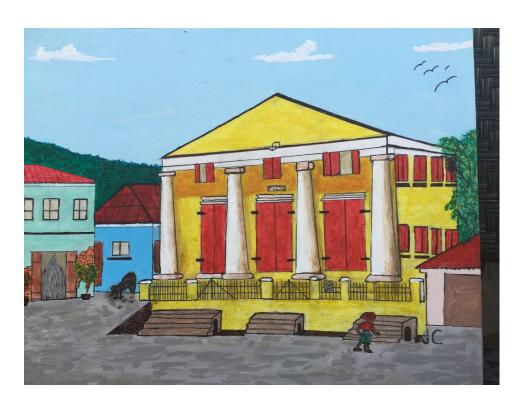
# St. Thomas Reformed Church St. Thomas, U. S. Virgin Islands Founded 1660



# January 10, 2021

We Welcome One and All!
In the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ
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# First Sunday after Epiphany Baptism of the Lord

The liturgical color today is white in celebration!

#### "We Gather In God's Presence..."

### **Greeting and Ministry Opportunities**

#### **Call to Worship**

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

AMEN!

**Prayer** 

Song

'Morning Has Broken'

BUNESSAN

Morning has broken, like the first morning
Blackbird has spoken, like the first bird
Praise for the singing, praise for the morning
Praise for them springing fresh from the Word

Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from Heaven Like the first dewfall on the first grass Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden Sprung in completeness where His feet pass

Mine is the sunlight, mine is the morning Born of the one light Eden saw play Praise with elation, praise every morning God's recreation of the new day

#### **Call to Confession**

**Unison Prayer of Confession** 

God our Savior, we bring to you, as honestly as we can, our mixed record as people of faith. Forgive us O Lord, for the ways our particular sins have marred the quality of life for others and for ourselves. Forgive us when we gravitate toward darkness rather than your creative and life-sustaining light or find ourselves lost in the gray areas. Forgive us the ways we have already, this new year, fallen short of the high quality of love shown by Jesus. We humbly pray for your forgiveness, your cleansing, your rehabilitation and for a renewed enthusiasm for the Gospel and its words of light and love. In the name of Christ our Redeemer, Amen!

Song

'Breathe On Me, Breath of God'

**TRENTHAM** 

Breathe on me, Breath of God Fill me with life anew That I may love the way You love And do what You would do

Breathe on me, Breath of God Until my heart is pure Until my will is one with Yours To do and to endure

Breathe on me, Breath of God Till I am wholly Thine Until this earthly part of me Glows with Thy fire divine Song

'Jesus, the Light of the World'

Bible/Elderkin

See the Bright and Morning Star Jesus, the Light of the World He has risen in our hearts Jesus, the Light of the World

Refrain

Walk in the Light, beautiful Light
Come where His love and His mercy shine bright
Shine all around us by day and by night
Jesus, the Light of the World

He's the Lamp that lights our way
Jesus, the Light of the World
Step by step and day by day
Jesus, the Light of the World (refrain)

No more darkness, no more night
Jesus, the Light of the World
He will shine forever bright
Jesus, the Light of the World (refrain)

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

Scripture

Genesis 1:1-5

Message

"Breathe"

## ...And Respond with Gratitude...

Offering

Offertory "Nothing but a Child"

Earle

Once upon a time, in a far off land
Wise men saw a sign and set out across the sand
Songs of praise to sing, they traveled day and night
And precious gifts to bring, they were guided by the light

They chased a brand new star, ever towards the west
Across the mountains far, but when it came to rest
They scarce believed their eyes, they'd come so many miles
The miracle they prized was nothing but a child

Nothing but a child could wash those tears away
Or guide a weary world into the light of day
And nothing but a child could help erase those miles
So once again, we all can be children for a while

Now all around the world, in every little town
Every day is heard a precious little sound
And every mother kind and every father proud
Looks down in awe to find another chance allowed

Nothing but a little baby Nothing but a child

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**Remembering Your Baptism** 

### Pastoral Prayer & the Lord's Prayer

Song

'Arise, Your Light Is Come'

**FESTAL SONG** 

Arise, your light is come
The Spirit's call obey
Show forth the glory of your God
Which shines on you today

Arise, your light is come Fling wide the prison door Proclaim the captive's liberty Good tidings to the poor

Arise, your light is come
All you in sorrow born
Bind up the brokenhearted ones
And comfort those who mourn

Arise, your light is come
The mountains burst in song
Rise up like eagles on the wing
God's power will make us strong

**Benediction** 

**Postlude** 

"In Dulci Jubilo"

Kenneth Dake

**BACH** 

Children and Worship series: "The Boy Jesus in the Temple"

#### **GIVING THANKS:**

## **Leading Worship Today:**

Ministers: All of us viewing together

Preaching: Pastor Jeff Neevel

Music: Chanelle Schaffer, Kenneth Dake

Live Stream Team: James Anderson, James Cobb,

Andrea King, Lucy Sutton

## **STRC Virtual Birthday Celebration**

Today is Birthday Sunday! Join our virtual celebration by logging onto a Zoom session after the Children and Worship segment. Here is the info you use to log onto the Zoom meeting.

Zoom Meeting ID: 824 8316 2684

Passcode: 007501

Contact Elisabeth Anderson at <a href="mailto:mewanderson@gmail.com">mewanderson@gmail.com</a>

## Lectionary Scripture Readings for this week:

1 Samuel 3:1-10, (11-20); Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; 1 Corinthians 6:12-20; John 1:43-51

The Ladies Bible Study is continuing to meet this winter on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm using Zoom. We will be studying the lectionary series posted in the bulletin. If you are interested in participating please contact Edye Ciaccia at 678-772-5412 for meeting info and Zoom sign in information. All ladies are welcome.

The Men's Ministry Bible Study also meets on Wednesdays using Zoom. They start at 6:30 pm. Please call or email Forrest Broom for more information: 340-474-0472 or forrestbroom@gmail.com.

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