

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



November 21, 2021

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

Service 10:00 am

Christ the King Sunday

The liturgical color today is green representing the mission of the church!

“We Gather In God’s Presence...”

Greeting and Ministry Updates

Call to Worship *(from Psalm 24)*

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

Amen!

Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors!
That the King of glory may come in.

We lift our hearts in worship; Come, O eternal King

Who is the King of glory?

The Lord, strong and mighty,

The Lord, mighty in battle.

We lift our hearts in worship; Come, O empowering King

Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors!
That the King of glory may come in.

We lift our hearts in worship; Come, O redeemer King

Who is this King of glory?

The Lord of hosts, He is the King of glory.

We lift our hearts in worship; Come, O Christ our King

Introit

“Creator King”

MacLean

Grace King

You, who made the mountains and the sea
Measured out the universe
And You made me
Echoes of the voice that called worlds to be
Reached through the ages and now speak to me
You're my Creator King

You have made the valleys and the skies
Displayed Your love on far horizons
And before my eyes
You Who lit the stars and set the dawn in time
Called them all by name, and now You whisper mine
You're my Creator King

Chorus

And who am I, that You are mindful of me?
And who am I, that You set Your love on me?
You're my Creator King

You, who made the darkness and the light
Sun and moon to watch the day
And guard my night
A hand that stretched the heavens like a canopy
Reaches down to cover and watch over me
You're my Creator King (*chorus*)

Prayer

*Hymn #234

‘Crown Him with Many Crowns’

DIADEMATA

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Loving God, on this day we celebrate Christ as King, yet we fail to let Him reign in our lives, our thoughts and deeds. We spout vain words of worship, honor and adoration, while in God's name we conquer, imposing injustice over others. "To God be the glory" we say, and "Christ be our sovereign," but we lash out in anger when others do not do as we say. Lord, we have wronged You. Forgive us, we have sinned. Help us to begin again, to love again, to live again the faith we espouse, and to espouse the faith that we live until our lives once again point the way to You, the Prince of Peace. Hear our prayer O Lord...

Response

‘Forgive Our Sins’

Schaffer/Herklot

Forgive our sins, as we forgive
You taught us, Lord, to pray
But You alone can grant us grace
To live the words we say

Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls
And bid resentment cease
Then bound to all in bonds of love
Our lives will spread Your peace

Words of Assurance and Hope

Celebration

‘Days of Elijah’

Mark

These are the days of Elijah
Declaring the Word of the Lord
And these are the days of Your servant, Moses
Righteousness being restored
And though these are days of great trials
Of famine and darkness and sword
Still we are the voice in the desert crying
Prepare ye the way of the Lord

Chorus

Behold He comes, riding on the clouds
Shining like the sun, at the trumpet call
So lift your voice; it's the year of Jubilee
And out of Zion's hill, salvation comes

These are the days of Ezekiel
The dry bones becoming as flesh
And these are the days of Your servant, David
Rebuilding a temple of praise
And these are the days of the harvest
The fields are as white in the world
And we are the laborers in Your vineyard
Declaring the Word of the Lord (*chorus*)

There is no god like Jehovah
There is no god like Jehovah (*chorus*)

Children's Message

Hymn

‘Shout to the Lord’

Zschech

My Jesus, my Savior
Lord, there is none like You
All of my days, I want to praise
The wonders of Your mighty love
My comfort, my shelter
Tower of refuge and strength
Let every breath, all that I am
Never cease to worship You

Chorus

**Shout to the Lord; all the earth, let us sing
Power and majesty, praise to the King
Mountains bow down, and the seas will roar
At the sound of Your name
I sing for joy at the work of Your hands
Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You**

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

Scripture

Revelation 1:4b-8

Message

"God's Got This!"

Pastor Jeff Neevel

And Respond With Gratitude...

Offering

(You are invited to bring your gifts to the altar and place them in the offering plates or in the box by the front sanctuary door. Online giving is also available at www.strcgiving.org.)

