**REVELATION 1:7 (NSRV)**

St. Thomas
Reformed Church

**NOVEMBER 25, 2018**

CHRIST THE KING

## "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** *(from Psalm 100)*
Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth!
**Amen!**
Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.
**Worship the Lord with gladness; come into the Lord's presence with singing.**
Know that the Lord is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
**Enter in the gates with thanksgiving, and the courts with praise. Give thanks to God, bless the Lord's name.**
For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations!
**Alleluia and Amen!**

**Introit:** "Alpha & Omega" *Mutanbira*

**Prayer**

**Hymn #699** 'Rejoice, the Lord Is King!' *DARWALL'S 148th*

**Call to Confession**

**Unison Prayer of Confession**
**Almighty God, you alone are the King of all creation. Yet, we confess that we act as though we are the ones who rule the world. Forgive us, Lord. Help us to recognize your reign, that we may be faithful followers in your kingdom. Through Jesus Christ our Lord...**

**Response** 'Soon and Very Soon' *Crouch*

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**Words of Assurance and Hope** *(from Revelation 1)*
God loves us and freed us from sin
**God has made us part of the kingdom! Hallelujah!**

God called us to serve and worship
**To God be the glory forever and ever, Amen!**
God is the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last
**Who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty!**
We are forgiven and made part of the reign of God!
**We are the body of Christ! Hallelujah! Amen!**

**Anthem** "Take Me to the King" , *Franklin*
*Penny Woods, soloist*

**Children's Message**

***Hymn** 'Days of Elijah' *Mark*

*(Children under the age of 10 are excused to Activity Time.)*

**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**

**Behold He comes, riding on the clouds**
**shining like the sun, at the trumpet call**
**Lift your voice, it's the year of Jubilee**
**and out of Zion's hill, salvation comes**

**And 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**

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

**Scripture:** **Revelation 1:1-8** Page 1117

**Message:** **"Beginning and Ending!"**

## ...And Respond with Gratitude

**Offering**

**Offertory** "We All Bow Down" *LeBlanc*

And we all bow down
Kings will surrender their crowns
And worship Jesus
He is the love, unfailing love, He is the love of God

**Litany of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer**
*(adapted from the song "We Bow Down" written by Michael Schroeder.)*
*Read responsively*

Then the Spirit lifted me up, and I heard behind me a loud rumbling sound—May the glory of the LORD be praised in his dwelling place! – *Ezk 3:12*

**I bow at your glory, I bow at your love; that purchased and bought me through your precious blood.**

Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the LORD our Maker; – *Ps 95:6*

**I bow to the Savior, my Lord and King; I worship and praise you, and to you I sing.**

But I, by your great mercy, will come into your house; in reverence will I bow down toward your holy temple. – *Ps 5:7*

**I bow at your mercy that reigns over all, I bow at the greatness of the Lord our God.**

The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. – *Ps 19:1*

**I bow as your glory the heaven's proclaim and fall down to worship, and bow to your name.**

It is written: "'As surely as I live,' says the Lord, 'every knee will bow before me; every tongue will confess to God.'"

**We bow down to our Lord and King. We bow down to Your holy Name. Let all the nations sing praises**

**to the King as we bow down.**

She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins. – *Mt 1:21*

**I bow at your glory, and fall to my knees. I bow to the savior that came to save me.**

Do you not know? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. – *Isa 40:28*

**I bow in Your presence, the lord over all; I bow to our great, everlasting God.**

that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, – *Phil 2:10*

**We bow down to our Lord and King. We bow down to Your holy Name. Let all the nations sing praises to the King as we bow down.**

Once more the humble will rejoice in the LORD; the needy will rejoice in the Holy One of Israel. – *Isa 29:19*

**I'm humbled before you, my Lord and King. I worship and praise you, and to you I sing.**

All the nations you have made will come and worship before you, O Lord; they will bring glory to your name. – *Ps 86:9*

**We bow down to our Lord and King. We bow down to Your holy Name. Let all the nations sing praises to the King as we bow down.**

Lord hear our prayer:

