

Preprinted Advent cover
12-29

Welcome!

PRELUDE

INTROIT

PASTORAL WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

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

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

Those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined.

The light shines in the darkness. And the darkness did not overcome it.

HYMN “O Little Town of Bethlehem” see insert

CALL TO CONFESSION

SILENT CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of wonder, you surround us with signs of your glory and surprise us with your presence, yet we often miss the marvels you place before us. Forgive our dullness and make us alert to the ways you make yourself known, that we might be witnesses to your good news and proclaim your extravagant love; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Isaiah foretold the good news that is now proclaimed to us: The Lord has comforted the people and redeemed Jerusalem. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

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 2:25-35

A TIME FOR GOD’S CHILDREN Tina Puntigam

SPECIAL MUSIC “Do You Hear What I Hear”
Regney, Shayne/Arr: Simeon

GOSPEL READING Luke 2:36-40

HYMN SING see insert

- The First Noel (Vs 1) Please stand if able
- Silent Night! Holy Night! (Vs 1 & 2)
- O Come, All Ye Faithful (Vs 1 & 2)
- O Holy Night! (Vs 3)
- Angels, from the Realms of Glory (Vs 1)
Please stand if able
- In the Bleak Midwinter (Vs 1 & 4)
- I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day (Vs 1,3,4 & 5)
- Angels We Have Heard on High (Vs 1 & 2)
Please stand if able

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:

On this glad new day for all the earth we are grateful for giving hearts made joyful in the gift of your Son. For you, O God, are generosity itself. Bless these gifts we offer to the benefit of those in need. Bless our lives in service of sharing your love in the world; through Jesus Christ we pray. 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 “Angels We Have Heard on High” see insert
(Verses 3)

SENDING AND BENEDICTION

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

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*Go tell it on the mountain, Over the hills and every-where;
Go, tell it on the mountain That Jesus Christ is born.*

POSTLUDE

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

**Sunday, December 29th
Following Along in Worship**

1. The four great themes of Advent were Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love. Which one do you need most in your life and how can God help you to get it?
2. We finally made it to the celebration of Christmastide! What's the best part of this time of year?
3. What was the Time for the Children about today?
 - a. Best gift ever: warm socks vs good coffee
 - b. Best Christmas smell: pine vs apple cinnamon
 - c. No seriously, best gift ever: Jesus!
4. How is Jesus the best gift ever?
5. There won't be a sermon this week. Instead, there will be a hymn sing. What's your favorite Christmas carol, and why is that so?

Serving in Worship

Greeter: Jean Chapp
Ushers: Liana Olko, Dave Olko
Keyboard: Paula Boegner
Soloist: Bob Taylor
Technology: Tina Puntigam
Safety Officer: Scott Gaines
Tellers: Paula Boegner, Kim Gaines
Fellowship Hour: Mary Baum & friends

Weekly Bible Studies

The Big “?” Bible Study – See you *Sunday January 12 at 12:30 pm*

Question for this study: *What about the death penalty – isn't it murder?* All are welcome in Fellowship Hall.

Zoom Bible Study – See you *January 6 - 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 – See you *January 7 - Tuesday at 1:00 pm*

We will begin a study of Leviticus.

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

Adult Weekly Bible Study – See you *Thursday - January 9 - 9:30 am*. Our study is on the passage that Pastor Joel will be preaching on January 12 - Luke 3:15-17, 21-22.



Chancel Flowers



Merry Christmas St. Timothy

Lou and Jean Suveg

Celebrating



Birthdays:

December 30

Anniversaries:

Scott Gaines

No anniversaries this month.



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.**



Beginning January 7, the Prayer and Praise Group will meet each Tuesday for **one** group call. Consider joining this prayer ministry at 7:30 am - 202-926-1029 - access code 235645.

Church Weekly Schedule

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| Sunday 12/22 | 9:20 AM | Handbell Rehearsal |
| | 9:45 AM | Chancel Choir Rehearsal |
| | 10:30 AM | Family Worship |
| | | https://video.sttimothypcusa.org |
| | After Worship | Fellowship Hour |
| | 12:30 PM | Big "?" Bible Study |
| Monday 12/23 | | - |
| Tuesday 12/24 | | Office Closed |
| | 7:00 PM | Christmas Eve Service |
| Wednesday 12/25 | | Merry Christmas |
| | 10:00 AM | Moravian Love Feast |
| Thursday 12/26 | | Office Closed |
| Friday 12/27 | | Office Closed |
| Saturday 12/28 | 4:00 PM | Puntigam Open House |
| Sunday 12/29 | 9:30 AM | Chancel Choir Rehearsal |
| | 10:30 AM | Family Worship |
| | | https://video.sttimothypcusa.org |
| | After Worship | Fellowship Hour |



O Little Town of Bethlehem

*O little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting Light;
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight.*

*For Christ is born of Mary,
And gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep
Their watch of wond'ring love.
O morning stars, together
Proclaim the holy birth!
And praises sing to God the King,
And peace to men on earth.*

*How silently, how silently
The wondrous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts
The blessings of His heav'n.
No ear may hear His coming,
But in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive Him still
The dear Christ enters in.*

*O holy Child of Bethlehem!
Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in;
Be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us,
Our Lord Emmanuel.
Amen*

The First Noel

*The first Noel, the angel did say,
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
Born is the King of Israel.*

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;
Chris the Savior is born!
Christ the Savior is born!*

O Come, All Ye Faithful

*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!*

*Sing choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
O sing, all ye bright hosts of heav'n above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest!
O come, let us adore Him, O come, Let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!*

O Holy Night!

*Truly He taught us to love one another;
His law is love and His gospel is peace,
Chains shall He break, for the slave is our brother,
And in His name all oppression shall cease.
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we,
Let all within us praise His holy name;
Christ is the Lord, Oh, praise His name forever!
His pow'r and glory evermore proclaim!
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Angels, from the Realms of Glory

*Angels, from the realms of glory,
Wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Ye who sang creation's story,
Now proclaim Messiah's birth:
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn King.*

In the Bleak Midwinter

*In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan;
earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;
snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,
in the bleak midwinter, long ago.*

*What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
if I were a wise man, I would do my part;
yet what I can I give him: give my heart.*

I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day

*I heard the bells on Christmas day
Their old familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet the words repeat
Of peace on earth, good will to men.
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*And in despair I bowed my head:
"There is no peace on earth," I said,
"For hate is strong, and mocks the song
Of peace on earth, good will to men."*

*Yet pealed the bells more loud and deep:
"God is not dead, nor doth He sleep;
The wrong shall fail, the right prevail,
With peace on earth, good will to men."*

*Then ringing, singing on its way,
The world revolved from night today –
A voice, a chime, a chant sublime
Of peace on earth, good will to men!*

Angels We Have Heard on High (Hymn Sing)

*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.*

Angels We Have Heard on High (final hymn)

*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.*