



SHOUT
FOR JOY
TO THE
LORD,
ALL THE
EARTH.

PSALM 98:4

historic faith. present love. future hope.

We Welcome One and All

In the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ!

November 16, 2025

10:00 am

St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands

Founded 1660

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**Luke 21:5-19; Psalm 98; Isaiah 65:17-25; Isaiah 12;
Malachi 4:1-2a; 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13**

Gathering Music

Welcome | Ministry Updates

NETTLETON

Refrain

Bring the hopes of every nation
Bring the art of every race
Weave a song of peace and justice
Let it sound through time and space (*refrain*)

Prayer For STRC Ministries of Outreach and Mercy

Children's Dismissal

During the next song, we will release children, second through ninth grade. C&W are in class the entire hour.

Song 'Sing of the Lord's Goodness'

Sands

Sing of the Lord's goodness
Wellspring of all wisdom
Come to God and bless God's name
Mercy God has shown us
God's love is forever
Faithful to the end of days

Chorus:

Come then, all you nations
Sing of your Lord's goodness
Melodies of praise and thanks to God
Ring out the Lord's glory
Praise God with your music
Worship God and bless God's name

Power God has wielded
Honor is God's garment
Risen from the snares of death
God's word has been spoken,
One bread has been broken,
New life God now gives to all (*chorus*)

Courage in our darkness
Comfort in our sorrow
Spirit of our God most high
Solace for the weary
Pardon for the sinner
Splendor of the living God (*chorus*)

Praise God with your singing,
Praise God with the trumpet,
Praise God with the lute and harp;
Praise God with the cymbals,
Praise God with your dancing,
Praise God till the end of days (*chorus*)

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

Message

"Sing to the Lord a New Song!"

Pastor Nate DeWard

...AND RESPOND WITH GRATITUDE"**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 strchurch.org/give or Scan this QR code.

**Offertory****"Holy Forever"**

Tomlin et al.

A thousand generations falling down in worship
To sing the song of ages to the Lamb
And all who've gone before us
And all who will believe
Will sing the song of ages to the Lamb
Your name is the highest
Your name is the greatest
Your name stands above them all
All thrones and dominions
All powers and positions
Your name stands above them all
And the angels cry, "Holy"
All creation cries, "Holy"
You are lifted high, holy, holy forever
If you've been forgiven and if you've been redeemed
Sing the song forever to the Lamb
If you walk in freedom and if you bear His name
Sing the song forever to the Lamb
We'll sing the song forever and amen
Hear Your people sing, "Holy"
To the King of Kings, "Holy"
You will always be Holy, Holy forever

*Doxology

Prayer for Leadership and Direction of STRC

*Closing Song 'We Are In God'

Perkins

I am in you, and you are in me, and we are in God

I am in you, and you are in me, and we are in God

I am in you; you are in me; we are in God

*Benediction

Announcements:

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

The Hebrew Congregation of St. Thomas and STRC will be holding the 53rd annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service on Friday, November 21st @6 p.m.--the service will be held at the synagogue, and all are invited. To attend the post-service dinner, please **register online** or RSVP by email to Chanelle at music@stthomasreformedchurch.org, or use the sign-up sheet in the back of the Sanctuary. **The deadline to sign up for dinner is today, Sunday November 19th.** STRC members are asked to provide desserts.

XYG Relaunch — Tuesday, November 18 at 6:00 PM

XYG is kicking off again—welcoming our youth to be real, be present, and become everything God is shaping them to be. All students in grades 7–12 are invited to join us in the sanctuary for food, fellowship, and a fresh beginning. Parents, please encourage your youth to come be part of this ministry! We can't wait to see you there!

Pastoral Search Committee Update~SAVE THE DATE:

The Search Committee is hosting another fellowship potluck on **Saturday, 11/22/25**. The purpose will be to share stories of what STRC means to you as we engage the Church Profile that is being shared with applicants for our Senior Pastor position. There is a sign-up sheet in back of Sanctuary and also on the Church Center App.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!~All women are welcome to our Bringing in the Advent Season **Christmas party on November 29, 2025 at 4 PM to 8PM** at Drs. Sidney and Ruth Watson Comissioning's home. Sign up in the back of the church if you are coming and what dish you might bring. No exchange of gifts this year please. Free will offering this year to a non-profit. Contact CJ Oleari~340 513-0722 or Billie Hodges~ 340 514-2623

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

STRC & Gylchris Sprauve are presenting our **5th Annual Christmas Concert in the Sanctuary at 6 pm on Sunday, December 7th**, featuring a live orchestra and the Virgin Islands Children's Christmas Choir! Volunteers are needed to help with set-up, refreshments, break-down and more--if you are able to help, please contact Chanelle and/or add your name and area of interest to the sign-up sheet in the back of the Sanctuary.

