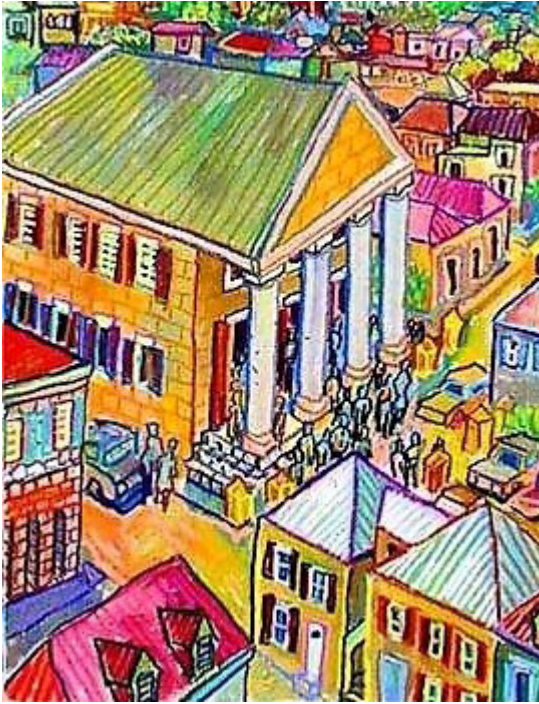


St. Thomas Reformed Church



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

Sept 2, 2018

All are Welcome
In the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ

Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

The liturgical color today is green representing the growth and mission of the Church!

“ We Gather In God’s Presence...”

Prelude Music

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

Greeting and Ministry Updates

Call to Worship

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

Amen!

Be still and know that God is.

God was, also, in the beginning.

And when all human striving has ceased, God will still be.

From everlasting to everlasting, God is God, and alone is worthy to be praised.

Prayer

Hymn # 65

“A Mighty Fortress”

EIN’ FESTE BURG

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

O Lord, hear our prayer. Forgive us when we hear your words but fail to live them out. Forgive us when our anger roars like a flooded creek, but our forgiveness drips like a rusty faucet. Forgive us when our impetuous tongues rush to judgment, while our words of hope sound like a sluggish soundtrack. Father of Lights, may your mercy fall on us like a summer shower on parched grass; may your hope overflow our hearts; may your Beloved Child, Jesus Christ, speak to us and call us to new life. O Lord, hear or prayer...

Response # 305

“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”

MEDEMA

Words of Assurance and Hope

Listen and understand - the voice of God speaks to us, implanting the word of hope, the word of grace, and the word of forgiveness into our hearts.

We listen and understand. Every gift comes from God, especially the gifts of mercy and love.

Thanks be to God, we are forgiven.

We will live as a forgiven people. Amen.

***A Statement of Faith # 359** The Apostle's Creed

Children's Message

***Hymn # 49** "From All That Dwell Below the Skies" *LASST UNS ERFREUEN*
(Children under the age of 10 are excused to Activity time.)

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

Scripture James 1:17-27

P 1100

Message "Unstained"

...And Respond with Gratitude

Offering

Offertory

*Doxology

A Celebration of Communion

(All who profess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are welcome at the table. Beginning with the back pews, you are invited to come forward using the side aisles, break off a piece of bread and dip your bread into the cup. Then return to your seat using the center aisle.)

*Thanksgiving after Communion

*The Lord's Prayer

(The congregation is invited to stand, join hands and sing)

*Benediction

*Organ Postlude

CALENDAR

TODAY	9:00 - 9:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:20 a.m.	Café in the Pavilion Communion and Sunday Worship Activity Time
Tues., Sept 4	11:30 - 1:00 p.m.	Salvation Army Lunch
Sat., Sept 8	11:00 - 2:30 p.m.	Bethlehem House Lunch
Sun., Sept 9	9:00 - 9:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:20 a.m.	Café in the Pavilion Sunday Worship Activity Time

CLASSIFIED CORNER

Director of Operations: The Saint Thomas Reformed Church is seeking a Director of Operations to manage facilities, staffing, payroll, and other daily operational functions. Ideal candidate will have experience in leading a team of individuals, managing daily business operations, and negotiating contracts, with a knowledge of general accounting practices. Prior managerial experience required. Degree preferred. Candidates should submit a resume and cover letter to Pastor Jeffrey Neevel, St. Thomas Reformed Church, P.O. Box 301769, St. Thomas, VI 00803-1769.

