

The 2nd Sunday after Christmas

A Service of Holy Eucharist

St. Timothy's
Episcopal Church

Saturday, January 3, 5 pm
Sunday, January 4, 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

Prelude

Welcome

Please stand as you are able.

Opening Hymn

We Three Kings

Hymnal 128

1 We three kings of O - ri - ent are, bear - ing
2 Born a King on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold 1
3 Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I: in - cense
4 Myrrh is minc; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a
5 Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and

1 gifts we tra - verse a - far, field and foun - tain,
2 bring to crown him a - gain, King for ev - er,
3 owns a De - i - ty nigh; prayer and prais - ing,
4 lifc of gath - er - ing gloom; sor - rowing, sigh - ing,
5 God and Sac - ri - fice; heaven sings al - le -

1 moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.
2 ceas - ing nev - er o - ver us all to reign.
3 glad - ly rais - ing, wor - ship him, God Most High.
4 bleed - ing, dy - ing, scaled in the stonc - cold tomb.
5 lu - ia: al - le - lu - ia the earth re - plies.

Refrain

O star of won - der, star of night,

star with roy - al beau - ty bright; west - ward lead - ing.

still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light!

Liturgical Greeting

Priest **Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Gloria

Angels We Have Heard on High

Hymnal 96, v. 1

*Angels we have heard on high, singing sweetly through the night,
and the mountains in reply echoing their brave delight.
Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Children Living the Word Commissioning

At this time, children ages 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 Reading

Jeremiah 31:7-14

Thus says the Lord:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,
and raise shouts for the chief of the
nations; proclaim, give praise, and say,
"Save, O Lord, your people,
the remnant of Israel."

See, I am going to bring them from the
land of the north, and gather them from
the farthest parts of the earth,
among them the blind and the lame, those
with child and those in labor, together;
a great company, they shall return here.

With weeping they shall come,
and with consolations I will lead them
back, I will let them walk by brooks of
water, in a straight path in which they shall
not stumble; for I have become a father to
Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

Hear the word of the Lord, O nations,
and declare it in the coastlands far away;
say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him, and
will keep him as a shepherd a flock."

For the Lord has ransomed Jacob, and has
redeemed him from hands too strong for him.

They shall come and sing aloud on the height of
Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness
of the Lord, over the grain, the wine, and the oil,
and over the young of the flock and the herd;
their life shall become like a watered garden,
and they shall never languish again.

Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance,
and the young men and the old shall be merry.

I will turn their mourning into joy,
I will comfort them, and give them gladness for
sorrow. I will give the priests their fill of fatness,
and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty,
says the Lord.

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

Psalm 84:1-8

1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts! *

My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

2 The sparrow has found her a house and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; *

by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! * **they will always be praising you.**

4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! * **whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.**

5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, * **for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.**

6 They will climb from height to height, * **and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.**

7 Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; * **hearken, O God of Jacob.**

8 Behold our defender, O God; * **and look upon the face of your Anointed.**

The Second Reading

Ephesians 1:3-6,15-19a

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe.

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

Please stand as you are able.

Gospel Hymn

Of the Father's Love Begotten

v. 1-2 before the Gospel; v. 3-4 following

Hymnal 82

1 Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten, ere the worlds be -
2 O that birth for ev - er bless - ed, when the Vir - gin,
3 Let the heights of heaven a - dore him; an - gel hosts, his
4 Christ, to thee with God the Fa - ther, and, O Ho - ly

gan to be, he is Al - pha and O - me - ga,
full of grace, by the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing,
prais - es sing; powers, do - min - ions, bow be - fore him,
Ghost, to thee, hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing,

he the source, the end - ing he, of the things that
bore the Sa - vior of our race; and the Babe, the
and ex - tol our God and King; let no tongue on
and un - wea - ried prais - es be; hon - or, glo - ry

are, that have been, and that fu - ture
world's Re - deem - er, first re - vealed his
earth be si - lent, ev - ery voice in
and do - min - ion, and e - ter - nal

years shall see, ev - er - more and ev - er - more!
sa - cred face, ev - er - more and ev - er - more!
con - cert ring, ev - er - more and ev - er - more!
vic - to - ry, ev - er - more and ev - er - more!

