

A MOMENT FOR ILLUMINATION

Leader: Thy Word is a Lamp unto my feet, and a Light unto my path.

People: Thy Word is a Lamp unto my feet, and a Light unto my path.

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 61:10-11

SPECIAL MUSIC “From the Heart of God” Choplin

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN Kathey Turnbull

GOSPLE READING Luke 2:22-40

SERMON Pastor Joel and Tina
“Presented to the Lord”

HYMN “Gentle Mary Laid Her Child” see insert

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostle’s Creed
I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his only son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried, he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

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

Loving God, we give you thanks for the light of the world, Jesus Christ, through whom we have received adoption as your children. With Jesus as our brother, we dedicate ourselves in ministry to the world, that we may live as heirs of your promises to the honor and glory of your name. Amen.

CALL TO PRAYER

Day by day, day by day, O, dear Lord, three things I pray: To see Thee more clearly, Love Thee more dearly, Follow Thee more nearly, Day by day.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN “Joy to the World!” (vs 1,2,4) see insert

SENDING AND BENEDICTION

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

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come and behold Him, born the King of angels!
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord!*

POSTLUDE

**Feasting on the Word Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year B, Volume 1.*



**Sunday, December 31st
Following Along in Worship**

1. What is the best thing about Christmas?
 - a. The Messiah, God with us, has come
 - b. The presents! The presents! The presents!
 - c. Time with the family.

2. What was the topic of today's time with the children? Circle the correct one:
 - a. The Chosen is real
 - b. Best golf showdown: balls vs frisbees
 - c. The waiting is over!
 - d. Why ham is so delicious

3. Why is waiting so difficult? What makes waiting worth it?

4. Today, Pastor Joel and Tina will teach on Luke 2:22-40. Circle all that are true:
 - a. After 8 days, Joseph and Mary took Jesus:
 - i. Shopping for cute new clothes
 - ii. To the temple to be purified
 - b. At the Temple, they met:
 - i. Simeon, a righteous and devout man
 - ii. George, of the jungle
 - iii. Anna, a prophetess
 - iv. Santa, with reindeer
 - c. Both Simeon and Anna were moved by the Spirit when Jesus appeared!
 - d. They both knew that Jesus
 - i. Would be the all-time homerun champion of the world
 - ii. Would redeem the people of God

Serving in Worship This Morning

Greeter:	Patty Kreitmeyer
Ushers:	Liana Olko, Dave Olko
Worship Assistant:	Karlane Belaïre
Keyboard:	Paula Boegner
Technology:	Melanie Gumz
Safety Officer:	Ron Martin
Tellers:	Paula Boegner, Melanie Gumz
Fellowship Hour:	

Weekly Bible Studies

Adult Sunday Bible Study – *approximately 12:15 pm.*

We are doing a study in Room 14. All are welcome!

Zoom Bible Study – *see you on January 8, 2024*

We continue our study on the book of Job.

This is the link address to join: <https://study.sttimothycusa.org>

Zoom Bible Study – *Tuesday, 12:00 pm*

We are studying the book of Luke.

This is the link address to join: <https://study.sttimothycusa.org>

Adult Weekly Bible Study, Thursday – *see you on January 4*

Our study is on the passage that Pastor Joel will be preaching on January 7 – Mark 1:4-11.



Friendship Club Worship Service

January 17 at 11:00 am

Everyone is invited!

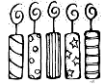


Chancel Flowers



In thanksgiving for our St. Timothy family during Christmas,
Carol Prevost

Celebrating



Birthdays:

January 2

Holly Sanchez

January 4

Pat Fahrner

Anniversary:

No anniversaries this week



Saturday, January 13 – Hope Clinic Bag Lunch Packing

Wednesday, January 17 – Friendship Club Worship



MISSION AND OUTREACH

Upcoming events:

Saturday, January 13th 9:00 AM - Hope Clinic Bag lunch packing – All invited, plus workers will be treated to a brunch as well. A sign-up sheet is on the board in Fellowship Hall.

January through February: Presbytery Toilet Paper Drive (Individually wrapped)

Church Weekly Schedule

Sunday	9:45 AM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
12/31	10:30 AM	<i>Family Worship</i>
Monday		New Year's Day
1/1		<i>Office Closed</i>
Tuesday	12:00 PM	Zoom Adult Bible Study
1/2		https://study.sttimothyPCUSA.org
	4:00 PM	<i>Worship Committee</i>
	5:15 PM	Faith Education
Wednesday	5:00 PM	Mission & Outreach
1/3	6:30 PM	<i>Session</i>
Thursday	9:30 AM	Thursday Morning Bible Study
1/4	11:30 AM	<i>Ladies Luncheon</i>
	5:55 PM	Handbell Rehearsal
	7:00 PM	<i>Chancel Choir Rehearsal</i>
	6:00 PM	Compassionate Friends
Friday	6:00 PM	Special Olympics Cheer
1/5		
Saturday	All Day	Kindred Spirits
1/6		
Sunday	9:45 AM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
1/7	10:30 AM	<i>Family Worship</i>
		https://video.sttimothypcusa.org
	11:30 AM	Fellowship Hour
	12:15 PM	<i>Adult Bible Study</i>



The Mission & Outreach Committee will be packing 100 lunches for Hope Clinic on Saturday, January 13th from 9 am-12 pm. Hope Clinic hands out about 500 lunches weekly. This is another opportunity for us to help those in need. Brunch will be served to the volunteers. Please sign up on the bulletin board in fellowship hall. You can also donate monetarily.

Angels We Have Heard on High

*Angels we have heard on high,
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply
Echo back their joyous strains.
Gloria in excelsis Deo,
Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

*Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
Say what may the tidings be,
Which inspire your heav'nly song?
Gloria in excelsis Deo,
Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

*Come to Bethlehem,
And see Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.
Gloria in excelsis Deo,
Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

*See within a manger laid Jesus,
Lord of heav'n and earth!
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,
With us sing our Savior's birth.
Gloria in excelsis Deo,
Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

Gentle Mary Laid Her Child

*Gentle Mary laid her child lowly in a manger;
there he lay, the undefiled, to the world a stranger.
Such a babe in such a place, can he be the Savior?
Ask the saved of all the race who have found his favor.*

*Angels sang about his birth; wise men sought and found him;
heaven's star shone brightly forth, glory all around him.
Shepherds saw the wondrous sight, heard the angels singing;
all the plains were lit that night; all the hills were ringing.
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*Gentle Mary laid her child lowly in a manger;
he is still the undefiled, but no more a stranger.
Son of God, of humble birth, beautiful the story;
praise his name in all the earth, hail the King of glory.*

Joy to the World!

*Joy to the world! the Lord is come;
Let earth receive her King;
Let every 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.*

*Joy to the earth! the Savior reigns;
Let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.*

*He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders, wonders of His love.*