



The Second Sunday of Advent

Youth Service with Holy Eucharist

St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

Saturday, December 6, 5 pm
Sunday, December 7, 10:15 am

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

Liturgy of the Word

Special thanks to the members of our Youth Discovery Class for helping craft and lead today's service:
James Halbrook, Maggie Luft, Max McGill, Redgie McManus, & Will Mertens

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 Sa - vior'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.



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

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Liturgical Greeting

Priest
People

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

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,

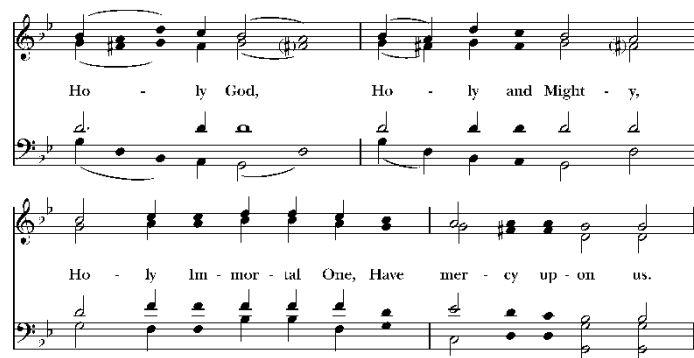
Have mercy upon us.

Collect of the Day

Deacon God be with you.

People And also with you.

Deacon Let us pray together



Music: Ver. Hymnal 1982, after Alexander Archangelsky (1846-1924). Setting: Copyright © Church Publishing, Inc.

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

1 Kings 19:11-13

God said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind, and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake, and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire, and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

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

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm

Psalm 139:1-12

1 Lord, you have searched me out and known me; *

**you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.**

2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places *
and are acquainted with all my ways.

3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, *
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.

4 You press upon me behind and before *
and lay your hand upon me.

5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; *
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

6 Where can I go then from your Spirit? *
where can I flee from your presence?

7 If I climb up to heaven, you are there; *
if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.

8 If I take the wings of the morning *
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

9 Even there your hand will lead me *
and your right hand hold me fast.

10 If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, *
and the light around me turn to night,"

11 Darkness is not dark to you;
the night is as bright as the day; *
darkness and light to you are both alike.

12 even the darkness is not dark to you;
the night is as bright as the day, *
for darkness is as light to you.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God.”

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Thanks be to God.

Reflection

Max McGill (10:15 am)

Please stand as you are able.

Gospel Hymn

How Can I Keep From Singing

Gather 598

We will sing v. 1-2 before the reading of the Gospel, and v. 3-4 following.



1. My life flows on in end-less song A -
 2. Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I
 3. What, though my joys and com-fort die, The
 4. The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, A



bove earth's lam - en - ta - tion. I hear the real though
 hear that mu - sic ring - ing; It sounds and ech - oes
 Lord, my sav - ior liv - eth. What though the dark - ness
 foun - tain ev - er spring-ing. All things are mine since



far - off hymn That hails a new cre - a - tion.
 in my soul; How can I keep from sing-ing?
 gath - er 'round? Songs in the night it giv - eth.
 I am his; How can I keep from sing-ing?



No storm can shake my in-most calm, While to that rock I'm



cling - ing. Since Christ is Lord of heav-en and earth,



How can I keep from sing-ing?

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826-1899

Tune: HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING, 8 7 8 7 with refrain; Robert Lowry, 1826-1899; harm. by Robert J. Batastini, b.1942

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

Jesus said, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

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

Reflection

The Rev. Jeanie Smith (5 pm)
Maggie Luft (10:15 am)

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

Let us pray for the church and for the world.

We pray that the church may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. We pray for all those who will be confirmed, received, or reaffirm their baptismal vows next weekend: Mary, Andy, Dana, Bethany, Brooke, Dennis, Laurie, Ryan, Kelly, Meredith, Tim, Shellie, Victoria, James, Max, Maggie, and Will.

Loving God,
Hear our prayer.

We pray for our nation and all those in authority. We pray for compassion for all immigrants living in our country and for an end to political violence.

Loving God,
Hear our prayer.

We pray for all the nations of our world, that they may live in peace and safety. We pray especially for peace in Ukraine, Gaza, Sudan, South Sudan, and Venezuela.

Loving God,
Hear our prayer.

We pray for all those in our local communities who are in need of help. We pray for our Angel Tree families and for all those who are hungry or cold this Christmas season.

Loving God,
Hear our prayer.

We pray for all at St. Timothy's who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially Dorothy Wilson, David Jarvinen, Mary Perry, Emily Shea, Larry Shea, Deb Krueger, Susan Hutchins, Frank Harrison, and Michael Irving. Comfort them with your presence and surround them with your love.

Loving God,
Hear our prayer.

We pray for all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed.

Loving God,
Hear our prayer.

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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.

Please share signs of the peace with one another, and if you are seated near someone you don't know, briefly introduce yourself.

Announcements

Liturgy of the Table

Offertory

Is Your Heart Prepared for a King?

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Please stand as you are able.

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

EOW 2

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 S125

**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.

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.

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.**

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. Come, thou long - ex - pect - 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.

WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1744
 MUSIC: Rowland H. Prichard, 1830; harm. from *The English Hymnal*, 1906

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Please stand as you are able.

Prayer after Communion

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth.

Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Blessing

1 Com - fort, com - fort ye my peo - ple, speak ye peace, thus
 2 Hark, the voice of one that cri - eth in the des - ert
 3 Make ye straight what long was crook - ed, make the rough - er

saith our God; com - fort those who sit in dark - ness
 far and near, call - ing us to new re - pent - ance
 pla - ces plain; let your hearts be true and hum - ble,

mourn - ing 'neath their sor - rows' load. Speak ye to Je -
 since the king - dom now is here. Oh, that warn - ing
 as be - fits his ho - ly reign. For the glo - ry

ru - sa - lem of the peace that waits for them;
 cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way;
 of the Lord now o'er earth is shed a - broad;

tell her that her sins I cov - er,
 let the val - leys rise to meet him
 and all flesh shall see the to - ken

and her war - fare now is o - ver.
 and the hills bow down to greet him.
 that the word is nev - er bro - ken.

Words: Johann G. Olearius (1611-1684); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt. Music: *Psalm 42*, melody and bass Claude Goudimel (1514-1572); harm. *Hymnal 1982*.

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. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

MINISTERS OF THE SERVICE

Presider

The Rev. Mary Cole-Duvall (5 pm)
The Rev. Kyle Carswell (10:15 am)

Deacon/Preacher

The Rev. Jeanie Smith (5 pm)

Reflections

Maggie Luft, Max McGill (10:15 am)

Music Director

Don Agee

Acolytes

Ashlyn Rounceville, Joseph Crann, Mason Pettit

Chalice Bearers

OPEN (5 pm)
Redgie McManus, Will Mertens (10:15 am)

Lector/Litanist

OPEN (5 pm)
Max McGill, Will Mertens (10:15 am)

Oblation Bearers

OPEN (5 pm)
Paige Krantz, Marty Wells (10:15 am)

Live Stream Coordinator

Joe Rounceville

Ushers

Alex Volker (5 pm)
Darin Krantz, Tim Goldman (10:15 am)

Altar Guild

Jennie McKinney (5 pm)
Marjorie Joelson, Marty Wells (10:15 am)

Offering Counters

Priscilla Dickinson, Larry Anderson

Vestry Representative

Mel Rambo

2nd OFFERING PARTNER

The Angel Tree & Faith + Food Fund



This year, we are adopting eleven families for whom we will purchase Christmas gifts. Our Angel Tree is set up in the Parish Hall with ornaments featuring the name of someone from one of the eleven families with suggestions for gifts that person would like to receive.

Our task is to choose an ornament, purchase gifts for that person, and bring them to church wrapped and labelled by December 14, when we will bless the gifts before delivering them to the families.

This ministry is a wonderful way of spreading Christmas cheer and being the hands and feet of Jesus in our community.

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

COMING UP

THE COMING WEEK

Monday, December 8

1 pm Casserole Baking
6:30 pm Scouts

Tuesday, December 9

6:30 pm EfM

Wednesday, December 10

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

Thursday, December 11

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

Friday, December 12

10 am BBB

Saturday, December 13

BISHOP'S VISITATION

9 am Centering Prayer
1:30 pm Sue Curley Memorial Service
5 pm Holy Eucharist

Sunday, December 14

BISHOP'S VISITATION

8:45 am Childcare Available
9 am Pageant Practice
9:15 am Christian Formation
10:15 am Holy Eucharist
10:15 am Children Living the Word
11:30 am Reception & Presentation by
Bishop Monnot



BISHOP'S VISITATION

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13 | SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14

We are excited to again welcome Bishop Monnot when she visits St. Timothy's on December 13 & 14. On Sunday the 14th, she will be on hand to celebrate confirmations, reaffirmations, and receptions to the Episcopal Church. Stick around after the Sunday service for a reception and presentation by the bishop: "How to Be a Prophetic Congregation." We hope you will join us!



CHRISTMAS FLOWER DELIVERY

DECEMBER 21 | FOLLOWING 10:15 AM SERVICE

As in past years, we will be delivering poinsettias to some of our parishioners 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.

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 Kelli Ruth at formation@sttimothyiowa.org

Pageant rehearsal schedule will be:

9-10 am | Sunday, December 14

9-10 am | Sunday, December 21

One weeknight rehearsal will be scheduled between December 15 & 19.



Check your [e-news](#) for a list of household supplies we'd like to collect for crafting and an opportunity to help us decorate!

NORTH POLE NIGHT OUT

DECEMBER 19 | 5-8 PM

Children ages 2 years old through 5th grade are invited to join us for a **North Pole Night Out**. Kids will enjoy dinner, hands-on holiday crafts, and a cozy Christmas movie to end the night.

Parents can drop off kids for a fun holiday celebration led by our pilgrimage youth and enjoy a breather for the evening! Suggested donation is \$25 per child or \$50 per family. Additional donations welcomed and appreciated. All proceeds will benefit our **2026 Faith and Democracy Pilgrimage**.

Register for the evening at: bit.ly/4rxGqfz

Donations can be made at the door or by visiting sttimothyiowa.org/donate/ and choosing **Youth Pilgrimage** on the dropdown menu.



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