

St. Timothy Presbyterian Church
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St. Timothy Mission Statement

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, our mission is to: seek God, follow Christ, serve and love our neighbor.

Worship is also available via Live Stream just before 10:30 am or later in the afternoon as a video. Just use this link for both options:
<https://video.sttimothyusa.org>

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service *December 24th, 2023 7:00 p.m.*

PRELUDE

INTROIT *Shepherds, Come Running*

OPENING SENTENCES Isaiah 9:2, 4-5, Luke 2:10-15

Good news of great joy!

People who walked in darkness now live in great light.

Good news of great joy!

Malice and hostilities will not have the last word.

Good news of great joy!

A Savior is born, who is the Messiah, the Lord. Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace!

*HYMN *How Great Our Joy* insert

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

The night we have long anticipated is here. We have patiently lit the candles of hope, peace, joy and love each week reflecting on how the light grows brighter the closer we draw to the Christ Child. May Emmanuel be born to us anew this night!

Alleluia! Glory to the newborn King!

The light has come, ready to surprise a family, ready to surprise the shepherds, ready to surprise the world. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. This is the light of the world, and the darkness cannot extinguish it.

Alleluia! Glory to the newborn King!

*Light the Christmas candles, now: Sing of donkey, sheep, and cow
Birthday candles for the King, let the alleluias ring
Candle, candle, burning bright, shining in the cold winter night
Candle, candle, burning bright, fill our hearts with Christmas light*

For a child has been born for us, a son is given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace!

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The Story of Christmas in Lessons and Carols



A Child is Born to Us

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 9:2, 6-7
 *HYMN *What Child Is This?* insert

Sing A New Song

SCRIPTURE Psalm 96:1-2, 10-13
 HYMN *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear (vs 1 & 4)* insert

Mary Gives Birth in Bethlehem

SCRIPTURE Luke 2:1-7
 SPECIAL MUSIC *Carol of the Shepherd Boy*

The Heavenly Host Praise God

SCRIPTURE Luke 2:8-14
 HYMN *Sing We Now of Christmas (vs 1,2 &3)* insert

The Shepherds Find the Christ

SCRIPTURE Luke 2:15-20
 HYMN *Go Tell it on the Mountain* insert

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER
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 debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF OUR CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING

Offertory *Lo, How a Rose E're Blooming*
 *Doxology #625
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication
Great God, accept these gifts we offer as we wait in hope for your coming again. Use all that we have and all that we are as you bring light in every darkness, ease heavy burdens, and turn our endless warring into your endless peace. In Christ's name, we ask it. Amen.

*HYMN *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* insert

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

We are so glad you are worshipping with St Timothy tonight! This evening we will be celebrating the Lord's Supper in the pews. The Supper is open to all who believe in the Lord Jesus or who have been baptized by the Holy Spirit.

The Invitation
 The Words of Institution
 The Prayer of Consecration
 The Bread
 The Cup
 The Prayer of Thanksgiving
Empower us by your Spirit, O God, to be Christ's presence in the world even as Jesus was God-with-us. Keep us faithful in your service until Christ comes in final victory and we shall feast with all your saints in the joy of your eternal realm. Amen.

THE SERVICE OF CANDLELIGHTING

The ushers will light the candles from the front to the rear. As the candles are being lit, we will sing the traditional Christmas hymn Silent Night, Holy Night. Please stand for the final verse. The candles will be extinguished following the Congregational Response.

HYMN *Silent Night, Holy Night*
Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin mother and Child.
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight.
Glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing alleluia;
Christ the Savior is born! Christ the Savior is born!

Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

May the Christ, who by his incarnation, gathered into one the things of heaven and earth, fill you with the sweetness of inward peace and goodwill, and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

Amen and Alleluia!

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Joy to the world!
The Lord is come, let earth receive her King!
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room,
And heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.
(Extinguish candles)

Poinsettias

Given in loving memory of

All loved ones passed away - Trish Abela
Marilyn Taulbee - Karlane & Richard Belaire
Otto Chanko - Helen Chanko
Our loved ones - Joni & Rick Dunn
Ture & Marge Johnson, George & Cora Nelson -
Matt Johnson
Our parents - Muriel & Ron Martin
Our parents - Bill & Marcy Shiels
Our parents - Lou & Jean Suveg
My Dad, Dean - Shelly Walldorff

Given in honor of

Our mothers, Geri Olko and Marj Robins - Dave &
Beth Olko
Grammy Kathy Sautter - The Sautter Family
Our children - Bill & Marcy Shiels

Given in thanksgiving for

Family and Friends - Margaret Barsch
Holiday Blessings - Norm & Paula Boegner
Children and grandchildren - Helen Chanko
Our four grandsons - Dennis & Linda Delezenne
Rick's knee surgery and our St. Timothy Family -
Joni & Rick Dunn
Our family and friends - Greg & Karen Kateff
Family - The Sautter Family

Helping lead Worship

PASTOR

Pastor Joel Puntigam

MUSIC

A talented group of artists!

