



AND IN THIS PLACE
I WILL GIVE PEACE.

HAGGAI 2 : 9

historic faith. present love. future hope.

We Welcome One and All

In the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ!

November 9, 2025

10:00 am

St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands

Founded 1660

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TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Luke 20:27-38; Psalm 17:1-9; Job 19:23-27a;
Haggai 1:15b-2:9; 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5,13-17

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

Gathering Music

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

Welcome | Ministry Updates

Song

"Way Maker"

Egbu

You are here, moving in our midst
I worship You, I worship You
You are here, working in this place
I worship You, I worship You

Way maker, miracle worker, promise keeper
Light in the darkness, my God
That is who You are

You are here, touching every heart
I worship You, I worship You
You are here, healing every heart
I worship You, I worship You

You are here, turning lives around
I worship You, I worship You
You are here, mending every heart
I worship You, I worship You

Way maker, miracle worker, promise keeper
Light in the darkness, my God
That is who You are

Even when I don't see it, You're working
Even when I don't feel it, You're working
You never stop, You never stop working
You never stop, You never stop working

Call to Worship

Prayer

Children's Dismissal

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

***Hymn 'God, We Sing Your Glorious Praises'**

HYMN TO JOY

God, we sing your glorious praises
As we tell your awesome deeds
You have fashioned all creation
And you meet each creature's needs
We rejoice in how your people
Tasted your great faithfulness
Graced through every generation
We your mighty acts profess

We remember, God, your covenant,
Which extends from heaven to earth
How Christ's death and resurrection
Conquers sin, renews our birth
Thank you for this gospel message
Which inspires your church to preach
Grace to every generation
In our deeds and in our speech

Fueled by power from your Spirit
We commit ourselves anew
To be faithful to your gospel
In the daily work we do
We will shout your glorious praises,
Telling all who have not heard
Grace for every generation
Is embodied in your Word

Call to Confession

Songs of Confession 'Just As I Am'
'Standin' In the Need of Prayer' Bradbury
Spiritual

Just as I am, without one plea
But that Thy love was giv'n to me
And that Thou bid'st me come to Thee
O Lamb of God, I come, I come

It's me, it's me, O Lord
Standin' in the need of prayer (2x)

Not my brother, not my sister
But it's me, O Lord, standin' in the need of prayer (2x)

Poem of Assurance "Sent" Garnaas-Holmes

Response 'God Is On Our Side' Crouch

We live in troubled times
Seems like the sun won't shine
When will we realize
God is on our side

You hide us in Your arms
Protecting us from harm
It's good to realize
God is on our side

Nothing can separate
God gives us strength today
All that this world may bring
God is on our side

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

Scripture Haggai 2:1-9 (NRSV) Pastor Nate

1 in the seventh month, on the twenty-first day of the month, the word of the Lord came by the prophet Haggai, saying: 2 "Speak now to Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and to the remnant of the people, and say: 3 Who is left

among you who saw this house in its former glory? How does it look to you now? Is it not in your sight as nothing? 4 Yet now take courage, O Zerubbabel, says the Lord; take courage, O Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest; take courage, all you people of the land, says the Lord; work, for I am with you, says the Lord of hosts, 5 according to the promise that I made you when you came out of Egypt. My spirit abides among you; do not fear. 6 For thus says the Lord of hosts: Once again, in a little while, I will shake the heavens and the earth and the sea and the dry land, 7 and I will shake all the nations, so that the treasure of all nations will come, and I will fill this house with splendor, says the Lord of hosts. 8 The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, says the Lord of hosts. 9 The latter splendor of this house shall be greater than the former, says the Lord of hosts, and in this place I will give prosperity, says the Lord of hosts."

Sermon "Take Courage, For I Am With You"

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 "We've Come This Far By Faith"

Goodson

Phoebe Smith-Charles, soloist

We've come this far by faith, leaning on the Lord
Trusting in God's holy Word; God's never failed me yet
Oh, can't turn around, we've come this far by faith
Don't be discouraged when trouble's in your life
God bears your burdens and moves all misery and strife
Just remember the good things God has done
Things that seemed impossible
Praise God for the victories we have won

*Doxology

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

*Song #560 'Leaning on the Everlasting Arms'

Hoffman/Showalter

*Benediction

Announcements:

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.

Children's Choir will rehearse this morning in the Music Room after worship/Sunday School. All children ages 4 - 12 are welcome as we begin preparing for the Advent/Christmas season!

Christmas Concert ~ STRC & Gylchris Sprauve will present the **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 --if you are able to help, please contact Chanelle and/or add your name to the sign-up sheet in the back of the Sanctuary.

Worship Request Chanelle is asking musicians and vocalists (teen - adults) to get in touch with her if you would like to play or sing on Sundays. Chanelle will ask you what you play or what you sing. Rehearsals are typically Thursday nights.

Worship Team Meeting

The Worship Planning Team will meet next Saturday, November 15th, at 1:30 p.m. in the Pavilion to begin planning for upcoming services and events including Thanksgiving and Advent. New members are always welcome: join us as we work to enrich worship services with artistic elements including music, dance, drama, spoken word, and the visual arts, exploring the many ways in which the creative & performing arts can be used to enhance and deepen the experience of worship. For more info, contact Chanelle at music@stthomasreformedchurch.org

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 Comissiong'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

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.

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.



GIVING THANKS

Leading Worship Today:

Ministers: All of us worshipping together
Preaching: Pastor Nate DeWard
Music: Chanelle Schaffer, Phoebe Smith-Charles & the STRC Adult Choir
Greeters: Melissa Borosdi and Kara Magnuson
AV/Livestream: James Anderson, James Cobb, Lyra Rosenthal & Dave Whitter

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