

Preprinted Advent cover

Welcome!

PRELUDE

INTROIT

PASTORAL WELCOME

LIGHTING OF THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE: Joy

Today we light the candle of hope, the candle of peace, and the pink candle- the candle of joy. This candle is also known as the Mary candle.

Mary demonstrates for us the grace, humility, and determination of the woman who carried the Incarnate Joy of the world- Christ Jesus.

Mary reminds us that we too carry this same Joy in our lives.

As we light this candle of Joy, we remember the shared Incarnate Joy of Christ within us as we continue our journey of Advent.

As the Hope, Peace, and Joy candles are lit, the congregation is invited to sing the following:

Now we light the candle three,

Bringing Joy for all to see.

Joy that fills the world with light.

Joy that helps make all things right.

Praise be to the LORD, for he has heard my cry for mercy.

The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and he helps me. My heart leaps for joy, and with my song I praise him.

HYMN “Watchman, Tell Us of the Night” see insert

CALL TO CONFESSION

SILENT CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

In your presence, Holy God, we confess that we need repentance. We have broken your commands against idolatry. We do not live in peace with your creation or your people. We have not trusted your word, and we are afraid. Forgive us, restore us, and turn our shame into praise, for the sake of the One who proclaims the good news and for the sake of all the world. Amen.

***DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

In the name of Jesus, who lives and moves among us, all our sins have been forgiven. The Lord has taken away the judgments against us. Do not worry. Live joyfully.

Amen and Alleluia!

RESPONSE “Gloria Patri” # 623
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Allelu. Amen.

A MOMENT FOR ILLUMINATION

*Thy Word is a Lamp unto my feet, and a Light unto my path.
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GOSPEL READING: Luke 3:7-9

A TIME FOR GOD’S CHILDREN Karlane Belaire

SPECIAL MUSIC “Joseph’s Song” Michael Card

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 12:2-6

INTERACTIVE SERMON Pastor Joel Puntigam
 “The Goodness of Joy”

HYMN “First Song of Isaiah” 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:**

Gracious God, in gratitude for all that you have given us, we bring our tithes, offerings, and labor to help feed a world hungry for healing and hope; for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.

CALL TO PRAYER

Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send Your Spirit in this place; Lord, listen to Your children praying, Send us love, Send us pow’r, Send us grace.

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

Please step up to the microphone to make your announcement so everyone (including online guests) can hear what is being said.

HYMN “O Thou Joyful, O Thou Wonderful” 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

*Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.
Wait for the Lord; be strong; take heart!*

POSTLUDE

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

**Sunday, December 15th
Following Along in Worship**

1. Last week we learned that peace comes from the change that God does in us. What's something God has changed in you that has given you peace?
2. What gift can you give to God this year?
3. What was the Time for God's Children about today?
 - a. Hungry Hearts
 - b. God has more work to do in us
 - c. Christmas Tree Showdown: real vs artificial
4. Why is joy so important?
5. In the sermon, Pastor Joel and the congregation will interact with Isaiah 12:2-6. Circle all that are true about this passage:
 - a. Surely God is my salvation, so that means:
 - i. Tacos for everyone!
 - ii. I will trust and not be afraid!
 - b. Sing to the Lord, because:
 - i. I have a lovely singing voice
 - ii. He has done glorious things – gotta celebrate!
 - c. Who should sing and shout for joy?
 - i. Nobody
 - ii. Just a few, select people
 - iii. Everyone who has God in their midst!
 - d. Advent is a wonderful time for celebrate joy!

Serving in Worship

Greeter: Karlane Belaire
Ushers: Youth
Worship Assistant: Jillian Sautter
Advent Readers: Beth and Dave Olko
Soloist: Dave Olko
Keyboard: Linda Delezenne
Technology: Tina Puntigam
Safety Officer: Lou Suveg
Tellers: Paula Boegner, TBD
Fellowship Hour: Bring an appetizer

Weekly Bible Studies

The Big “?” Bible Study – Sunday at 12:30 pm

Question for this study: *Do miracles still happen?* All are welcome in Fellowship Hall.

Zoom Bible Study – Monday at 12:00 pm

We will be rotating between Psalms and the minor Prophets.

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

Zoom Bible Study – Tuesday at 1:00 pm

We are studying the book of Acts.

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Adult Weekly Bible Study – Thursday - 9:30 am

Our study is on the passage that Pastor Joel will be preaching on December 22 - Luke 1:46-55.



Chancel Flowers



Early birthday wish to my son Robert on December 25th,
Helen Chanko

Celebrating



Birthdays:

December 19

Joan Hixson

Anniversaries:

No anniversaries this month.

The 2025 Flower Chart is up on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. Lots of space is available for those special dates!



Faith Circle invites you to add a Christmas Card to the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. It is a nice way to share "season's greetings" with our church family and friends.

