



The Second Sunday of Advent

A Service of Holy Eucharist

Saturday, December 7, 5 pm

Sunday, December 8, 10:15 am

St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

****Childcare for infants through 4 years old is available on Sunday morning on the lower level, near the north entrance****

Liturgy of the Word

Prelude

Welcome

Choral Introit

Prepare the Way of the Lord

Gather 330

Please stand as you are able.

Opening Hymn

Prepare the Way, O Zion

Hymnal 65

1 Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near!
 2 He brings God's rule, O Zi - on; he comes from heaven a - bove.
 3 Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on; your Sav - ior's rule em - brace.

Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear.
 His rule is peace and free - dom, and jus - tice, truth, and love.
 His tid - ings of sal - va - tion pro - claim in ev - ery place.

Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.
 Lift high your praise re - sound - ing, for grace and joy a - bound - ing.
 All lands will bow be - fore him, their voic - es will a - dore him.

Refrain
 Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most ho - ly name.

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Liturgical Greeting

Priest Blessed are you, holy and living One.
People You come to your people and set them free.

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Presbyterian Mission

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 in peace.

Trisagion

Hymnal S102

Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.

Collect of the Day

Deacon God be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Deacon Let us pray together

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,
Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

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Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Please be seated.

The First Reading

Malachi 3:1-4

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight - indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

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

The Canticle

Luke 1:68-79

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; *
he has come to his people and set them free.

He has raised up for us a mighty savior, *
born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old,
that he would save us from our enemies, *
from the hands of all who hate us.

He promised to show mercy to our fathers *
and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, *
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

Free to worship him without fear, *
**holy and righteous in his sight
all the days of our life.**

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the
Most High, *
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

To give his people knowledge of salvation *
by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God *
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, *
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Second Reading

Philippians 1:3-11

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

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

Please stand as you are able.

Gospel Hymn

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Hymnal 56

We will sing v. 1, 4 before the reading of the Gospel, and v.5 following.

**1 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 thee, O Israel!**

**5 O come, thou Key of David, come,
and open wide our heavenly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery.
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!**

**4 O come, thou Branch of Jesse's tree,
Free them from Satan's tyranny
That trust thy mighty power to save,
And give them victory o'er the grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!**

Gospel

Luke 3:1-6

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

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

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

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

adapted from a prayer by Rick Morley

In the hushed anticipation of your coming, O Lord, remind us that you are continually with us, that we might always be eager to fulfill your will, and be eager to pray:

O God, through your holy prophets you promised of old to raise up for us a mighty savior, that we might be free to worship you without fear all the days of our life. We pray for the church, that you might teach us your ways and that we might walk in your paths.
Come Lord Jesus, **and hear our prayer.**

You swore you would cause a righteous Branch to spring up from David to bring righteousness and justice to the land. We pray for our nation, and all nations, that your peace would be manifest in every corner of the earth.
Come Lord Jesus, **and hear our prayer.**

You sent your messenger ahead of you, that every valley should be filled and every hill made low. Make the rough ways smooth for all those who are sick, suffering, or in distress of any kind especially Dorothy Wilson, David Jarvinen, Allen & Nadine Patch, Mary Perry, Emily Shea, Larry Shea, Jean McCarthy, Deb Krueger, Stephen Arnold, Dan Lovett, and Cheryl Hausafus; that you would heal all injuries, comfort all grief, and settle all wrongs.
Come Lord Jesus, **and hear our prayer.**

In the fullness of time, O God, you sent your son, to be born of our sister Mary. And his name was Emmanuel: God With Us. We thank you for your Presence with us, and we pray that you might be always present with those whom we love but see no longer.
Come Lord Jesus, **and hear our prayer.**

We give you thanks for the blessings of this life:

For those celebrating a birthday, especially Gail, Dee, Dave, Gail, Donna & Wava;
For those to be married, especially Sarah & Chester, Callie & Jake, Kristina & Tanner, Amelia & Nolan,
Colette & Charlie, and Katie & Ben;

For those celebrating an anniversary;
For those expecting a child, especially Kathryn & Spencer;
For our Ministry of the Month, our First Sunday Breakfast;
For our 2nd Offering Partner in December, the Angel Tree and the Faith & Food Fund.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others:

For those in service to our country, especially Scott, Jack, Marshall, and Parker;
For those seeking ordination, especially Alex and Kate;
For St. Luke's in Fort Madison, St. John's in Keokuk, St. Martin's in Perry, and St. Paul's in
Marshalltown in the Diocese of Iowa;
For the clergy and all people of our companion Dioceses of Brechin, Nzara, and Eswatini;
For all victims of gun violence; and
For the victims of war and oppression and for all who seek a just peace.

Concluding Collect

Deacon O Christ, hear our prayers, restore us, and show us the glorious light of your countenance, that we might be saved. Come Lord Jesus. **Amen.**

Confession

Deacon Let us confess our sins to God.

People **God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

Absolution

Priest Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.
Amen.

The Peace

Priest The Peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Liturgy of the Table

Offertory

Advent Prayer

Please stand as you are able.

Liebergen

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!**

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

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."

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.

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.**

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 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.

