

# St. Thomas Reformed Church

Founded in 1660



**December 26, 2021**

**Service 10 am**

*All are welcome in the name  
of our Lord, Jesus Christ*

# First Sunday After Christmas Day

*The liturgical color today is white in celebration of the birth of our Savior!*

## “ We Gather In God’s Presence...”

### Greeting and Ministry Updates

#### Call to Worship

#### ‘Child in the Manger’

*McDonald*

*(Tune: Morning Has Broken)*

Child in the manger, infant of Mary;  
Outcast and stranger, Lord of all;  
Child who inherits all our transgressions,  
All our demerits on Him fall.

Once the most holy Child of salvation  
Gently and lowly lived below;  
Now as our glorious mighty Redeemer,  
See Him victorious o'er each foe.

Prophets foretold Him, infant of wonder;  
Angels behold Him on His throne;  
Worthy our Savior of all our praises;  
Happy forever are His own.

#### Prayer

#### Candle of Hope

#### “Do You Hear What I Hear?”

*Shayne/Regney*

Ensemble

#### Candle of Peace

#### ‘Hark the Herald Angels Sing’

*Mendelssohn*

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 the 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 everlasting Lord  
Late in time behold Him come, Offspring of a virgin's womb  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see, Hail the incarnate Deity  
Pleased with us in flesh to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel  
Hark! The herald angels sing, Glory to the newborn King!

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace, Hail the Son of Righteousness  
Light and life to all He brings, Risen with healing in His wings  
Mild He lays His glory by, Born that we no more may die  
Born to raise us from the earth, Born to give us second birth  
Hark! The herald angels sing, Glory to the newborn King!

Candle of Joy                    “Sing We Now of Christmas”  
  “*Noel Nouvelet*”                    *Traditional French Carol*  
  Ensemble

Candle of Love                ‘Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming’                    *Praetorius*

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming, From tender stem hath sprung!  
Of Jesse's lineage coming, As men of old have sung  
It came, a flow'ret bright, Amid the cold of winter  
When half spent was the light.

Isaiah 'twas foretold it, The rose I have in mind,  
With Mary we behold it, The Virgin Mother kind.  
To show God's love aright, She bore to us a Savior,  
When half spent was the night.

This flow'r, whose fragrance tender, With sweetness fills the air,  
Dispels with glorious splendor, The darkness ev'ry where.  
True man, yet very God, From sin and death He saves us,  
And lightens ev'ry load.

Children's Message            “Away in a Manger”                    *Christmas Carol*

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed  
The little Lord Jesus lay down His sweet head  
The stars in the sky looking down where He lay  
The little Lord Jesus asleep in the hay

The cattle are lowing the Baby awakes  
But little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes  
I love Thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky  
And stay by my cradle 'till morning is nigh

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask Thee to stay  
Close by me forever and love me I pray  
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care  
And take us to heaven and live with thee there

## And Respond With Gratitude...

### Offering

#### Offertory

Widmar

**“Silent Night”** *arr. Russell Schulz-*

Ensemble

#### Christ Candle

Skardze

**‘Infant Holy, Infant Lowly’**

Infant holy, infant lowly, for his bed a cattle stall;  
Oxen lowing, little knowing, Christ the babe is Lord of all.  
Swiftly winging angels singing, bells are ringing, tidings bringing:  
Christ the child is Lord of all! Christ the child is Lord of all!

Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping vigil till the morning new  
Saw the glory, heard the story, tidings of a gospel true.  
Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow, praises voicing, greet the morrow:  
Christ the child was born for you! Christ the child was born for you

### Pastoral Prayer & the Lord’s Prayer

#### Song

**“Christmas Hallelujah”**

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If you are new to STRC, **WELCOME!** Please take a moment to fill out our digital connect card at <https://strchurch.org/im-new>

Rehearsals for **YouthSong** resume **Saturday, January 8th**, at 4 p.m.; the **Children's Choir** will resume after worship on **Sunday, January 9th**.

The **Wednesday Fellowship Night** will start again on **January 12, 2022!**

**Bathrooms** for the congregation's use are in the Undercroft and inside the gate going to Bakery Square.

**STRC Church APP available!** Includes the morning bulletin and scripture passages. Download free and follow STRC on your smartphone! Also, you may send your prayer requests directly to Pastor Jeff!

**This year's live Christmas Tree is given in loving memory of Daniel, Neisha and Tyler Yannone.**



## GIVING THANKS:

### Leading Worship Today:

<b>Ministers:</b>	All of us viewing together
<b>Liturgist:</b>	Maggie James
<b>Greeter:</b>	Edye Ciaccia
<b>Guitar:</b>	James Anderson, James Cobb, Pastor Ben Rowe
<b>Vocals:</b>	Pastor Jeff Neevel, Andrew & Sara Neevel, Emily Rowe
<b>AV:</b>	James Anderson, James Cobb, Andrea King, Dave Whitter



**Thank you to all** for making our Christmas Eve Service  
a joyous celebration of the  
birth of our Savior Jesus the Christ.

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