



St. Timothy Lutheran Church
Houston, Texas

Advent

PREPARING FOR JESUS

Second Sunday in Advent

December 8, 2019

Steve Henze, Brad Jurischk, Pastors

Order of Worship

~ 8:00 A.M. TRADITIONS ~

Welcome

Call to Worship

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

Invocation and Litany

"On Jordan's Bank The Baptist's Cry"

A Time of Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

"Angels We Have Heard On High"

Old Testament ~ **Isaiah 35:1-4**
New Testament ~ **Hebrews 13:1-2**
Gospel ~ **Luke 1:5-20**

Apostles' Creed

We Bring our Tithes and Offerings

"The First Nowell" ~ Voices In Bronze

Sermon Hymn

"Lo' How A Rose E'er Blooming"

Children's Church

The Message

"The Call To Prepare"
Pastor Steve Henze

The Blessing

Closing Hymn

"Let Us All With Gladsome Voice"

~ 10:45 A.M. CELEBRATIONS ~

Call To Worship

"What A Glorious Night"

Welcome

"Joy To The World (Unspeakable Joy)"
"Gloria"

"Angels From The Realms Of Glory (Emmanuel)"

A Time of Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Old Testament ~ **Isaiah 35:1-4**
New Testament ~ **Hebrews 13:1-2**
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We Bring our Tithes and Offerings

"Glory (Let There Be Peace)"

Children's Church

The Message

"The Call To Prepare"
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The Blessing and Closing Song

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by:

Dave and Kären McRoberts in celebration of Erin Denbigh's birthday!
Herb and Judy Newhouse in celebration of their 51st wedding anniversary!

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, visit STLHouston.org or ask about our next Discovery class! *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 A small blue icon of a hearing aid.

Advent Sunday Message Series

The CALL of CHRISTMAS

Advent is about looking back and forward. We look back to remember that Jesus came as God's gift at Christmas as our Savior. His plan involved calling real people to be part of His divine plan of salvation. Each Sunday in Advent we will see God's call to Zechariah, Mary, and Joseph. God's call to them was life-changing! The call of Jesus today is also life changing! Please join us each week as we respond together to follow Jesus until He comes again in glory!

Senior Adult Luncheon

The Senior's group, Just Older Youth (JOY), Christmas Luncheon is this Thursday, Dec. 12th at 11:30 AM. Plan to be treated to an Italian lunch

served by the St. Timothy staff **in the Life Center**. On the menu will be lasagna, chicken alfredo, sides and desserts. Suggested donation is \$8 per meal. Upon arrival, please pull under the porte cochere in the front entrance of church to be treated to valet parking by Pastors Steve and Brad, Dan Parker, and Pat Blake. **Please RSVP by this Tuesday, December 10th by calling church office 281-469-2457.**



Advent Worship

Wednesdays, December 11 & 18 at 11:30 AM, 6:15 PM and 7 PM

The theme for our Wednesday Advent Services this year is **#PicChristmas**. This year, in addition to our traditional services at 11:30 am and 7:00 pm, we are adding a Family Advent worship service at 6:15 pm. It is a 30-minute worship service that allows families with young children to have an opportunity to worship TOGETHER (and get home early). This service will provide a meaningful worship experience *for all*.

Family Advent Worship ~ Each week we will look at the “pictures” of Christmas we have in our mind and discuss how they relate to the reality of Christmas that the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ creates. Families will receive a special gift to take home and enjoy through the season. In addition, we will post pictures daily that tie into the theme of the week including a devotional thought that you can discuss together as a family.

Follow us on Instagram
@sttimothylcms



December 11 – CHRISTMAS TREE
December 18 — LIGHTS

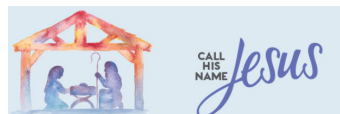
*We hope that you will join us in worship
this Advent season!*

Wednesday, Dec. 11	11:30 AM 6:15 PM 7:00 PM	Mid-day Advent Service, meal served at 12:15 PM Family Advent Service Evening Advent Service, meal served at 5:30 PM	
Sunday, Dec. 15	8 and 10:45 AM 10:45 AM	Cantata Presentation in the Sanctuary Contemporary Worship with Holy Communion in the Life Center	
Wednesday, Dec. 18	11:30 AM 6:15 PM 7:00 PM	Mid-day Advent Service, meal served at 12:15 PM Family Advent Service Evening Advent Service, meal served at 5:30 PM	
Sunday, Dec. 22	8 and 10:45 AM	Worship	
Tuesday, Dec. 24	10:00 AM 3:00 PM 5:00 PM	Classic Christmas Eve Candlelight Service in the Sanctuary Christmas Eve Candlelight Service in the Life Center Christmas Eve Candlelight Service in the Life Center	
Wednesday, Dec. 25	10:00 AM	Christmas Day Worship with Holy Communion in the Sanctuary	

2019 Advent Devotional - “CALL HIS NAME JESUS”

In *Call His Name Jesus*, Lutheran Hour Ministries’ Advent devotions for 2019, we encounter an oft-told story in fresh, new ways. During the Christmas season, we focus our thoughts on that moment in time when God became one of us. This miracle of miracles—this most unlikely story—begins with the Christ Child—God in the flesh—who was born poorly, humbly, vulnerably into this world of sin and darkness.

