

Welcome!

PRELUDE

INTROIT

PASTORAL WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

John 1:9, 14

The Word became flesh and lived among us.

And we have seen his glory.

The true light that enlightens everyone has come into the world.

Glory to God who has blessed us in Christ. Glory to God forever.

HYMN

“O Splendor of God’s Glory Bright”

see insert

CALL TO CONFESSION

SILENT CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we confess that we are a distracted people and forgetful of your love. We make selfish choices, hurt each other, and perpetuate injustice in your world. We have sinned against you and repent of our disregard of you, each other, and your creation. By the power of your Spirit, forgive, restore, and strengthen us to live in your light and walk in your truth; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

As children of the Holy One, God forgives us and loves us eternally. By the power of God’s Spirit, forgive yourself and forgive others as God in Christ has forgiven you.

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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OLD TESTAMENT READING: Jeremiah 31:10-14

A TIME FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN Linda Houghtby

SPECIAL MUSIC "Where Is The Star?" Loonis McGlohon

GOSPLE READING Matthew 2:1-12

SERMON Greg Kateff
"Preparation, Celebration, and the AHA Moment"

HYMN "We Three Kings" 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:

Lord Jesus Christ, your goodness to us is beyond the reaches of our imagination, a fullness of love that embraces all of life. From you we have received grace upon grace. Accept our offering for the sake of the world. All that we have is yours, and all we return to you is but a reflection of your love for us. In Jesus' name we pray. 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

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

HYMN "Shine, Jesus, Shine" (Vs 1&3) 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

*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, January 5th
Following Along in Worship

1. As Christmastide rolls to an end with Epiphany, what are some of your favorite memories of Christmas this year?

2. Why does Christmastide end with Epiphany? What can we learn about the Magi?

3. What was the Time for the Children about today?
 - a. The whole universe declares the glory of God!
 - b. All I got for Christmas was this huge credit card bill
 - c. Let it snow? No!

4. How do you think the whole world points back to a loving Creator?

5. Today Greg is the guest preacher. List 3 things that you will take away from his message:

Serving in Worship

Greeter: Karen Kateff
Ushers: Kathey Turnbull, Chris Korne
Worship Assistant: Matt Johnson
Keyboard: Paula Boegner
Technology: Melanie Gumz
Safety Officer: Lou Suveg
Tellers: Paula Boegner, Bob Taylor
Fellowship Hour: Faith Education

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 – *Monday at 12:00 pm*

We will be rotating between Psalms and the minor Prophets.

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

Zoom Bible Study – *Tuesday at 1:00 pm*

We will begin a study of Leviticus.

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

Adult Weekly Bible Study - Thursday – *Thursday at 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



In gratitude for our St. Tim family,
Richard & Karlane Belaire



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

Celebrating



Birthdays:

January 8

Kim Gaines

January 9

Mike Baum

Anniversaries:

No anniversaries this month



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.



Community Opportunity Center (COC)
"Friendship Club Opportunities to Serve"

- I. COC has a craft day in January 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.)

Questions? Please reach out to Mary.

Church Weekly Schedule

Sunday	9:40 AM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
1/5	10:30 AM	Family Worship
		https://video.sttimothyPCUSA.org
	11:30 PM	Fellowship Hour
Monday	12:00 PM	Zoom Adult Bible Study
1/6		https://study.sttimothyPCUSA.org
	6:00 PM	Finance
	6:00 PM	TOPS
Tuesday	7:30 AM	Prayer and Praise Call
1/7		202-926-1029 - access code 235645
	9:00 AM	STARS
	1:00 PM	Zoom Adult Bible Study
		https://study.sttimothyPCUSA.org
Wednesday	5:00 PM	Mission & Outreach
1/8	6:30 PM	Session
Thursday	9:30 AM	Thursday Morning Bible Study
1/9	5:55 PM	Handbell Rehearsal
	7:00 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
1/10		
1/11	All Day	Quilting Guild
Sunday	9:20 AM	Handbell Choir Rehearsal
1/12	9:45 AM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	10:30 AM	Family Worship
		https://video.sttimothyPCUSA.org
	11:30 AM	Fellowship Hour
	12:15 PM	After Worship Bible Study

A BIG SHOUT OUT TO THE STARS!

