



St. Timothy Lutheran Church  
Houston, Texas



**Fourth Sunday in Advent**

**December 23, 2018**

Steve Henze, Brad Jurischk, Pastors

## Order of Worship

~ 8:00 A.M. ~

### Welcome

### Opening Hymn

"Angels We Have Heard On High" #368

### Invocation and Litany

"Let Us All With Gladsome Voice" #390

### A Time of Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Old Testament ~ **Isaiah 7:14**  
New Testament ~ **1 John 4:7-12**  
Gospel ~ **Matthew 1:18-25**

### Apostles' Creed

### We Bring our Tithes and Offerings

Special Music  
"The Birthday Of A King" ~ Gospel Lights  
"Away In A Manger" #364

### Children's Church

### The Message

"Breaking Through With Love"  
Pastor Brad Jurischk

### The Blessing and Closing Hymn

"Gentle Mary Laid Her Child" #374

~ 10:45 A.M. ~

### Call to Worship

"Little Drummer Boy"

### Welcome

"God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen"  
"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" #380  
"I Heard The Bells On Christmas Day"

### A Time of Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

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### We Bring our Tithes and Offerings

"A Baby Changes Everything"

### Children's Church

### The Message

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### The Blessing and Closing Song



## Welcome

Welcome in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We pray this service will be a joyful and uplifting celebration of faith for you as you are strengthened through His Holy Word and Sacraments.

**Our Guests:** Welcome! We are so glad you have come! Please register your visit with us on a Welcome card. To learn more about St. Timothy, go to our website at [STLHouston.org](http://STLHouston.org).  
*You are always welcome here!*



**Nursery:** Nursery Care is available directly across from the Sanctuary for infants and toddlers up to 3 yrs old any time before or during the services. There is a special time of play and learning for children 2½ through Pre-K in Kid's Spot or Children's Ministry Building during our church services where you may bring your child instead of the nursery.

**Children's Church 8:00am Service:**

**Children 2 ½ yrs old - 1 grade** participate in learning just for them during the Message, and return after the Message.

**Children's Church 10:45am Service:**

**Children 2½ - 4 yrs old** are invited to Room 7 in the Children's Ministry Building anytime during the service. Please sign them in and pick them up at the end of the service. Children of parents who wish to keep them at the beginning of the service are dismissed for Children's Church before the Pastor's Message.

**Children in Pre-K - 1st grade** attend Children's Church in the Children's Ministry "Big Room" during the 10:45am service and will return after the Message.



 Public WIFI Password: **Jesuslovesme**

Hearing devices are available at the Welcome Desk every Sunday.



## You're Invited!

*Christmas at St. Timothy*

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

Monday, Dec. 24 ~ 4:00 & 6:00 P.M. (Life Center)

Christmas Day Worship with Holy Communion

Tuesday, Dec. 25 ~ 10:00 A.M. (Sanctuary)

## Announcements

**Special one-time Adult Bible Studies held today & Dec. 30 at 9:30am in the Life Center**

**Today's Adult Bible Study - A Christmas Eve parable shows grace in action where it is most unexpected. Please join us for a special holiday class for adults.**

**Dec. 30 Adult Bible Study** - The ending of one year means that another year, with all its promise and possibility, awaits us. We have an open door before us placed by God. What will you do? Come for this special Bible class that will help open your eyes to ways to step out in faith and embrace extraordinary opportunities divinely appointed by God.

You can deduct contributions in the year you make them. Gifts by cash or check must be received in the church office by December 31st, 2018. Mailed contributions postmarked by December 31st will count for 2018. Credit card contributions with a transaction date on or before December 31st are counted as 2018 contributions. This is true even if the credit card bill is not paid until 2019.



## Christmas & New Year Worship Schedule

**Wednesday, Dec. 26**

*Church Offices and Bright Beginners Closed*

**Sunday, Dec. 30**

**8 & 10:45 AM  
9:30 AM**

**Worship Services**

**Sunday School and a Special One-Time Adult Bible Study**

**Monday, Dec. 31**

**6:00 PM**

**New Year's Eve Service with Holy Communion**

**Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2019**

*Church Offices and Bright Beginners Closed*

## New Sermon Series & Bible Studies

**What we believe about God is the most important thing about us.**

You are invited to join us **January 6**, as we begin the new year with this powerful 8 week church-wide experience and Bible Study series. God will bring a fresh sense of purpose in our faith, relationships, decision-making, and even our worldview. We will "go deeper" into His Word as one church together to focus on God's character, and rediscover together His grace, love, and power in our lives.



**The Real God Workbooks are available NOW** for purchase on Sunday mornings at the welcome desk and through the church office. Workbooks are **\$7.00/each**, **donate \$10** and the remaining will help bless someone else with their workbook.