There are a limited number of printed devotional booklets available at the Welcome Desk or you can visit www.lhm.org/advent to download your copy.



Children's Ministry



Children's Sunday School is at
9:30 AM in the Children's Ministry Building



Follow us on Instagram
@sttimothylcms for daily updates
about our **Family Advent Services**
#PicChristmas

For more information on Children's Ministry events contact Caroline Gray at Caroline@STLHouston.org

Announcements

ANNUAL VOTERS' ASSEMBLY MEETING TODAY AT 12:00 PM

We will vote for our 2020 Board of Directors, approve the 2020 budget and vote to approve the Building Plan. Lunch will be served. Agendas are available at the welcome desk.

Please join us for The Tree of Remembrance Service

today at 2:00 PM in RM 102/103 to remember loved ones who have left this life to be with our Lord. This year we will retire the 2015 tree, so if you purchased an ornament in 2015, you may pick it up at the Welcome Desk after today. The 2016-2019 trees/ornaments will be displayed in remembrance throughout the holiday season.

Service of Prayer and Healing this Thursday, December 12th at 7pm

CANTATA PRESENTATION NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15TH

Invite friends and family to join us for our Christmas Festival Worship service, featuring the St. Timothy Festival Choir and Orchestra presenting "O Jesus Christ, Thy Manger Is" at 8:00 and 10:45 in the Sanctuary. Our regular Contemporary Worship Service with Holy Communion will be held at 10:45 in the Life Center.



Toys for Joy Drive - *Tis' the Season to Give!!*

St. Timothy is collecting gifts for Manantiales and the churches of LINC. Your gifts will be distributed as a way to help these church communities tell of God's extravagant grace and love for us. **You may pick out gift tags today from the tree in the Gathering Area. Gifts are due by next Sunday, Dec. 15th.**

Donation Guidelines:

- donate toys that are new and cost \$15-\$20
- wrap toy
- label toy with **gender** and **age range** age groupings: infant - 1, 2-4, 5-7, 8-10, 11-12, 13+ (gift cards preferred)
- tape a sticky note on the back of the package with info about the toy
- no bows (please)
- pray for the recipient of the toy...that they may know JESUS, the greatest gift!

Cash, checks, gift cards and online donations accepted and appreciated.

Donate here: <http://weblink.donorperfect.com/toysforjoyhouston>

Feel free to contact Dorinda Werner at dorinda@linchouston.org with any questions!



Announcements

Interested in connecting with a small group and build relationships? Contact Elizabeth Leitko in church office 281-469-2457 ext. 245 or email Elizabeth@STLHouston.org

Special Bible class held Dec. 29th at 9:30 AM

Current Sunday and weekday Bible studies are at www.STLHouston.org/adult-bible-classes



Men's Ministry meets this Tues. at 6:45PM at Willie's Icehouse (249/Cypresswood)

WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY THIS WEDNESDAY, DEC. 11TH

For more information, email Pat Neal
pneal36313@comcast.net

Bright Beginners Pre-School Christmas Program is December 12th at 6 PM in the Life Center. Everyone is invited to enjoy this memorable presentation. There will be refreshments available after the program.

Christmas Worship

Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship
Tuesday, December 24 at 10:00 AM (Sanctuary), 3:00 & 5:00 PM (Life Center)

Christmas Day Service with Holy Communion
Wednesday, December 25 at 10:00 AM (Sanctuary)

New Years' Eve Service
Tuesday, December 31 at 6:00 PM (Sanctuary)

Student Ministry

Jr. High	STUDENT	Sr. High
Saturday	CHRISTMAS	Sunday,
Dec. 14	PARTY	Dec. 15
4:30-7 pm		5:30-8pm

Jr. High and Sr. High Christmas Parties

Jr. and Sr. High students are invited to celebrate our Savior at the Youth Christmas Parties!

- Meet in the High School Youth Room
- White Elephant Gift exchange (\$10 max)
- Friends welcome!

Join us for Family Advent Worship Dec. 11 & Dec. 18 at 6:15 PM in the Sanctuary.

