

January 29, 2023
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany



St. Timothy Presbyterian Church
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Office Hours:
Monday-Thursday: 9:30 am to 2:30 pm
Friday: 9:30 am to 12:00 pm
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Pastor - Joel Puntigam
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St. Timothy Mission Statement
Empowered by the Holy Spirit, our mission is to: seek God, follow Christ, serve and love our neighbor.

Worship is also available via Live Stream just before 10:30 am or later in the afternoon as a video. Just use this link for both options:
<https://video.sttimothypcusa.org>

Welcome!

PRELUDE

INTROIT

PASTORAL WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 16

I will praise the LORD, who counsels me; even at night my heart instructs me.

I have set the LORD always before me. Because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest secure, because you will not abandon me to the grave, nor will you let your Holy One see decay.

You have made known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

Let us worship the LORD our God!

HYMN “I Sing the Mighty Power of God” see insert

CALL TO CONFESSION

SILENT CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, we have not done what is blameless and right, nor spoken truth from the heart with love. We do not keep your word, and when we participate in gossip, our words and deeds cause pain. Forgive us by the power of your mercy, that we might stand in the goodness of Christ and walk in the light of his love. Amen.

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Sisters and brothers, our sins are forgiven by the sacrifice of Christ, who chose love and forgiveness over judgment and wrath. Let us rejoice and be glad, for God’s mercy is overflowing. **Amen and Alleluia!**

RESPONSE “Gloria Patri” # 623
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

A MOMENT FOR ILLUMINATION

Leader: Thy Word is a Lamp unto my feet, and a Light unto my path.

People: Thy Word is a Lamp unto my feet, and a Light unto my path.

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Micah 6:1-8

SPECIAL MUSIC “God Help the Outcasts” Menken/Schwartz

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN Pastor Joel

NEW TESTAMENT READING Matthew 5:1-12

INTERACTIVE SERMON Pastor Joel Puntigam
“Blessed”

HYMN “I Love to tell the Story” see insert

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Confession of 1967, cont.
Wise and virtuous men and women through the ages have sought the highest good in devotion to freedom, justice, peace, truth, and beauty. Yet all human virtue, when seen in the light of God’s love in Jesus Christ, is found to be infected by self-interest and hostility. All people, good and bad alike, are in the wrong before God and helpless without his forgiveness. Thus everyone falls under God’s judgement. No one is more subject to that judgement than those who assume that they are guiltless before God or morally superior to others.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory “Blest Are They” Hass/Joncas

Doxology # 625

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We thank you, God, that you have blessed us with an abundance of gifts for the flourishing of your world. May this offering of our life and labor reveal your love as we seek to share your promised reign with all creation. Amen.

CALL TO PRAYER

Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send Your Spirit in this place; Lord, listen to Your children praying, Send us love, Send us pow’r, Send us grace.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

HYMN “O Christ, Surround Me” see insert

SENDING AND BENEDICTION

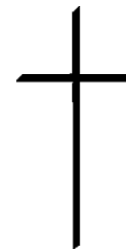
Empowered by the Holy Spirit, our mission is to: seek God, follow Christ, serve and love our neighbor.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*The Spirit sends us forth to serve:
we go in Jesus’ name to bring glad tidings to the poor,
God’s favor to proclaim.*

POSTLUDE

**Feasting on the Word Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year A, Volume 1. Presbyterian Publishing Corporation. Kindle Edition.*



**Sunday, January 29th
Following Along in Worship**

1. What are some of your favorite things about attending worship? Why do you think we go to church together?

2. The most important thing about being a Christian is actually following Jesus. In what ways can we follow him?

3. Today's children sermon was about:
 - a. A suitcase
 - b. True Happiness
 - c. Jesus of Nazareth, Suuuuuuuuper Hero!
 - d. Will the Lions go the Super Bowl next year?

4. Do you think God wants us to be happy? Where is our happiness meant to come from?

5. In the sermon, Pastor Joel will teach from Matthew 5:1-12. Circle all that are true about the Kingdom of God
 - a. Blessed are those who have no worries
 - b. Blessed are those the poor in spirit
 - c. Blessed are those who have no worries
 - d. Blessed are those who mourn
 - e. Blessed are those who have no worries
 - f. Blessed are those who are persecuted
 - g. Blessed are those who seek God

Serving in Worship This Morning

Greeter: Marilyn Taulbee
Ushers: Dave Olko, Liana Olko
Worship Assistant: Scott Gaines
Children's Chapel: Linda Houghtby, Karlane Belaire
Keyboard: Paula Boegner
Technology: Melanie Gumz
Safety Officer: Ron Martin
Tellers: Paula Boegner, Marilyn Taulbee
Fellowship Hour: Baum, Boegner, Belaire, Sanchez

Weekly Bible Studies

Adult Sunday Bible Study – approximately 12:15 pm

We are studying Genesis. All are welcome!


Zoom Bible Study – Monday at 12:00 pm

We are studying a comparison of the Gospels

This is the link address to join: <https://study.sttimothyPCUSA.org>

Adult Weekly Bible Study, Thursday – 9:30 am

Our study is on the passage that Pastor Joel will be preaching on February 5 – Matt 5:13-20..



Chancel Flowers

Celebrating our grandson's birthday, Ezra James
Dave and Linda Houghtby

Celebrating



Birthday:

February 1

Anniversaries:

Ali Burkhart

No anniversaries this week

UPCOMING
Events

February 12 – Chili Luncheon
February 26 – Annual Meeting

2023 Giving Envelopes Delayed

Please note that our print vendor has notified us of a delay in printing our 2023 envelopes and we currently do not have an estimated time of delivery. Substitute envelopes are available on the usher stand, please write your name on the envelope.