1 In your mer - cy, Lord, you called me, taught my
 2 Lord, I did not free - ly choose you till by
 3 Now my heart sets none a - bove you, for your

sin - filled heart and mind, else this world had
 grace you set me free; for my heart would
 grace a - lone I thirst, know - ing well, that

still en - thralled me, and to glo - ry kept me blind.
 still re - fuse you had your love not cho - sen me.
 if I love you, you, O Lord, have loved me first.

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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 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -
 2 Then cleansed be ev - ery breast from sin; make
 3 For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, our
 4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and
 5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee, whose

1 noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,
 2 straight the way for God with - in, and let each heart pre -
 3 re - fuge, and our great re - ward; with - out thy grace we
 4 bid the fall - en sin - ner stand; shine forth, and let thy
 5 ad - vent doth thy peo - ple free; whom with the Fa - ther

1 for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings.
 2 pare a home where such a might - y guest may come.
 3 waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.
 4 light re - store earth's own true love - li - ness once more.
 5 we a - dore and Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more.

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Dismissal

Deacon Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth anticipating our celebration of Christ's birth by doing his work 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/Preacher

The Rev. Kyle Carswell

Deacon

The Rev. Jeanie Smith

Music Director

Don Agee

Acolytes

Maggie Luft, Millie Luft, Thomas Leemkuil

Chalice Bearers

Michael Irving (5 pm)

Susan Vande Haar, Dale Vande Haar (10:15 am)

Lector/Litanist

Sue Curley (5 pm)

Amy Rech, Amelia Bylund (10:15 am)

Oblation Bearers

Kathy Larson, Mark Larson (5 pm)

Paige Krantz, Lucy Luft, Marcy Luft (10:15 am)

Live Stream Coordinator

Colleen Krantz

Ushers

Alex Volker (5 pm)

Mark Marshall, Darin Krantz (10:15 am)

Altar Guild

Jennie McKinney (5 pm)

Lexi Brennan, Marty Wells (10:15 am)

Offering Counters

Scott Brennan, Jana Montgomery

Vestry Representative

Mary Bartusek

Lay Eucharistic Visitor

Larry Shea

2nd OFFERING PARTNER



Financial gifts collected in our 2nd Offering will help fund 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:

sttimothyiowa.org/donate

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

This weekend is the beginning of our Angel Tree project this year. The tree in the Parish Hall features 9 families, for whom we will provide a joy-filled Christmas. On the tree are “ornaments” with the name of one of our family members that includes some suggestions for gifts that the person needs or wants. Our task and delight is choosing an “ornament,” shopping for gifts for that person, wrapping them and bringing them back to church by December 22, when we will bless the gifts and deliver them to the families.

This is such a great time to involve all your family members in the joy of giving to some folks who are not as fortunate as we are. Look for this opportunity and help St. Timothy's be a beacon of God's loving light right here in West Des Moines.

COMING UP

THE COMING WEEK

Monday, December 9

1 pm Casserole Baking
5:30 pm Finance Team Meeting
6:30 pm Scouts

Wednesday, December 11

11:30 am Men's Lunch @ Palmer's
6 pm Staff/Vestry Christmas Party
6:30 pm Wednesday Night Connect
7 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 12

9:30 am Bible Study
11:30 am Ladies Who Lunch
5:30 pm YJI

Friday, December 13

10 am BBB

Saturday, December 14

9 am Centering Prayer
NO 5 pm Holy Eucharist

Sunday, December 15

8:45 am Childcare Available
9 am Christmas Pageant Rehearsal
9:15 am Formation
10:15 am Holy Eucharist
10:15 am Children Living the Word
11:30 am Coffee Hour

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT SERVICE



10:15 AM | Sunday, December 22

If your child would like to participate in this year's Christmas Pageant, or if you would like to serve as an adult helper, please contact Sarah Bunch at sj.bunch626@gmail.com

Pageant rehearsals will take place at 9 am on Sundays December 15 and 22, and at 6 pm on Wednesday, December 18.

Children are welcome to be part of the pageant even if they can't make it to all the rehearsals!

CHRISTMAS FLOWER DELIVERY

DECEMBER 22 | FOLLOWING 10:15 AM SERVICE

As in past years, we will be delivering poinsettias to some of our parishioners, including both newcomers and those who are in need of a little holiday cheer - whether they are homebound, ill, or may have suffered a recent loss.

Please consider participating in this warm, wonderful outreach ministry! If you would like to help deliver poinsettias to parishioners this year, please contact Jeanie at deacon@sttimothyiowa.org ASAP.





LESSONS & CAROLS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15 | 10:15 AM
(no Saturday service on the 14th)

On the 3rd Sunday of Advent, we will celebrate with a traditional service of lessons and carols. The service, which alternates between scripture readings and music led by our choir, helps prepare us to hear the message of Christ's birth.

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE & HOPE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21 | 5 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 22 | 10:15 AM

During our normal service time on Sunday the 22nd, our children will tell the Christmas story through a Christmas pageant, followed by communion.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24 | 5 PM & 9 PM

We will ring in the joy of Christmas with two Christmas Eve services filled with carols, the reading of the Christmas story from Luke's Gospel, communion, and concluding with the traditional singing of "Silent Night" by candlelight. The 5 pm service will be more kid-friendly, with fewer readings and a children's sermon alongside a shortened "adult" sermon. The 9 pm service will include the full set of readings, full sermon, and a full choir.

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).