Youth TAMALE Sales

Last day to order tamales!
Delivery: next Sunday, Dec. 15

FUEL meets Tonight

Sr. High gathering Sundays at 6-8pm

For more information on Student Ministry events contact Dan Parker at Dan@STLHouston.org or 940-357-9309

Weekly Calendar of Events

Today, Dec. 8	8:00 AM	Worship in the Sanctuary
	9:30-10:30 AM	Children's Sunday School / Adult Bible Classes
	10:45 AM	Worship in the Life Center
	12:00 PM	Annual Voters' Assembly in the Life Center
	1:00 PM	Manantiales de Vida Worship Service
	2:00 PM	Tree of Remembrance Service in RM 102/103
	6:00-8:00 PM	Sr. High FUEL
Mon, Dec. 9	9:30 AM	Mom's Bible Study in RM 104
	12:30 PM	Women's Bible Study in RM 101
	6:30 PM	Cub and Boy Scouts Meeting in Adult Ed
Tues, Dec. 10	8:00 AM	Prayer Team Meeting in the Sanctuary
	9:00 AM	Quilters for Christ in the Annex
	9:30 AM	Women's Bible Study in RM 101
	6:45 PM	Men's Ministry meets at Willie's Icehouse
	7:00 PM	Voices In Bronze rehearsal in RM 202
	7:00 PM	Adult Bible Study in Church Office Conference Room
Wed, Dec. 11	10:00 AM	Women's Book Club Christmas Party
	11:30 AM	Advent Worship in the Sanctuary (lunch after)
	5:30 PM	Advent Dinner in the Life Center: Mexican Casserole
	6:15 PM	Family Advent Worship in the Sanctuary
	7:00 PM	Advent Worship in the Sanctuary
	7:45 PM	St. Timothy Festival Choir Rehearsal in RM 201
	8:30 PM	Manantiales de Vida Adult Bible Study
Thurs, Dec. 12	11:30 AM	Senior Adult Christmas Luncheon in the Life Center
	6:00 PM	Bright Beginners' Christmas Program in the Life Center
	7:00 PM	Service of Prayer and Healing in the Sanctuary
	7:30 PM	Men's Pick-Up Basketball game in the Life Center
Fri, Dec. 13	7:00 PM	Manantiales de Vida Youth Worship
Sat, Dec. 14	7:00 AM	Men's Bible Study in the Church office conference room
	4:30-7:00 PM	Jr. High Christmas Party
Sun, Dec. 15 <i>LINC Toys due</i> <i>Tamale Delivery</i>	8:00 AM	Cantata Presentation in the Sanctuary
	9:30-10:30 AM	Children's Sunday School / Adult Bible Classes
	10:45 AM	Cantata Presentation in the Sanctuary
	10:45 AM	Worship with Holy Communion in the Life Center
	1:00 PM	Manantiales de Vida Worship Service
	5:30-8:00 PM	Sr. High Christmas Party

Save the Date for these Upcoming Events:

December 18 - Mid-week Advent Worship

December 24 - Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Services at 10 AM, 3 and 5 PM

December 25 - Christmas Day Worship with Holy Communion at 10 AM

December 26 - Church Offices and Bright Beginners' Closed

Contact Us

To reach any of the staff members, please call the church office at 281-469-2457.
Staff email addresses are available on our website at STLHouston.org/staff

Our Mission: *Follow Jesus.* [Make a Difference.](#)

Those Who Serve

Today, December 8, 2019

	8:00 AM	10:45 AM
Acolytes	Harper Noe	n/a
Elders/Deacons	Phil Cordes / David Smith / Dave Baden	
Reader	Travis Albers	Kevin Arnold
Prayer Partner	Dianne Kingsley / Dorothy Adams	Tiffany Gilley / Nancy Hartman
Ushers	Neil Bamsch / Richard Drews / David Nahirny / Wayne Huebner / Blake Schmeling / Daniel Waggoner	Steve Bachmeier / Butch Bradt / John Ullrich / Marshall Wickman / David McManners / Patrick Matthews / Don Sanderson / Eddie Payne
Desk Host	Dianne Kingsley	Cathy Spangler
Tech Team	Clint Noack / Clay Currin	Patrick Blake

Next Sunday, December 15, 2019

	8:00 AM	10:45 AM
Acolytes	Campbell Guy / Madison Landry	Alex Phillips / Sofia Medrano
Elders/Deacons	Ted Fisher / Jim Holton / John Rohan / Dave	McRoberts / Don Longwell
Prayer Partner	John and Nancy Rohan / Nancy Hartman	Kathy Kolkhorst / Patty Sanderson
Ushers	Ross Friedrichs / Roger Rucker / Fred Gallard / Robert Rucker / Stan Fritsche	Clint Noack / Gary Kolkhorst / Keith Casey / Robert Walker / Bob Sawicki / Roger Gautt / Clay Currin / Larry Olejnik / Cheyanne Hildebrandt
Desk Host	Patti Schatte	Brenda McKeegan
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