This hymn may be performed in equal note values: ♩ ♩ ♩

Words: Marcus Aurelius Clemens Prudentius (348-410?); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866) and Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877), alt. Music: *Divinum mysterium*, Sanctus trope, 11th cent.; adapt. *Piae Cantiones*, 1582; acc. Bruce Neswick (b. 1956).

Gospel

Matthew 2:13-23

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you Lord Christ.

Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.” Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, “Out of Egypt I have called my son.”

When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the magi, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the magi. Then what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled:

“A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation,
Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more.”

When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, “Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child’s life are dead.” Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, “He will be called a Nazarene.”

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

Sermon

“Jackboots at the Nativity”
The Rev. Kyle Carswell

Please stand as you are able.

The 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

Form VI

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble, especially Dorothy Wilson, David Jarvinen, Mary Perry, Emily Shea, Larry Shea, Deb Krueger, Susan Hutchins, Frank Harrison, and Michael Irving;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Sean our Presiding Bishop, and Betsey our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation:

For those in service to our country, especially Scott, Jack, Marshall, and Parker;

For those seeking ordination, especially Alex and Kate;

For our Re-Entry Partner Becca and her Re-Entry Team of Amy, Larry, Bill, and Jeanie;

For St. Peter's in Bettendorf, St. Alban's in Davenport, St. Mark's in Maquoketa, and St. Paul's in Durant, 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.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings

For those celebrating a birthday, especially Victor, Nicholas, Alan, LeAnn, Will, and Mike;

For those to be married, especially Katie & Ben;

For those celebrating an anniversary, especially Mary & Milton and Jo & John;

For those expecting a child, especially Sydney & Andrew;

For those welcoming baby Marley Jo to their family, especially Jessie, Andrew, and Teddy Marshall;

For our Ministry of the Month, Adult Formation; and

For our 2nd Offering Partner in January, the Faith & Democracy Youth Pilgrimage.

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

Leader and People

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Absolution

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.**

Announcements

Liturgy of the Table

Offertory Anthem

A Song in the Air, A Star in the Sky

arr. Gilpin

Please stand as you are able.

Doxology

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

Hymnal 107, v. 1

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 truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, 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

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power.
 Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love.
 You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Eucharistic Prayer D

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Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, 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

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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 Love came down at Christ-mas, love all love - ly, love di - vine;
 2 Wor - ship we the God - head, love in - car - nate, love di - vine;
 3 Love shall be our to - ken; love be yours and love be mine,

love was born at Christ - mas: star and an - gels gave the sign.
 wor - ship we our Je - sus, but where-with for sa - cred sign?
 love to God and neigh - bor, love for plea and gift and sign.

Words: Christina Rossetti (1830-1894), alt. Music: *Gartan*, melody from *Petrie Collection of Irish Melodies, Part II*, 1902; harm. David Evans (1874-1948). By permission of Oxford University Press.

Prayer after Communion

BCP 365

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

Closing Hymn**As with Gladness Men of Old****Hymnal 119**

1 As with glad - ness men of old did the guid-ing star be - hold;
2 As with joy - ful steps they sped to that low - ly man-ger - bed;
3 As they of - fered gifts most rare at that man-ger rude and bare;
4 Ho - ly Je - sus! ev - ery day keep us in the nar - row way;
5 In the heaven - ly coun - try bright, need they no cre - a - ted light;

1 as with joy they hailed its light, lead - ing on - ward, beam-ing bright;
2 there to bend the knee be - fore him whom heaven and earth a - dore;
3 so may we with ho - ly joy, pure and free from sin's al - loy,
4 and, when earth-ly things are past, bring our ran - somed souls at last
5 thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down:

1 so, most gra - cious Lord, may we ev - er - more be led to thee.
2 so may we with will - ing feet ev - er seek the mer - cy - seat.
3 all our cost - liest trea - sures bring, Christ! to thee, our heaven-ly King.
4 where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glo - ry hide.
5 there for ev - er may we sing al - le - lu - ias to our King.

