

St. Thomas Reformed Church



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

Jan 13, 2019

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

First Sunday after the Epiphany

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

“ 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!

God spoke through the prophet, “Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.”

God calls us by name, we belong to God.

“When you pass through the waters”

God will be with us.

“When you pass through the rivers”

God will be with us.

“When you walk through the fire”

God will be with us.

God is our Savior, we are precious in God’s sight.

Come let us worship our Savior, who leads us into life.

Introit

“Bless the Lord”

Taizé

Prayer

Hymn # 25

‘Praise to the Lord, the Almighty’

LOBE DEN HERREN

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our needs before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, forgive us our sins, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Call us into new life, a life that is lived in the promise of Your love for the whole world. Amen.

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I cry out for your hand of mer-cy to heal me.

G C Em D D/C C
I am weak; I need your love to free me. O

G/B C G/B C
Lord, my rock, my strength in weak-ness, come

Em Bm7 C2 1 2
res - cue me, O Lord. You are my

D G/B C Dsus D/F# G
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sire is to fol - low you for - ev - er. For you are

C G/B Am7 G D/F# D
good, for you are good, for you are good to me. For you are

C G/B Am7 G D
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Words of Assurance and Hope

Sunday School Teacher Commissioning

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

Scripture

Isaiah 43:1-7

P 658

Message

“God Loves Me?”

Rev. Fred Northup

...And Respond with Gratitude

Offering

Offertory

“Not Afraid”

Lopez

*Doxology

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

***Hymn # 618**

‘How Firm a Foundation’

FOUNDATION

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

...Depart in peace



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Sunday School Teacher Commissioning

Sunday School classes have begun! Students will meet each Sunday in the back of the Sanctuary at 9:15 and will be taken to their respective classrooms. At the end of the session they will be walked to the Sanctuary prior to the start of the Worship Service so they can sit with their families.

A service to celebrate the life of Simone Liverpool Antoine was rescheduled and will now take place this **Wednesday**, January 16, 2019. The viewing will be from 9 to 10 and the service from 10 to 11 a.m., with the burial to follow at the Smith Bay Cemetery.

Thank you to everyone who came out to play and support XYG at last Sunday's Alumni kickball game! The Alumni's Won! Next Sunday is the **XYG Bake Sale and Barbecue** after worship! All proceeds benefit the spring mission trip to the Dominican Republic.

Scripture Readings this week

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

Bathrooms are in the Undercroft and inside the gate going to Bakery Square.

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

MARBLE COLLEGIATE CHURCH WOMEN'S RETREAT

Title/Theme: "Finding Grace in the Wilderness: God as Our Guide"

Scripture Reference: "I have led you forty years in the wilderness; your clothes have not worn out on you, and your sandal has not worn out on your foot." -- Deuteronomy 29:5

Dates: Friday evening to Sunday Noon, March 22-24, 2019

Location: America's Keswick (www.americakeswick.org)*

Facilitators: Rev. Julie Johnson Staples (keynote speaker); Rev. J. Elise Brown (workshop facilitator); Ms. Nina Frost (workshop facilitator); Rev. Barbara Crafton (spiritual director); Chanelle Schaffer (music ministry)

**Marble has invited women from STRC and offered to cover the costs of room and board (meals) for the days of the retreat plus transportation to and from retreat. You would be responsible for travel to/from NY.*

Please contact Pastor Jeff if you are interested. There are flyers with more information on the back table. Please take one.

CALENDAR

TODAY	9:00 - 9:45 a.m. 9:15 - 9:55 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:20 a.m. After service 11:30 - noon	Café in the Pavilion Sunday School (Various rooms on campus) Sunday Worship Senior High Session (Conference Room) Birthday Sunday Celebration Children's Choir Rehearsal
Tues., Jan 15	11:30 - 1:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Salvation Army Lunch Consistory Meeting (Parsonage)
Wed., Jan 16	9:00 - 11:00 a.m.	Viewing and Service for Simone L Antoine
Thurs., Jan 17	6:00 - 7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal (MR)
Fri., Jan 18	6:00 p.m.	MLK Service and Reception (Synagogue)
Sat., Jan 19	11:00 - 2:30 p.m.	Bethlehem House Lunch
Sun., Jan 20	9:00 - 9:45 a.m. 9:15 - 9:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m. After Service	Café in the Pavilion Sunday School Sunday Worship XYG BBQ/Bake Sale (Pavilion)

Birthday Sunday is today! Please join us in the Kelbert Pavilion after the service so we can all enjoy treats with our January celebrants.

Congratulations to Gregory L. Christian, son of Adam and Vicky Christian. He was selected by the VI Montessori School and Peter Gruber Int'l Academy to receive The Hebrew Congregation of St. Thomas Scholarship Award in honor of the legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr at their service this Friday.

Save the Date!

Join us next week as we observe **MLK Sunday**; the morning will include a piece with combined choirs, special guest soloists, and more--you won't want to miss this very special service!

Lectionary Scripture Readings for this week:

Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 36:5-10; 1 Corinthians 12:1-11; John 2:1-11

PRAYER REQUESTS THIS WEEK*:

- ◆ -Betty King dealing with Parkinson's Disease and moved to a long term health care facility
- ◆ -Irene (Steve Marsella's mother) hospitalized with pneumonia
- ◆ -Joni Jones recovering from breast cancer surgery
- ◆ -Robert deJongh Sr. battling cancer
- ◆ -Hannah Upp, Georgia Ann Murphy and all missing persons in the VI.
- ◆ -STRC Prison ministry
 - Aubrey Frett - for his wife and son who need him, for his court date on 2/20, help to calm his temper and be closer to God
 - Jon Strain - for his mother who has Alzheimer's and that his family may be reunited.
 - Leroy Hodge - for help.

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

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