UPCOMING
EVENTS

Sunday, December 15 – Congregational Meeting

Tuesday, December 24 – Christmas Eve Service

Wednesday, December 25 – Moravian Love Feast

Saturday, December 28 – Puntigam Open House



Cookie Exchange! On Sunday, December 15th, bring 2 dozen of your favorite cookies or treats to exchange during

CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING

Today, December 15th – Congregational Meeting right after service to elect our leaders (Elders, Deacons and Officers) and approve Pastor Joel's Terms of Call.



Advent Devotionals and *table advent wreaths* are available on the table in the narthex.



**Christmas Morning
Moravian Love Feast Breakfast**

10:00 am

Please join us for a St. Timothy Family Christmas Celebration. We will read and listen to the Christmas Story. There will be opportunities for each of you to share your favorite personal story or a favorite poem.

We will also be singing some Christmas carols.

A light continental breakfast will be served – remember to bring your favorite mug.

Feel free to wear your pajamas!

Sign-up on the bulletin board in fellowship hall.



Community Opportunity Center (COC)
“Friendship Club Opportunities to Serve”

COC has a craft day on January 8 and they are looking for folks to help. Wednesday, January 8 at 10:00 am. (All craft days are on the first Wednesday of each month except for holidays.)

Questions? Please reach out to Mary or Dennis.



Properties Update

Well here we are two weeks till Christmas. How time flies.

- Thanks to all the volunteers who helped put the decorations up. Hoping it puts everyone in a festive mood.
- The property and building have been set up for the winter season.. The burning bushes have been covered.
- We are moving to complete a few building maintenance items such as installing a second hand rail in the sanctuary, updating some lighting and a few general repairs.

Hope everyone has a wonderful Christmas and New Year's.

Regards

Chris Korne.

Church Weekly Schedule

Sunday 12/15	9:45 AM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	10:30 AM	Family Worship
		https://video.sttimothyusa.org
	11:30 AM	Congregational Meeting
	After Worship	Fellowship Hour
	12:30 PM	Big "?" Bible Study
Monday 12/16	12:00 PM	Zoom Adult Bible Study
		https://study.sttimothyusa.org
	6:00 PM	Deacons
	6:00 PM	TOPS
Tuesday 12/17	6:45 & 8:15 AM	Prayer and Praise Call
		202-926-1029 - access code 235645
	9:00 AM	STARS
	1:00 PM	Zoom Adult Bible Study
		https://study.sttimothyusa.org
Wednesday 12/18		
Thursday 12/19	9:30 AM	Thursday Morning Bible Study
	5:55 PM	Handbell Rehearsal
	7:00 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Friday 12/20		
Saturday 12/21	8:00 AM	Men's Association Breakfast
Sunday 12/22	9:20 AM	Handbell Rehearsal
	9:45 AM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	10:30 AM	Family Worship
		https://video.sttimothyusa.org
	After Meeting	Fellowship Hour
	After Fellowship	The Big "?" Bible Study

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Watchman, Tell Us of the Night

*Watchman, tell us of the night, what its signs of promise are.
Traveler, what a wondrous sight: see that glory beaming star.
Watchman, does its beauteous ray news of joy or hope foretell?
Traveler, yes; it brings the day, promised day of Israel.*

*Watchman, tell us of the night; higher yet that star ascends.
Traveler, blessedness and light, peace and truth its course portends.
Watchman, will its beams alone gild the spot that gave them birth?
Traveler, ages are its own; see, it burst o'er all the earth.*

*Watchman, tell us of the night, for the morning seems to dawn.
Traveler, shadows take their flight; doubt and terror are withdrawn.
Watchman, you may go your way; hasten to your quiet home.
Traveler, we rejoice today; for Emmanuel has come!*

First Song of Isaiah

*Surely it is God who saves me;
I will trust in him and not be afraid,
For the Lord is my strong-hold and my sure defense,
and he will be my Savior.*

*Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing,
from the springs of salvation and on that day you shall say
Give thanks to the Lord, and call upon his name.*

*Surely it is God who saves me;
I will trust in him and not be afraid,
For the Lord is my strong-hold and my sure defense,
and he will be my Savior.*

*Make his deeds, known among the peoples:
See that they remember that the Lord is exalted.
Sing the praises of the Lord for he has done great things
and this is known in all the world.*

*Surely it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be afraid,
For the Lord is my strong-hold and my sure defense,
and he will be my savior.*

*Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion; ring out your joy,
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.*

*Surely it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be afraid,
For the Lord is my strong-hold and my sure defense,
and he will be my Savior.*

O Thou Joyful, O Thou Wonderful

*O thou joyful, O thou wonderful
Grace revealing Christmas tide!
Jesus came to win us
From all sin within us;
Glorify the holy Child!*

*O thou joyful, O thou wonderful
Love revealing Christmas tide!
Loud hosannas singing
And all praises bringing:
May Thy love with us abide!*

*O thou joyful, O thou wonderful
Peace revealing Christmas tide!
Darkness disappeareth,
God's own light now neareth:
Peace and joy to all be tide!*