Offertory

"Somewhere Over the Rainbow"

Harburg/Arlen

Emily Rowe

When all the world is a hopeless jumble
And the raindrops tumble all around
Heaven opens a magic lane
When all the clouds darken up the skyway
There's a rainbow highway to be found
Leading from your window pane
To a place behind the sun
Just a step beyond the rain

Somewhere over the rainbow, way up high,
There's a land that I heard of once in a lullaby
Somewhere over the rainbow, skies are blue
And the dreams that you dare to dream
Really do come true

Someday I'll wish upon a star
And wake up where the clouds are far behind me
Where troubles melt like lemon drops
Away above the chimney tops
That's where you'll find me

Somewhere over the rainbow, bluebirds fly
Birds fly over the rainbow; why then, oh why can't I?
If happy little bluebirds fly beyond the rainbow
Why, oh why, can't I?

***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!**

Pastoral Prayer & the Lord's Prayer

***Hymn # 699**

'Rejoice, the Lord is King!'

DARWALL'S 148th

***Benediction**

GIVING THANKS:

Leading Worship Today:

Ministers:	All of us joining together
Preaching:	Pastor Jeff Neevel
Liturgist:	Pastor Ben Rowe
Music:	Chanelle Schaffer
Singers:	Lori Abbotts, William Howe, Grace King, Andrea Lee, Emily Rowe, Phoebe Smith-Charles, Yolanda Thorpe, Ty and Bonnie Troutman
Dancers:	Rev. Rebecca Broom, Camille McKayle-Stolz, Amber Knight
Musicians:	D. J. Parson, Dion Parson, Steve Richman
Live Stream Team:	James Anderson, James Cobb, Andrea King, Lucy Sutton, Dave Whitter

A warm welcome to our visitors. You are invited to complete the visitor registration forms on the back table. Please then put them in the offering plate.

XYG Parent Meeting Today

There will be an XYG parent meeting following worship in the Retreat Center. We will be meeting to discuss the missions trip next year.

Christmas Eve Service

Reserve your spot for our Christmas Eve service at www.strchurch.org/silentnight. Seating will be limited and restricted to those who sign up so make sure you secure your seats today!

Wednesday Night Fellowship

We will not have our Wednesday Church Night on November 24. We will resume on December 1. If you're interested or would like to help volunteer, please contact Pastor Ben (pastorben@strchurch.org)

New Members!

It is with great joy that we will welcome eight **new members** during worship on December 5.

Scott & Kiki Burnley

Kenny & Susannah Covert

Pastor Ben & Emily Rowe

John & Joy Townsend

2022 Inquirer's Class

Another class will be forming and meeting in late January/February of 2022. If you are interested in learning more about the Reformed Church and membership through baptism and confession of faith, you may sign up at www.strchurch.org.

SAVE THE DATE

Join us on Sunday December 12 at 6:00 pm for an orchestral **Christmas Concert** at STRC featuring Gylchris Sprauve and friends.

Lectionary Scripture Readings

Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalm 25:1-10

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13; Luke 21:25-36

Join the STRC Christmas Choir!

Advent Season will soon be upon us; if you love Christmas music, why not join the Christmas Choir! All who are available are welcome to participate in the full schedule of rehearsals, services, and special events. No previous experience is necessary--the only requirement is the ability to match pitch. If you'd love to sing but can't make a full-time commitment--that's fine! We welcome volunteers throughout the months of November & December, for one or more events. If you're interested, please contact Chanelle at music@stthomasreformedchurch.org

Children's Choir & YouthSong are back!

Both our Children's Choir (ages 3 to 12) and YouthSong, our choir for teens (ages 13 & up), will resume regular rehearsals beginning this week. Children's Choir will meet Sunday mornings after worship from 11:30 a.m. to noon. YouthSong rehearses Saturdays from 4 to 5 p.m. We have some wonderful Christmas material to start with, and I know that we all look forward to hearing our young people's voices in worship again soon! For more info, please contact Chanelle--all are welcome!

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