

St. Thomas Reformed Church
St. Thomas, U. S. Virgin Islands
Founded 1660



January 2, 2022

We Welcome One and All
In the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ!

Sunday 10:00 a.m.

Second Sunday of Advent

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

“We Gather In God’s Presence...”

Gathering Music

Greeting and Ministry Opportunities

Introit

“Here I Am to Worship”

Hughes

Light of the world
You stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes, let me see
Beauty that made
This heart adore You
Hope of a life spent with You

Chorus:

So here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me

King of all days
Oh, so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above
Humbly You came
To the earth You created
All for love's sake became poor (*chorus*)

Call to Worship

Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth!

AMEN!

The joy of the Lord, the very Word of God as one of us, be with you all.

And also with you.

In the beginning the Word already was, and the Word was with God and the Word was God.

And the Word became human flesh and lived among us, full of grace and truth. Hallelujah & Amen!

Prayer

*Hymn

'Arise, Your Light Is Come!'

FESTAL SONG

E A D A D B7 E

1 A - rise, your light is come! The Spir - it's call o - bey; show
2 A - rise, your light is come! Fling wide the pris - on door; pro -
3 A - rise, your light is come! All you in sor - row born, bind
4 A - rise, your light is come! The moun - tains burst in song! Rise

A D Bm E D Esus E7 A

forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day.
claim the cap - tives' lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the poor.
up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
up like ea - gles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Most holy God, we can fool others sometimes, we can fool ourselves often, but we can never fool you. There is not a word on our tongue or a thought in our head, but you know it altogether. Please pity our foolish stunts and correct us, pity our willful sinfulness and redeem us. Confront us with your incarnate Word: Surround us with it, capture us with it, enthrall us with it, wrap us up in it and reshape our lives by it. In the name of Christ Jesus, we pray...

Response

'Change My Heart, O God'

Espinosa

Change my heart, O God
Make it ever true
Change my heart, O God
May I be like You

Chorus:
You are the potter
I am the clay
Mold me and make me
This is what I pray

Change our hearts, O God
Teach us how to live
Change our minds, O God
Help us to forgive (*chorus*)

Words of Assurance and Hope

Children's Message

***Hymn**

'Renew Me, O Eternal Light'

O WALY WALY

Renew me, O Eternal Light
And let my heart and soul be bright
Illumined with the light of grace
That issues from Your holy face

Create in me a new heart, Lord
That, gladly, I obey Your Word
Let what You will be my desire
And with new life my soul inspire

Grant that I only You may love
And seek those things which are above
Till I behold You face to face
O Light Eternal, through Your grace

... To Hear God's Word...

Scripture

John 1:1-18

Message

"Infecting the Whole World!"

Pastor Jeff Neevel

And Respond With Gratitude...

Offering

(You are invited to put your gifts in the box by the front sanctuary door.
Online giving is also available at www.strciving.org.)

Offertory

“Hope of the Broken World”

Cartee/Riddle

In the beginning, into the darkness
The Spirit's moving upon the waters
You spoke the words, “Let there be light”
And out of the chaos came the promise
The universe rose and applauded
When You commanded the newborn sun to rise

Chorus:

You are the Dayspring; You are the Morning Star
Creation's splendor speaks of who You are
You are salvation; You are the joy of the earth
Restoration comes, the hope of the broken world

Into my weakness, into my darkness
Your Spirit's moving upon my heart
And You speak the words “Let there be light”
Into my chaos comes Your promise
The new is rising, the old has passed on
You are reviving and making all things right (*chorus*)

Arise, shine, the glory of the Lord is risen!
Restoration comes
The hope of the broken world

*Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!**

***Profession of Faith**

Apostle's Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

A Celebration of Communion

(All who profess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are welcome to share communion. Please pick up a communion cup and bread as you enter the Sanctuary.)

***Thanksgiving After Communion**

The Lord's Prayer

M. Miller



*Benediction

GIVING THANKS:

Leading Worship Today:

Ministers:	All of us viewing together
Preaching:	Pastor Jeff Neevel
Greeter:	Kim Dennis
Music:	Chanelle Schaffer
AV Team:	James Anderson, James Cobb, Andrea King, Dave Whitter

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

Bathrooms for the congregation's use are in the Undercroft.

Lectionary Scripture Readings

Isaiah 43:1-7; Psalm 29; Acts 8:14-17, Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

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