Rose, is on the way.
 Love, the Bird, is on the way.
 Love, the Star, is on the way.
 Love, the Lord, is on the way.
 Peo - ple, look east: (Love is on the way.)

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

Carol

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Hymnal 56

We will sing v. 6-7 before the Gospel, v. 8 following

**6 O come, thou Dayspring from on high,
and cheer us by thy drawing nigh;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadow put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel has come to thee, O Israel!**

**8 O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel has come to thee, O Israel!**

**7 O come, Desire of nations, bind
in one the hearts of all mankind;
Bid thou our sad divisions cease,
And be thyself our King of Peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel has come to thee, O Israel!**

The Gospel

Luke 1:26-56

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

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her

womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.” And Mary said, “My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever.” And Mary remained with her about three months and then returned to her home.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Reflection

The Rev. Jeanie Smith

Anthem

Canticle of the Turning

Cooney

The Peace

Priest The Peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

Liturgy of the Table

Offertory

Song of Mary and Joseph

Purifoy

Doxology

to the tune of O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below;

Praise God above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

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.

Celebrant

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant.

From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing (say):

Sanctus

Hymnal S130

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the Name of the
Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

The Celebrant continues

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are
full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na
in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na
in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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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

God of promise, you have prepared a banquet for us.
Happy are those who are called to the Supper of the Lamb.

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 chalice.

*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.

Music at Communion

God of All People

Gather 349

1. God of all plac - es: pres - ent, un - seen;
2. God of all dream - ing, near and yet far.
3. God of all peo - ple, dust and the clay.

Voice in our si - lence, song in our midst.
Vi - sion un - heard of, wake us to rest.
Breath of a new wind, fire in our hearts.

We are your peo - ple, know - ing, un - sure.
We are your pres - ence, sent forth a - fraid.
Light born of heav - en, peace on the earth.

Come, Lord Je - sus, come!
Come, Lord Je - sus, come!
Come, Lord Je - sus, come!

Text: David Haas, b.1957
Tune: KINGDOM, 9 9 9 5; David Haas, b.1957
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Please stand as you are able.

Prayer after Communion

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Blessing



1. Lo, how a Rose e'er bloom-ing From ten - der stem hath
 2. I - sa - iah 'twas for - told it, The Rose I have in
 3. O Flower, whose fra - grance ten - der With sweet-ness fills the



sprung! Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing As seers of
 mind, With Mar - y we be - hold it, The Vir - gin
 air, Dis - pel in glo - rious splen - dor The dark-ness



old have sung. It came, a blos - som bright, A -
 Moth - er kind. To show God's love a - right, She
 ev - 'ry - where; True man, yet ver - y God, From



mid the cold of win - ter, When half spent was the night.
 bore to us a Sav - ior, When half spent was the night.
 sin and death now save us, And share our ev - 'ry load.

Text: Isaiah 11:1; *Es ist ein' Ros' entsprungen*; *Speier Gesangbuch*, 1599; tr. sts. 1-2 by Theodore Baker, 1851-1934; st. 3. *The Hymnal*, 1940
 Tune: ES IST EIN' ROS' ENSTSPRUNGEN, 7 6 7 6 6 7 6; *Geistliche Kirchengesang*, Cologne, 1599; harm. by Michael Praetorius, 1571-1621

Dismissal

Deacon Let us get ready. Get ready for Jesus to be born again in our hearts. Get ready to be the Hands and Feet and Voice of Jesus in our world.

People **We will with God's help.**

Please join us for coffee hour following our Sunday morning service!

MINISTERS OF THE SERVICE

Presider

The Rev. Kyle Carswell

Deacon/Preacher

The Rev. Jeanie Smith

Organist

Don Agee

Acolytes

Luke Luft, Lucy Luft, Millie Luft

Chalice Bearer

Susan Vande Haar, Dale Vande Haar

Lectors

Maggie McGill, Max McGill, Sarah Bunch,
 Dan Montgomery

Oblation Bearers

Maggie McGill, OPEN

Ushers

Emily Nastruz, Paige Krantz

Altar Guild

Liz Brennan, Lexi Brennan

Livestream Coordinator

Colleen Krantz

Offering Counters

Scott Brennan, Jana Montgomery

Vestry Representative

Dave Leigh

2nd OFFERING PARTNER



The Angel Tree & St. Timothy's Faith & Food Fund

Once again, we “adopted” 10 families to purchase gifts for, and once again, your generosity is evident around our altar today. Thanks to all who shopped, wrapped, and brought their gifts today.