## Student Ministry

**Jr. High Confirmation class:**  
resumes Jan. 9th with Pit  
Stop 6:30-7pm in youth room.

Save the Date!  
**Annual Youth Garage Sale**  
Saturday, February 16<sup>th</sup>  
8am-3pm

**Sr. High Bible study:**  
Sundays at 9:30am  
& 6-8 PM in the youth room  
*Wednesday study is on  
break until January 9th, 2019.*

**Sr. High FUEL will not meet tonight, but we will meet next Sunday, Dec. 30, at 6-8pm - youth room**

**Jr. High Movie Night - FREE**  
Movie and Ice Cream Night  
Saturday, Jan. 12 at 5-7:30pm



**Sr. High Bowling - \$10**  
Willowbrook AMF Willow Lanes  
Jan. 13 at 6-8pm

**New Girls Bible study for High School and College age girls** - How to be a Biblical woman (without turning into the "crazy cat lady"). Led by Kathryn Parker, starting Thursday Jan. 17 at 6pm at the Parker home - 18919 Telford Way, Tomball TX 77375. Dinner will be provided. Meets monthly.

**Jr. High Mission Trip:**  
June 9-13 - LINC Houston  
\$50 deposit payable now

**Sr. High Mission Trip:**  
July 19-28 - Savannah, GA  
(includes travel time) \$50 deposit payable now

For more information on Youth Ministry events contact Dan Parker at [Dan@STLHouston.org](mailto:Dan@STLHouston.org)

## Mid-Week Pit Stop

### Wednesday's PIT STOP returns January 9th!

*Here is what you can expect:*

- 5:45-6:30pm: **Dinner in the Life Center** (free will offering):
- 6:15-6:45pm: **Joyful Noise** (Preschool - 1st grade choir) in room 203
- 6:15-6:45pm: **Chimes Choir** (2nd grade - 5th grade) in room 202
- 6:45-7:45pm: **Adult Bible Study: "The Real God" replay**
- 6:45-8:00pm: **Jr. High Confirmation** in Sr. High youth room, **Sr. High Bible study** in room 104
- ZONE 45** - 4th and 5th grade youth group - Meets in Children's Ministry Building
- Activities for children in 1st - 3rd grade** are in the Children's Ministry Building
- Childcare** for small children through Kindergarten in the Children's Ministry Building
- 7:00-8:00pm: **"Voices In Bronze"** Handbell choir - rehearsals in room 202
- 8:00-9:00pm: **St. Timothy Choir rehearsal** in room 201
- 9:00-9:30pm: **"Gospel Lights"** Men's ensemble - rehearsal in room 201





## Children's Ministry



### Sunday School in the Children's Ministry Building at 9:30am

Sundays in December will be filled with Christmas! We will learn about the Christmas account from the perspective of the Wise Men. If you are 2 years old up through a 5<sup>th</sup> grader, we will be working on some pretty spectacular projects! Look for us in the Children's Ministry building at 9:30am!

**The Blessing Shower** - If you've had a baby in 2018, you and your family are invited to a lunch in your honor! Join us for the Blessing Shower on **Sunday, January 20<sup>th</sup> from 12-1pm in the Big Room.** RSVP to [Caroline@STLHouston.org](mailto:Caroline@STLHouston.org)



### Do you have a child in Kindergarten?

Then you are invited to our Milestone Ministry Event: **The Great Family Devotion Challenge!** **Sunday, Jan. 27<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am in the Children's Ministry Building,** we will eat breakfast and get devoted! RSVP to [Caroline@STLHouston.org](mailto:Caroline@STLHouston.org)

For more information on Children's Ministry events contact Caroline Gray at [Caroline@STLHouston.org](mailto:Caroline@STLHouston.org)

## Women's Ministry

**New Women's Monthly Gathering** - When women join together, much can be accomplished! Beginning Thursday, February 7 from 6:30-8:00PM, you are invited to a monthly gathering in the Adult Ed Building (room 101) to be encouraged in your walk of faith and to learn about ways we can better connect for fellowship and helping others. Light snacks will be provided. RSVP- Childcare is offered, but please let the church office know how many children and their ages by Mon., February 4.

**The Women's Book Club** scheduled meeting time has changed to the THIRD Wednesday of each month at 1:00 p.m. in the Education Building coffee area. **Monthly book selections:**

January 16th: **Before We Were Yours** by Lisa Wingate Harriet

February 20th: **Little Fires Everywhere** by Celeste Ny

March 20th: **The Masterpiece** by Francine Rivers

To get the 2019 book club list, email Pat Neal at [pneal36313@comcast.net](mailto:pneal36313@comcast.net)



## 2019 Camp Lone Star

### Summer Camp for kids ages 8-18 in LaGrange, TX - June 9-14, 2019

Join us for a week of outdoor adventures at Lutheran Outdoor Ministries of Texas's Camp Lone Star in LaGrange, TX. St. Timothy will take a group of kids, age 8 to 18, as a "pioneer" group to experience God's creation while making new friends, experiencing the great outdoors, hiking, archery, swimming, Bible studies and so much more!