LPCC Staff needed: The after school program at the Long Path Community Center is in search of a positive minded adult to work with at-risk youth for the upcoming school year. Monday through Friday, 3 to 6:15 pm. Must be hands on, physically fit and a proactive problem solver. The ideal candidate is expected to follow lesson plans and lead small group activities with the children, as well as oversee large group play/sports. Please contact Lucy or Noel at strcatlpcc@gmail.com for more information.

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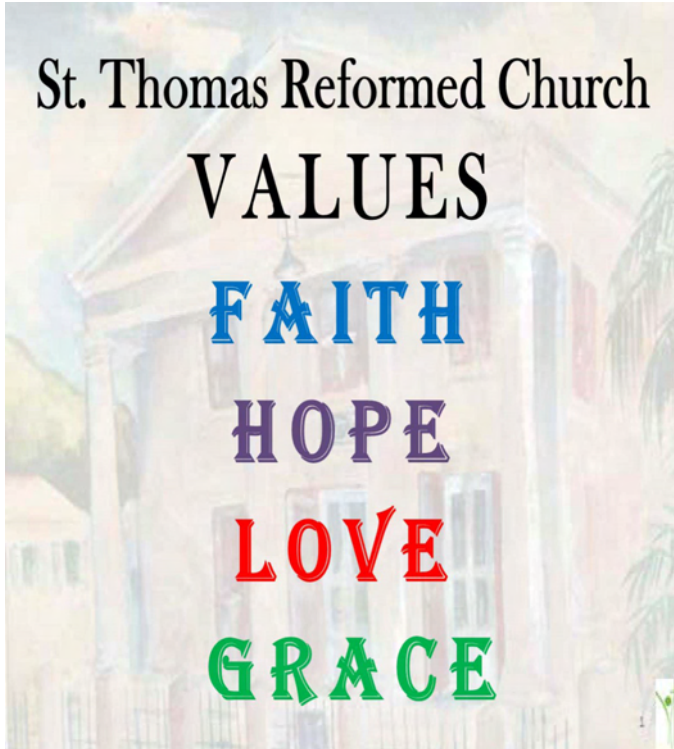
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St. Thomas Reformed Church Vision

A church and faith community dedicated to loving God by inviting others into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ; and by serving one another.



GIVING THANKS:

Leading Worship Today:

Ministers:	All the people of the church
Preaching:	Pastor Jeff Neevel
Music:	Courtney Reese, organ
Greeters:	Matt and Cy Stocking
Ushers:	Joel Comissiong and David Haddow
Audio:	Steve Marsella and Henry Ong

Today Pastor Jeff begins a **5-week sermon series** focusing on the book of James and the living out of the St Thomas Reformed Church's Vision, Values and Mission.

Activity Time will continue for a few more weeks. Volunteers are needed for each Sunday to spend some quality, faith-filled fun time with the children of our church (*age 10 and under*) during worship. Lesson plans and activities are already planned and will be sent to you! **Thank you to** our Activity time leader for today: Deborah Merrill.

STRC ENDOWMENT: Where there is a Will there is a way to be an angel for our St. Thomas Reformed Church. Please remember our STRC endowment in your Will. Your attorney can add a simple inexpensive amendment (codicil) to your existing Will.

Prison Ministry– If you would like to be involved in our prison ministry, visiting and leading Bible studies every Monday night at 6pm in the local jail, please contact Gabriel Villegas (gjvillegas@yahoo.com) or Dave Haddow (davidjhaddow@yahoo.com).

PRAYER REQUESTS THIS WEEK*:

- ◆ Students and teachers returning to school
- ◆ Hannah Upp missing since Irmaria (*please check out a new GoFundMe page created to assist in the search for Hannah*)
<https://www.gofundme.com/findhannahupp>
- ◆ Benjamin Salas
- ◆ Alison and Dave (friends of Steve and Robin Marsella)
- ◆ Prison Ministry

*If you would like prayers added to our Sunday prayer list please contact Pastor Jeff at mail@stthomsreformedchurch.org or call the church office at 340-776-8255.

STRC Church APP available! Includes the morning bulletin and scripture passages. Download free and follow STRC on your smartphone! Also, send your prayer requests directly to Pastor Jeff!

Hurricane Preparedness Kits: A team is forming to create hurricane preparedness kits for our church family and neighbors. There are several types of jobs to be filled, including preparedness education, supply transportation, kit packing, and distribution. For more information contact **Robin Marsella** (610-597-8312, robin@robinandsteve.com) or **Beth Benta** (215-450-3297, bethbenta@gmail.com). Let's all pray that the kits will not be needed this season. Thank you.

The nursery located in the Bakery Square annex is open to children 3 years and under.