You are the best! I made a request; you showed me some options. The next thing I know, there is a handrail to the pulpit! Some more consultation occurred, and there is the other, matching handrail! Again, YOU ARE THE BEST!
Thank you! Sue Zabell

O Splendor of God's Glory Bright

*O Splendor of God's glory bright,
from light eternal bringing light;
O Light of Light, light's living spring,
true Day, all days illumining:*

*Come, Holy Sun of heavenly love,
rain down your radiance from above,
and to our inward hearts
convey the Holy Spirit's cloudless ray.*

*O joyful be the passing day
with thoughts as clear as morning's ray,
with faith like noontide shining bright,
our souls unshadowed by the night.*

*O Lord, with each returning morn,
your image to our heart is born;
O may we ever clearly view our
Savior and our God in you.*

We Three Kings

*We three kings of Orient are: Bearing gifts we traverse afar—
Field and fountain, moor and mountain—Following yonder star.
O star of wonder, star of night, Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding, Guide us to thy perfect light.*

*Born a King on Bethlehem's plain: Gold I bring to crown Him
again, King forever, ceasing never Over us all to reign.
O star of wonder, star of night, Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding, Guide us to thy perfect light.*

*Frankincense to offer have I: Incense owns a Deith nigh; Prayer
and praising, all men are raising, Worship Him, God on high.
O star of wonder, star of night, Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding, Guide us to thy perfect light.
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*Myrrh is mine: its bitter perfume Breathes a life of gathering
gloom—Sorr'wing, sighing, bleeding, dying, Sealed in the stone-
cold tomb.*

*O star of wonder, star of night, Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding, Guide us to thy perfect light.*

*Glorious now behold Him arise: King and God and Sacrifice;
Alleluia, Alleluia! Earth to heav'n replies.
O star of wonder, star of night, Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding, Guide us to thy perfect light.*

Shine, Jesus, Shine

*Lord, the light of your love is shining,
in the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us;
set us free by the truth you now bring us.
Shine on me; shine on me.
Shine, Jesus, shine; fill this land with the Father's glory.
Blaze, Spirit, blaze; set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river flow; flood the nations with grace and mercy.
Send forth your word, Lord and let there be light.*

*As we gaze on your kingly brightness,
so our faces display your likeness;
ever changing from glory to glory,
mirrored here may our lives tell your story.
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BIO-Greg Kateff

January 5, 2025

It has been said that people are born with a dominant personality. But the good Lord blessed me with two of these, one for work and one for play. At work I dress in a suit and tie and work with an analytical and serious purpose in my financial advisory practice. I trained for this task having attained my BBA from the University of Michigan, CPA certification, MBA from the University of Detroit, Securities Series 7 License and credentialed as a Personal Financial Specialist. Outside of work, at play, I've been "Elvis" for the Friendship Club, a Miracle League baseball announcer, a campfire guitar player-singer, a "Poppa" keeping pace with our 7-and 9-year-old grandkids, and a cheerleader for just about any kind of social activity. The special gift God gave me is the gift of **ENTHUSIASM!** My personal motto is "when you work, work hard, and when you play, play hard". My faith walk began in high school but really took off from the day I met Karen. She was much younger, but much more mature in her faith, and just about everything else. God put us together in a one in a million-chance meeting more than 50 years ago. She is truly the helper God said every man needs! Our family started attending St. Timothy in 1989. Through the years I've served as an Elder, Deacon, led Strategic Planning, sung in the choir, and taught new members classes. Personal blessings that immediately come to mind are, Karen, our son, Chris, and his family, wonderful parents (now home to glory), close personal friends, good health, and our St. Timothy family. It is my privilege to deliver this week's message, entitled, **"Preparation, Celebration & The AHA Moment"**.