GREETER

Dorothy Sanchez

ADVENT WREATH CANDLE LIGHTERS

Mike and Mary Baum, Ava Woodard

SCRIPTURE READERS

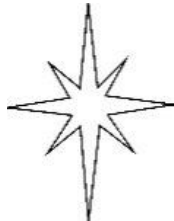
Ava Woodard, Karlane Belaire, Jillian Sautter,
Lexi Barsch and Mitchell Sautter

COMMUNION SERVERS

Tina Puntigam and Dennis Delezenne

SAFETY OFFICER

Lou Suveg



How Great Our Joy!

*While by the sheep we watched at night,
Glad tidings brought an angel bright.
How great our joy! Great our joy!
Joy, joy, joy, Joy, joy, joy!
Praise we the Lord in heav'n on high!
Praise we the Lord in heav'n on high!*

*There shall be born, so he did say,
In Bethlehem a Child today.
How great our joy! Great our joy!
Joy, joy, joy, Joy, joy, joy!
Praise we the Lord in heav'n on high!
Praise we the Lord in heav'n on high!*

*There shall the Child lie in a stall,
This Child who shall redeem us all
How great our joy! Great our joy!
Joy, joy, joy, Joy, joy, joy!
Praise we the Lord in heav'n on high!
Praise we the Lord in heav'n on high!*

*This gift of God we'll cherish well,
That ever joy our hearts shall fill.
How great our joy! Great our joy!
Joy, joy, joy, Joy, joy, joy!
Praise we the Lord in heav'n on high!
Praise we the Lord in heav'n on high!*

What Child Is This?

*What Child is this, who, laid to rest,
On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
While shepherds watch are keeping
This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,
The Babe, the Son of Mary.*

*Why lies He in such mean estate
Where ox and ass are feeding:
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here
The silent Word is pleading.
This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,
The Babe, the Son of Mary.*

*So bring Him incense, gold and myrrh,
Come, peasant, king, to own him;
The King of kings salvation brings,
Let loving hearts enthrone Him.
This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,
The Babe, the Son of Mary.*

It Came upon the Midnight Clear

*It came upon the midnight clear,
That glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth
To touch their harps of gold:
“Peace on the earth, good will to men,
From heav’n’s all gracious King”
The world is solemn stillness lay
To hear the angels sing.*

*For lo, the days are hast’ning on,
By prophets seen of old,
When with the ever-circling years
Shall come the time foretold,
When the new heav’n and earth
shall own The Prince of Peace their King,
And the whole world send back the song
Which now the angels sing.*

Sing We Now of Christmas

*Sing we now of Christmas, Noel sing we here!
Listen to our praises to the Babe so dear,
Sing we Noel, the King is born, Noel!
Sing we now of Christmas, sing we all Noel!*

*Shepherds on the hillside heard the angels sing:
Glory, honor, praises to the infant King
Sing we Noel, the King is born, Noel!
Sing we now of Christmas, sing we all Noel!*

*In the town they found Him; Son of Mary mild.
Sleeping in a manger was the Holy Child.
Sing we Noel, the King is born, Noel!
Sing we now of Christmas, sing we all Noel!*

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

*Go tell it on the mountain,
Over the hills and everywhere;
Go tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born*

*While shepherds kept their watching
O’er silent flocks by night,
Behold, throughout the heavens
There shone a holy light.
Go tell it on the mountain,
Over the hills and everywhere;
Go tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born*

*The shepherds feared and trembled
When, lo! Above the earth
Rang out the angel chorus
That hailed our Savior’s birth.
Go tell it on the mountain,
Over the hills and everywhere;
Go tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born*

*Down in a lowly manger,
The humble Christ was born
And God sent us salvation
That blessed Christmas morn
Go tell it on the mountain,
Over the hills and everywhere;
Go tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born*

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

*Hark! the herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!”
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
Join the triumph of the skies;
With th’angelic host proclaim,
“Christ is born in Bethlehem!”
Hark! the herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn King.”*

*Christ, by highest heav’n adored;
Christ, the ever-lasting Lord!
Late in time behold Him come,
Off-spring of the Virgin’s womb:
Veiled in flesh the God-head see;
Hail th’incarnate Deity,
Pleased as man with men to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! the herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn King.”*

*Hail the heav’n-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of Right-eous-ness!
Light and life to all He brings;
Ris’n with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by,
Born that men no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn King.”*