Words: William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898). Music: *Dix*, melody Conrad Kocher (1786-1872); arr. William Henry Monk (1823-1889); harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906.

Dismissal

Deacon Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth bearing the light of Christ to everyone we meet.
People **We will with God's help. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Postlude

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

MINISTERS OF THE SERVICE

Presider/Preacher

The Rev. Kyle Carswell

Deacon

The Rev. Jeanie Smith

Acolytes

Mary McGill, Mason Pettit, Thomas Leemkuil

Chalice Bearers

Michael Irving (5 pm)

McB McManus, Lillie McManus (10:15 am)

Lector/Litanist

Alex Volker (5 pm)

Lexi Faber, Redgie McManus (10:15 am)

Ushers

OPEN (5 pm)

Matt Faber, Larry Shea (10:15 am)

Altar Guild

Jennie McKinney (5 pm)

Kelly Pettit, Lynn Pettit (10:15 am)

Offering Counters

Bill Smith, Ryan Pettit

Oblation Bearers

OPEN (5 pm)

Marty Wells, Paige Krantz (10:15 am)

Livestream Coordinator

Neil Guy

Vestry Representative

Jacob Nastruz (5 pm)

Maggie McGill (10:15 am)

2nd OFFERING PARTNER

Faith & Democracy Youth Pilgrimage

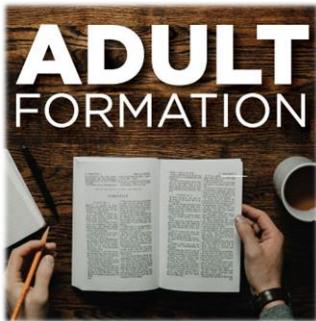


Youth currently in 6th grade or up are invited to join St. Timothy's Faith and Democracy Pilgrimage to Philadelphia and New York in summer 2026. With next summer marking the semi-quincentennial (250th anniversary) of the Declaration of Independence, it's the perfect time to explore the rich history of these cities and the role they played in both the founding of the country and the origins of the Episcopal Church. As the youth prepare and undertake their pilgrimage, they will explore topics like the intersection of faith and civic life at the country's founding and the role faith should play in a pluralistic democracy today.

Second Offering contributions this month will go to support the pilgrims in their fundraising for travel costs and scholarships for those who might need assistance to participate.

If you would like to help support this ministry financially, you can do so at: sttimothysiowa.org/donate

MINISTRY OF THE MONTH



Adult Formation

Adult Formation at St. Timothy's has been primarily centered on our Sunday morning Adult Forum and our Thursday morning Bible Study. Each of these has a different focus and can appeal to different audiences.

Adult Forum on Sunday mornings and Bible Study on Thursday mornings might be a great fit for you! We hope you will consider checking us out.

Please contact Jeanie to find out more about Adult Formation at: deacon@sttimothysiowa.org

COMING UP

THE COMING WEEK

Monday, January 5

6 pm Executive Team Meeting
6:30 pm Scouts

Tuesday, January 6

6:30 pm EfM

Wednesday, January 7

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

Thursday, January 8

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

Friday, January 9

10 am BBB

Saturday, January 10

9 am Centering Prayer
5 pm Holy Eucharist

Sunday, January 11

9 am Childcare Available
9:15 am Christian Formation
9:15 am Joppa Meal Prep
10:15 am Holy Eucharist
10:15 am Children Living the Word
11:30 am Coffee Hour

ST. TIMOTHY'S DAY & ANNUAL GATHERING

Sunday, January 25

St. Timothy's Day is our yearly chance to celebrate our patron saint and gather together as a parish to look back on the previous year and ahead to what's to come.

Following our service, there will be a potluck meal in the Parish Hall, reports from ministry leaders, and the election of our newest vestry members. We hope to see you there!