Musicians Needed-- If you play an instrument and would like to share your gifts, there's a place for you in the Music Ministry! All instruments and levels are welcome and encouraged to participate. Please reach out to Chanelle to arrange a time to meet and make music!

Christmas Pageant

STRC's Annual Christmas Pageant takes place during worship on Sunday 12/14, featuring a cast of 20, combined choirs, a 3-piece band, and a multitude of helpers backstage. If you're interested in being a part of this beloved STRC tradition, as a cast member, singer, or backstage volunteer, contact Chanelle.

Join the STRC Christmas Choir!

If you love Christmas music, why not join the Christmas choir? All are welcome to participate in the upcoming schedule of rehearsals, services, and special events. **NO PREVIOUS CHORAL EXPERIENCE IS NECESSARY--** the only requirement is the ability to match pitch and the desire to make a joyful noise! For more info, contact Chanelle--or simply come to choir rehearsal any Thursday evening at 6 p.m. / Saturday morning at 10 a.m. in the Music Room.

Next Sunday is Birthday Sunday! If your birthday month is November please bring any kind of pie (can be pizza or pie shaped) to share as we celebrate November birthdays! Happy Thanksgiving!

Dear Church Family ~ We are joining Salvation Army in the opening of a new Food Pantry at Winston Raymo. Opportunities to assist include food drives, volunteering at the Food Pantry and food & monetary donations. Donations may be made on-line or during Sunday Offerings; please remember to **designate for "Food"**. Nonperishable food items such as canned meat, peanut butter, and cereal are needed. A flyer with additional needed items is in the weekly update email blast. For any questions, please contact Mission and Outreach Team or Donna Groat. Thank you!

Jamaica Support & Relief ~ Please join us as we provide prayer and support for Jamaica. We are partnering with Rotary of St Thomas and RCA Global Missions to provide for humanitarian needs and start the road to recovery. Donations can be made on-line or in Sunday offering. Please make sure to **designate for "Jamaica"**.



For any questions, please contact the Mission & Outreach Team or Gordon Chisholm or Donna Groat.

SUMMER CAMP 2025 EVALUATION Parents, we'd love your feedback! Please complete the Summer Camp 2025 Evaluation by scanning the QR code or picking up a paper copy at the back of the church. Return all forms to Sheree` Haubrich. Thank you for helping us continue to grow and serve our campers with excellence!



SMALL GROUPS ARE COMING BACK TO STRC! We're preparing to launch new Small Groups in January 2026 — spaces to grow in faith, build community, and walk together in discipleship. We'd love your input! Please complete our Small Groups Interest Survey to help us shape the groups that best serve our church family. Scan the QR code in this bulletin to fill out the survey online or complete the paper copy (found in the rear of the church) and return it to Sheree` Haubrich after service.



Church Center App

Please stay up on STRC events, news, and signups. Download the Church Center App for your mobile device or tablet on iOS or Android. We are now updating this regularly for our church calendar and discipleship ministries.



Our Condolences - This week, Norman Heyne Jr. died peacefully in hospice care, surrounded by the love of his family. Norm and his wife, Doreen, were longtime members of St Thomas Reformed. Memorial plans are pending.

GIVING THANKS

Leading Worship Today:

Ministers:	All of us worshiping together
Preaching:	Pastor Nate DeWard
Music:	Chanelle Schaffer, Majestik Estrada-Petersen, Shereé Haubrich, Michele Mattie, Diana Ray, Phoebe Smith-Charles, Bill & Lori Thompson and Yolanda Thorpe
Percussion:	Abby Horvath
Greeters:	Gordon Chisholm, Faith Kennington and Amy Wagner
AV/Livestream:	James Anderson, James Cobb, Lyra Rosenthal & Dave Whitter

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