

St. Thomas Reformed Church



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

Jan 27, 2019

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

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

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

Rev. Rebecca McDonnell

Choral Introit

“Sanctuary”

Thompson/Scruggs

Call to Worship

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

Amen!

Called and gathered, we respond to the radiant light of our God.

Shine on us, brilliant light of God, so that we may better praise you.

Called and gathered, we come to pray and to sing God’s praises.

Beam on us, comforting light of God, and heal us with your warmth.

Called and gathered, we celebrate the coming of the revealing light of God, that gives us insight into God’s messages of life and love.

Amen.

Prayer

*Hymn # 2

‘Joyful, Joyful’

HYMN TO JOY

Call to Confession

Responsive Prayer of Confession

For our slowness to recognize your gifts in other people and their calling to be children of God: Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy...

For our reluctance to accept your free gifts and your gracious call to play our part in your ministry: Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy...

For any cause of division in your body for which we are responsible: Lord, have mercy.

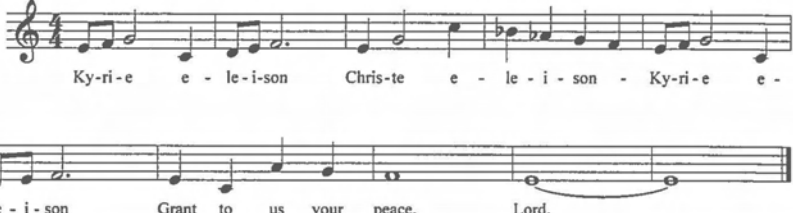
Lord, have mercy...

Response

'Kyrie'

Holmes

Voice



Ky-ri-e e - le-i-son Chris-te e - le - i - son - Ky-ri-e e -
le - i - son Grant to us your peace, Lord.

Words of Assurance and Hope

Forgiven, we are filled by God's Spirit, commissioned to be Christ's hope, Christ's people for the world. .

Anointed, we can care for one another, weep with one another, and serve one another.

God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. (Romans 5:8) Hear then Christ's word of grace to us: Your sins are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Children's Message

***Hymn # 599**

'Day by Day'

Schwartz

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

Scripture

Luke 4: 14-21

P 936

Message

"Who Is Your Jesus?"

Rev. Fred Northup

...And Respond with Gratitude

Offering

Offertory

"Tomorrow"
Jordan Hill, soloist

Winans

***Doxology**

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

***Hymn**

'O Holy City, Seen of John'

MORNING SONG

O Holy City, Seen of John

613

Walter Russell Bowie, 1910; alt.

Rev. 21:1-22:5; Heb. 11:16

1 O ho - ly cit - y, seen of John, where Christ, the Lamb, does reign,
2 O shame to us who rest con - tent while lust and greed for gain
3 Give us, O God, the strength to build the cit - y that has stayed
4 Al - read - y in the mind of God that cit - y is pre - pared:

with-in whose four - square walls shall come no night, nor need, nor pain,
in street and shop and ten - e - ment wring gold from hu - man pain,
too long a dream, whose laws are love, whose ways are your own ways,
oh, how its splen - dor chal - leng - es the souls that great - ly dare,

And where the tears are wiped from eyes that shall not weep a - gain.
And bit - ter lips in deep de - spair cry, "Christ has died in 'vain!"
And where the sun that blaz - es is your grace for all our days.
Yes, bids us seize the whole of life and build its glo - ry there.

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

...Depart in peace



GIVING THANKS:

Leading Worship Today:

Ministers:	All the people of the church
Preaching:	Rev. Fred Northup
Liturgist:	Rev. Rebecca McDonnell
Music:	Chanelle Schaffer, Jordan Hill and the Adult Choir
Greeters:	Skip and Andrea King
Ushers:	Dr. Adam Flowers , Joel Comissiong
Audio:	James Cobb, Steve Marsella, Henry Ong, Tyler Yannone

A warm welcome to our visitors. You are invited to complete the visitor registration forms at the end of the pew or on the back table.

Today we welcome Rev. Fred Northup to the pulpit and Rev. Rebecca McDonnell who is leading worship this morning. Pastor Jeff is at the St. Croix Reformed Church preaching at the installation service of their new pastor, Rev. Peter TeWinkle.

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.

PARKING: We are blessed with an abundance of vehicles each morning filled with people who wish to worship with us. If you are able, please consider parking at Ft. Christian (*free on Sundays*) and walking to the church. Thanks!

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.

Next Week's Lectionary Scripture Readings

- ◆ Jeremiah 1:4-10
- ◆ Psalm 71:1-6
- ◆ Corinthians 13:1-13
- ◆ Luke 4: 21-30

CALENDAR

TODAY	9:15 - 9:55 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:20 a.m. 11:30 - noon	Sunday School (Various rooms) Sunday Worship Senior High Session (Conference Room) Children's Choir Rehearsal
Tues., Jan 29	11:30 - 1:00 p.m.	Salvation Army Lunch
Thurs., Jan 31	6:00 - 7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Sat., Feb. 2	11:00 - 2:30 p.m.	Bethlehem House Lunch
Sun., Feb. 3	9:15 - 9:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:30 - noon	Sunday School Sunday Worship Children's Choir Rehearsal

Retreat Center² News

Volunteer Work Team Update

Today we are doubly blessed to have two volunteer groups worshipping with us this morning, ***Fellowship Reformed Church*** from Holland, Michigan **and *Three Bridges Reformed Church***, from New Jersey. We bid Pastor Nate Skipper good-bye yesterday and the remaining volunteers from Fellowship Reformed will be departing today after a very productive week. Through their efforts in conjunction with STRC partners a family within our congregation has been blessed with much needed repairs. We pray for traveling mercies and ask God to continuously bless each of them as they continue to do God's will through service to others.

We are also blessed to **WELCOME BACK** a team of volunteers from ***Three Bridges***, New Jersey. We had the pleasure of hosting a team from Three Bridges in January 2018 this time around we are pleased to host a team of 20, ready to serve. They will be staying at RC² until February 2nd.

PRAYER REQUESTS THIS WEEK*:

- ◆ -Associate Pastor search process
- ◆ -For healing and hope: Betty King, Robert deJongh
- ◆ -Hannah Upp, Georgia Ann Murphy and all missing persons in the VI.
- ◆ -STRC Prison ministry
 - Raphael James - for help dealing with bad dreams every night
 - Oral Smith - for God's help and strength
 - Teshawn Mills - pray for me to get out of my own way and allow the Holy Spirit to guide my heart and my words

****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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