Financial gifts will help fund this effort and our Faith & Food Fund, which allows us to assist individuals with immediate needs throughout the year. If you would like to help support this ministry financially, you can do so at: sttimothysiowa.org/donate

MINISTRY OF THE MONTH



USHERS

As we all know, our ushers are those liturgical ministers who offer us the first taste of “radical hospitality” as we enter our worship services each weekend. They greet us with a bulletin, a warm smile, and an enthusiastic “Welcome!” - along with other duties during and after church.

We would like YOU to consider joining us in this ministry! If you are willing to get to church a little earlier and stay for the service and a few minutes after to be the hands + feet + welcoming voice of Jesus in this ministry, please contact Kyle at: rector@sttimothysiowa.org.

COMING UP

THE COMING WEEK

Monday, December 18

1 pm Casserole Baking
6:30 pm Scouts

Wednesday, December 20

11:30 am Men's Lunch at Palmer's
7 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 21

9:30 am Bible Study
11:30 am Ladies Who Lunch
7 pm Service of Remembrance & Hope

Friday, December 22

10 am Books, Brew & Banter

Saturday, December 23

9 am Centering Prayer

Sunday, December 24

9:45 am Childcare Available
10:15 am Christmas Pageant Service
7 pm Christmas Eve Service

Monday, December 25

10 am Christmas Day Eucharist at St. Paul's
Cathedral

Monday, December 25 thru Monday, January 1

Church offices closed



CONFIRMATION PREP FOR 2024

On Sunday, April 28, 2024, Bishop Betsey Monnot will make her regular visitation to St. Timothy's. In addition to welcoming the bishop to our parish, the visitation is also a chance for us to celebrate the Confirmation or Reception of youth and of members new to the Episcopal Church.

Confirmation (or Reception for adults who have been confirmed in another tradition) is the process for becoming a "full-fledged, card-carrying" Episcopalian. Those interested in being confirmed or received will prepare for the rite by participating in the Discovery Class, which invites parishioners to explore the worship, history, and teachings of the Episcopal Church as a way of strengthening our spiritual walk with Christ. Dates and times for the Discovery Class will be set based on interest.

If you or your child is interested in being confirmed or received, please contact Kyle at rector@sttimothyiowa.org.

CHRISTMAS AT ST. TIMOTHY'S

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE & HOPE

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21 | 7 PM

On the longest night of the year, we remember that it is often difficult to grieve during a season when everyone else is celebrating. In this solemn service, we will commemorate our loved ones who have died, acknowledge the challenge of celebrating the holidays when we are in pain, and hear again the hope of the gospel message.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT SERVICE

SUNDAY DECEMBER 24 | 10:15 AM
(no Saturday service on the 23rd)

During our normal service time on Sunday the 24th, our children will tell the Christmas story through a Christmas pageant, followed by communion.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24 | 7 PM

We will ring in the joy of Christmas with carols led by a full choir and instrumentalists, the reading of the Christmas story from Luke's Gospel, communion, and concluding with the traditional singing of "Silent Night" by candlelight.

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE AT ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25 | 10 AM

We will not hold a Christmas Day service at St. Timothy's this year. Instead, we encourage those interested in attending a service on the 25th to attend worship at St. Paul's, Des Moines (815 High Street).

FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30 | 5 PM
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31 | 10:15 AM

On the weekend after Christmas we will conduct our service using the Book of Common Prayer rather than a bulletin. We will also invite those present on Sunday to choose their favorite Christmas carol from our hymnal to sing together during the service.

****Services at St. Timothy's will be live-streamed. Visit our YouTube channel for all of our streamed worship!****
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