The cost for camp is \$425 and a \$100 deposit is required to hold your spot. If you would like more information or would like to reserve a spot for your child, speak to Laura Shivok or Caroline Gray.



## Weekly Calendar of Events

<b>Today, Dec. 23</b>	<b>8:00 &amp; 10:45 AM</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> <b>6:00 PM</b>	Worship Services Sunday School / One-Time Special Adult Bible class Manantiales de Vida Worship Service No <b>FUEL</b> - Sr. High gathering
<b>Mon, Dec. 24</b>	<b>4:00 PM</b> <b>6:00 PM</b>	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service in the Life Center Christmas Eve Candlelight Service in the Life Center
<b>Tues, Dec. 25</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>	Christmas Day Worship with Holy Communion in Sanctuary Church Offices closed
<b>Wed, Dec. 26</b>		Church Offices closed
<b>Thurs, Dec. 27</b>	<b>7:30 PM</b>	Men's pick-up basketball in the Life Center
<b>Fri, Dec. 28</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	Manantiales de Vida Youth Worship
<b>Sat, Dec. 29</b>	<b>7:00 AM</b>	Men's Bible Study in the Church office conference room
<b>Sun, Dec. 30</b>	<b>8:00 &amp; 10:45 AM</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> <b>6:00 - 8:00 PM</b>	Worship Services in the Sanctuary Sunday School / One-time special Adult Bible class Manantiales de Vida Worship Service <b>FUEL</b> - Sr. High gathering

### Save the Date for these Upcoming Events:

**December 31** - New Year's Eve service at 6pm in the Sanctuary  
**January 1** - Church Offices closed for New Year's  
**January 6** - New Sermon Series and Bible study experience begins: The Real God  
**January 8** - Men's gathering at Willie's Icehouse / Tuesday Evening Bible Study returns  
**January 9** - Pit Stop re-Zooms  
**January 10** - Service of Prayer and Healing  
**January 12** - Jr. High Movie and Ice Cream Night (FREE) / Choir Retreat  
**January 13** - Sr. High Bowling (\$10)  
**January 17** - New Girls Bible Study for Sr. High and college begins  
**January 19** - Voices In Bronze Retreat  
**January 20** - Blessing Shower  
**January 27** - Great Family Devotion Challenge  
**February 7** - Women's Ministry monthly gathering begins

## Contact Us

To reach any of the staff members, please call the church office at 281-469-2457  
Email addresses are available on our website at [www.STLHouston.org/staff](http://www.STLHouston.org/staff)

**Our Mission:** *Follow Jesus. Make a Difference.*

## Those Who Serve

### Today, December 23, 2018

	8:00 AM	10:45 AM
<b>Acolytes</b>	Will Hansen	Danielle Falkenberg
<b>Elders/Deacons</b>	Russel Blue / Dwayne Landry / Cameron Spurgeon / Kevin Arnold / Chris McFarlane	
<b>Reader</b>	Christine Winoske	Chris Bregenzer
<b>Prayer Partner</b>	Nancy Rohan	Chrisanne McAuliffe
<b>Ushers</b>	David Smith / Marty Zanotti / Doug Stewart / John Pemberton / Herb Newhouse / Dave McRoberts	Randy Knebel / Ted Fisher / Rick Gravesmill / Rob Gravesmill / Steve Fritsche / Larry Bathe / Myron Menk
<b>Greeters</b>	Desk: Patti Schatte Lobby: TBD	Desk: Jay and Pat McReynolds Lobby: Randy Peardon / Elly Nisayas
<b>Tech Team</b>	Clay Currin / Marcelle Martin	Patrick Blake

### Next Sunday, December 30, 2018

	8:00 AM	10:45 AM
<b>Acolytes</b>	Benjamin Rohan	Chloe Rohan
<b>Elders/Deacons</b>	Bob Sawicki / Kevin Thoele / Mark Laine / Jason Honeycutt / Michael Gorney	
<b>Reader</b>	Sue Bathe	AnnLee Moseley
<b>Prayer Partner</b>	TBD	Patty Sanderson / Art Sukman
<b>Ushers</b>	David Smith / Marty Zanotti / Doug Stewart / John Pemberton / Herb Newhouse / Dave McRoberts	Randy Knebel / Ted Fisher / Rick Gravesmill / Rob Gravesmill / Steve Fritsche / Larry Bathe / Myron Menk
<b>Greeters</b>	Desk: Beverly Londergan Lobby: Elly Nisayas	Desk: Art Sukman Lobby: Paulette Snowden
<b>Tech Team</b>	Roger Gautt / Clint Noack	Patrick Blake



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