

St. Thomas
Reformed Church



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IS AN ACT OF FAITH.



historic faith. present love. future hope.

We Welcome One and All

In the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ!

October 12, 2025

10:00 am

St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands

Founded 1660

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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Luke 17:5-10; Jeremiah 29:1,4-7; 2 Timothy 2:8-15
2 Kings 5:1-3,7-15c; Psalm 66:1-12; Psalm 111

"WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE..."

Gathering Music

(Please take time to prepare for worship and silence electronic devices)

Welcome and Ministry Updates

Call to Worship **From Psalm 100**

***Song** **"Total Praise"**
See insert

***God's Greeting**

***Mutual Greeting**

(During this time students in grades 2-9 are invited to exit through the front right door to attend Everyday Disciples Sunday School classes.)

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession #571 in Chalice Hymnal

Words of Assurance and Hope From Ephesians 2:4-10

Litany of Ministry #451 in Chalice Hymnal

***Worship Songs "In the Sanctuary"**

We lift our hands in the sanctuary
We lift our hands to give You the glory
We lift our hands to give You the praise
And we will praise You for the rest of our days
Yes, we will praise You for the rest of our days

We clap our hands in the Sanctuary
We clap our hands to give You the glory
We clap our hands to give You the praise
And we will praise You for the rest of our days
Yes, we will praise You for the rest of our days

We sing our song in the Sanctuary
We sing our song to give You the glory
We sing our song to give You the praise
And we will praise You for the rest of our days
Yes, we will praise You for the rest of our days

Chorus

Jesus, we give You the praise
Emmanuel, we lift up Your name
Heavenly Father, coming Messiah
And we will praise You for the rest of our days
Yes, we will praise You for the rest of our days

Hallelujah in the Sanctuary
Hallelujah, we give You the glory
Hallelujah, we give You the praise
And we will praise You for the rest of our days
Yes, we will praise You for the rest of our days

Chorus

Ending Yes!

Yes, Lord, for the rest of our days

(repeat as led)

And we will praise You for the rest of our days!

"How Great Is Our God/How Great Thou Art" Medley

Verse 1

The splendor of the King
Clothed in Majesty
Let all the earth rejoice
Let all the earth rejoice
He wraps Himself in light
And darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice
And trembles at His voice

Chorus

How great is our God
Sing with me, how great is our God
And all will see how great
How great is our God

Verse 2

Age to age, He stands
And time is in His hands
Beginning and the end
Beginning and the end

The Godhead, three in one
Father, Spirit, Son
The Lion and the Lamb
The lion and the Lamb

Chorus

Name above all names
Worthy of all praise
My heart will sing, how great is our God

Then sings my soul,
My Savior God, to Thee;
How great Thou art,
How great Thou art!

Repeat

How great is our God
Sing with me, how great is our God
And all will see how great
How great is our God!

...TO HEAR GOD'S WORDS...

*Prayer

Scripture **Luke 17:11-19 (NRSVUE)**

11 On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. 12 As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, 13 they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" 14 When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. 15 Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. 16 He prostrated himself at Jesus's feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. 17 Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine? 18 Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?" 19 Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

Message **"Gratitude and Faith"** Pastor Nate DeWard

...AND RESPOND WITH GRATITUDE"

Prayers of the People & Offertory Prayer

Offering

(We give our gifts, tithes and offerings as an expression of gratitude for all of God's blessings. Giving "mites" are available at the church entrance for anyone who gives online and desires to join in the act of giving here today. Online giving is available at www.strchurch.org/give)

Offertory Music **"Doxology"** by Tommy Walker

*Closing Song

"Doxology"

by Tommy Walker

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise Him, all creatures here below

Praise Him, above ye heavenly hosts.

Praise Father and the Son

Praise Father and the Son

Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost.

(repeat)

Praise God

From whom all blessings flow

(repeat as led)

Praise Father and the Son

Praise Father and the Son

Praise Father Son and holy ghost.

A-men!

*Benediction

Announcements:

Guest Musician- We welcome **CJ Grier** as our Worship Leader for the duration of Chanelle Schaffer's sabbatical.

Sunday School Update:

We are excited to welcome Sheree` Haubrich as STRC's new Discipleship Coordinator. Our new Everyday Disciples program for 2nd-9th grade students begins **TODAY! During service, students will be dismissed through the rear door leading to the pavilion during the greeting portion to join their classes.** Please ensure your child is registered and checked in through the Church Center app before service begins. **Children and Worship meets the entire hour at the Bakery Square Worship Center.**

Worship Request

CJ Grier is asking musicians and vocalists (teen - adults) to get in touch with him if you would like to play or sing on Sundays. His number is 616-886-4758. CJ will ask you what you play or what you sing. Rehearsals are typically Thursday nights.

CJ Grier is asking children - 8th grade to join the children's choir for rehearsal in the music suite after the worship service to prepare for singing on November 2.

Next Sunday is Birthday Sunday! If your birthday month is in October please bring a **SALAD** to share as we celebrate October birthdays!

Consistory and Pastoral Search Committee Update:

At our congregational meeting on Sunday, November 16, immediately following the worship service. We will discuss 1) STRC finances 2) The pastoral search process, and 3) the 2026 Ministry Plan and priorities. Last week, Rev. Rebecca Broom read the following update at our worship service:

The Pastoral Search Committee is hard at work, and we are excited to share a vital next step in our journey together. Finding our next pastor is not just our work—it's the work of the whole congregation, and we need your voice and your story to make this process successful.

Here's What We've Been Doing

We've prayerfully crafted a comprehensive Church Profile—a document that serves as a mirror of who we are and a window into where we believe God is leading us. This profile is what we share with prospective candidates. The Church Profile is a reflection of our collective identity, and now it's time to use your voice in our search process.

First, we invite you to participate in a special fellowship event called **"Your Story, Our Story."** This 90-minute fellowship event is designed to increase congregational awareness and "ownership" of the Church Profile and the search process itself. The evening will be a powerful time of small-group conversation. We'll start by reviewing key sections of the Church Profile and the overall search process. Then, we'll move into small groups to reflect on conversation-starter questions that connect your personal experiences to the key sections of the Church Profile.

This is your chance to share your defining memories of St. Thomas Reformed, talk about a ministry that impacted you, and articulate your hopes for our future and our next leader. Your stories are invaluable to us. They will help us better articulate our unique identity and vision to potential candidates, informing our decisions every step of the way.

Second, if you use social media, we will ask you to share about this pastoral opportunity with STRC. Please go to our church website and familiarize yourself with our pastoral search page. We will send out details about how you can promote our search process online.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support.

GIVING THANKS

Leading Worship Today:

Ministers:	All of us worshipping together
Preaching:	Pastor Nate DeWard
Music:	CJ Grier-piano, James Anderson-guitar & Ryan Diehl-drums,
Singers:	S'Naiah Abraham, Chanel Boschulte, Andrea DeWard, CJ Grier, Sharee` Haubrich Amber Knight, Michele Mattie, Ariel Stoltz Lori Thompson & Yolanda Thorpe
AV/Livestream:	James Anderson, James Cobb, Sinai Crenshaw & Dave Whitter
Greeters:	Gordon Chisholm & Amy Wagner

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