**Our Father, who art in heaven...**

***Hymn #17** 'O Worship the King' *LYONS*

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

*....Depart in peace*

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** - please stand*

## Soon And Very Soon

Words and Music by
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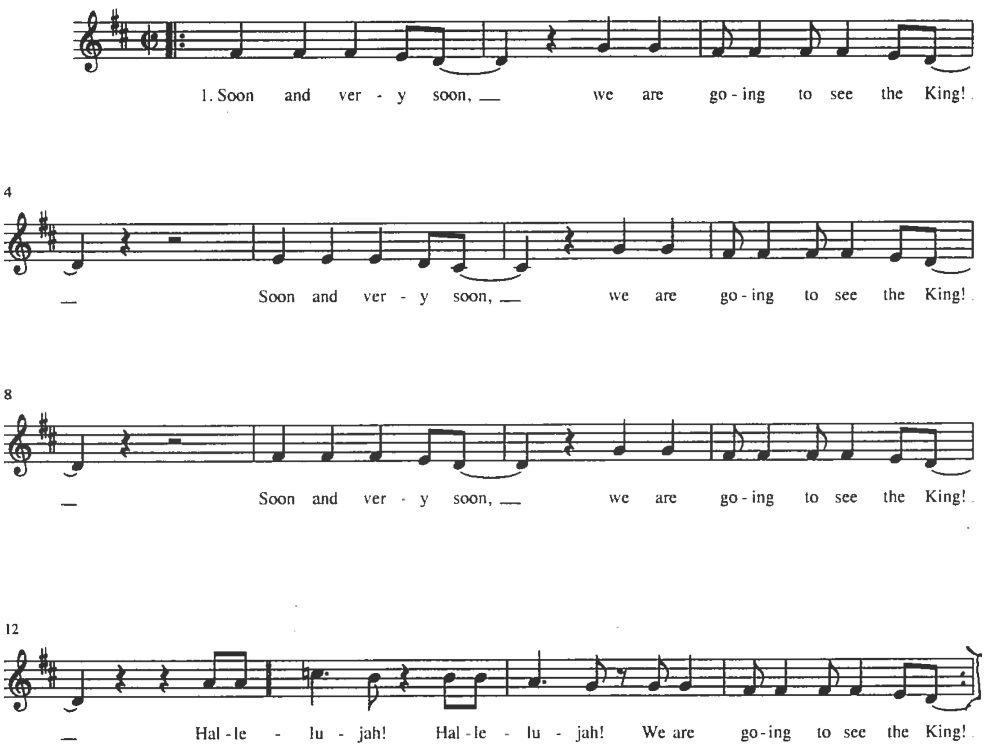
# GIVING THANKS

## LEADING WORSHIP TODAY:

**Ministers:** All the people of the church

**Preaching:** Pastor Jeff

**Greeters:** Norm and Doreen Heyne

**Music:** Chanelle Schaffer, Adult Choir, Penny Woods and Noel Regalado

**Head Ushers:** Dr. Adam Flowers and Joel Comissiong

**Sound System:** Steve Marsella and Henry Ong

**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.

Do you or someone you know still need assistance with **hurricane recovery?** We have volunteers coming in late December and well into 2019 to help (cleaning, debris removal, light construction, etc.)! Please contact Pastor Jeff or Vicky, our Retreat Center volunteer coordinator, retreat@stthomasreformedchurch.org to inquire

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

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

**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!

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

**Please use the bathrooms in the Undercroft** or through the gate in the Bakery Square annex.

**Next week's Lectionary Scripture Readings:**
Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalm 25:1-10; 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13
Luke 21:25-36

## In Our Hearts & Prayers

### PRAYER REQUESTS THIS WEEK

- Robert deJongh fighting brain cancer, discontinuing treatments.
- Gratitude for a safe hurricane season and continued recovery for all affected by Irmaria
- Vaughn – to "get my life back on track for the Lord, doing his will and to find a Christian place to stay, and to overcome my disease of alcoholism."

***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.***

### THIS WEEK'S SALVATION ARMY HELPERS:

Joe Tulis, Linda Gidley, Mac Davis, Edye Ciaccia and Jean Kuster

## CALENDAR

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| **TODAY** | 9:00 - 9:45 a.m.<br>10:00 a.m.<br>10:20 a.m.<br>11:30 - noon | Café in the Pavilion<br>Sunday Worship<br>Activity Time (Undercroft Yellow Room)<br>Children's Choir Rehearsal |
| **Tues., Nov 27** | 11:30 - 1:00 p.m.. | Salvation Army Lunch |
| **Thurs., Nov 29** | 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. | Adult Choir Rehearsal (MR) |
| **Sat., Dec 1** | 10:00 a.m. - noon<br>11:00 - 2:30 p.m. | Adult Choir Rehearsal (MR)<br>Bethlehem House Lunch |
| **Sun., Dec 2** | 9:00 - 9:45 a.m.<br>10:00 a.m.<br>10:20 a.m.<br>11:30 - noon | Café in the Pavilion<br>Communion and Sunday Worship<br>Activity Time<br>Children's Choir Rehearsal |

**This sheet is provided to help you receive the most benefit from the message, by taking notes.**

**Name of speaker:** _____

**Date:** _____

**Message Title:** _____

**Scriptures**: _____

**NOTES:** _____

*STRC will have the privilege of hosting acclaimed composer and performer* ***Ken Medema*** *(his works include 'Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying' and 'Jesus, Lover of My Soul', which we performed in worship this past Easter Sunday).*

*Ken will be on island from December 10th through the 17th; he will offer his gifts in worship on* ***December 16th****, and will offer a concert that afternoon. He'll also perform at the MBW celebration featuring Father Greg Boyle, and would also like to offer programs in local schools and other organizations.*

*If you know of a place that might be interested in hosting an event, please contact Chanelle!*

# 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 and available,

***Please contact Chanelle for more information!***

# St. Thomas Reformed Church

Founded in 1660

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

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