We are monitoring the progress, and hope that it is resolved before January month-end.



Please provide your reports to the office by Sunday, February 5 so they can be ready for the annual meeting which will be on February 26th.



What: Chili Luncheon
When: February 12 during Fellowship Hour
RSVP: sign-up sheet on Fellowship Hall Bulletin Board



What is Per Capita?

Per Capital is the primary source of funding for the Office of the General Assembly (OGA), and it is how Presbyterians mutually and equitably share the costs of moving the church forward in the 21st century. Per Capita provides the following:

- It helps to provide training to Presbyterians toward becoming ruling elders, deacons or ministers.
- It helps to develop Presbyterians' understanding God's call in their lives.
- It aids in providing opportunities for Presbyterians to participate in the life of the wider church by serving on General Assembly committees or commissions, regardless of distance or financial resources.
- It guides Presbyterians to participate in the life of the Church universal as we commit ourselves to work and live in fellowship with "all persons in every nation".

Our 2023 annual commitment to the Presbytery is \$2,660.30, which is \$35.95 per member (based on 74 members). This total is assessed to us whether or not we obtain donations to cover the assessment, so we are asking for your assistance in ensuring that we support our governing bodies. St Timothy has always paid the amount assessed even when we have not collected the entire sum from donations. This is truly an expense to the church. You do not need to be a member of St Timothy to help us cover this expense. You may use one of the generic envelopes and write "Per Capita" on it. As of January 22, 2023, we have collected \$50.00 toward our assigned goal of \$2,660.30.

The breakdown of the money is as follows:

Presbytery	\$1, 690.90	63%
Synod	\$240.50	10%
General Assembly	\$728.90	27%



2023 Chancel Flower Chart

The 2023 Flower List is now posted on the bulletin board in fellowship hall! Please consider signing up to provide chancel flowers for one or two Sundays. Adding some beauty and color to our sanctuary on Sunday mornings is so special!



We know that some of you may need some minor help periodically with your phone or tablet.

Tina Puntigam and Melanie Gumz are willing to help with some minor things like:

- Zoom
- YouTube Channel
- Slack
- Minor issues that you may have (can't guarantee a fix, but will try)
- No setting up computers or house calls

Please email your request to teck@sttimothypcusa.org. Melanie and Tina may also dedicate some time on a Sunday after church periodically.



IT'S GIRL SCOUT COOKIE TIME!

Jillian would like to be your Girl Scout cookie supplier again this year. Please see her at church to place your order, or visit her web page at:

<https://DigitalCookie.GirlScouts.org/scout/jillian7392>

Select the Girl Delivery option and she will personally deliver your order directly to you. Don't delay -- please order today!



Mission & Outreach

Clothing Drive for **Open Door Ministry of Fort Street Presbyterian Church** is in serious need for the following clothing items.

Women's Jeans - sizes 2 -8.

Mens Jeans - 30-32, 32-32, 32-34, 34-34, 36-34, 38-32, 38-34, 40-32, 40-34.

The jeans can be new or slightly used. A donation of just \$20.00 will let us buy a pair of new jeans. If donating money or check, please put in a giving envelope and write jeans on the memo line.

Church Weekly Schedule

Sunday	11:30 AM	Fellowship Hour
1/22	12:15 PM	Adult Bible Study
Monday	12:00 PM	Zoom Adult Bible Study
1/23		https://study.sttimothyPCUSA.org
	6:30 PM	TOPS
Tuesday	6:45 & 8:15 AM	Prayer and Praise Call
1/24		202-926-1029 - access code 235645
	6:30 PM	Kindred Spirits
Wednesday		
1/25		
Thursday	9:30 AM	Thursday Morning Bible Study
1/26	5:55 PM	Handbell Rehearsal
	7:00 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Friday		
1/27		
Saturday		
1/28		
Sunday	10:30 AM	Family Worship
1/29		https://video.sttimothypcusa.org
	11:30 AM	Fellowship Hour
	12:15 PM	Adult Sunday School

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

*I sing the mighty pow'r of God,
That made the mountains rise;
That spread the flowing seas abroad,
And built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained
The sun to rule the day;
The moon shines full at His command,
And all the stars obey.*

*I sing the goodness of the Lord,
That filled the earth with food;
He formed the creatures with His word,
And then pronounced them good.
Lord, how Thy wonders are displayed,
Where'er I turn my eye:
If I survey the ground I tread,
Or gaze upon the sky!*

*There's not a plant of flow'r below,
But makes Thy glories known
And clouds arise, and tempests blow,
By order from Thy throne;
While all that borrows life from Thee
Is ever in Thy care,
And ev'rywhere that man can be,
Thou, God, art present there.
Amen*

A Favorite Hope Scripture

Psalms 31:24

Be strong and take heart, all you who **hope** in the Lord.

I Love to Tell the Story

*I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
Of Jesus and His glory, of Jesus and His love;
I love to tell the story because I know 'tis true,
It satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.
I love to tell the story! 'Twill be my theme in glory—
To tell the old, old story Of Jesus and His love.*

*I love to tell the story—'tis pleasant to repeat
What seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet;
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
The message of salvation from God's own holy Word.
I love to tell the story! 'Twill be my theme in glory—
To tell the old, old story Of Jesus and His love.*

*I love to tell the story, for those who know it best
Seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest;
And when in scenes of glory I sing the new, new song,
'Twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long.
I love to tell the story! 'Twill be my theme in glory—
To tell the old, old story Of Jesus and His love.*

O Christ, Surround Me

*God, be the love to search and keep me;
God, be the prayer to move my voice;
God, be the strength to now uphold me:
O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.*

*Bind to myself the Name of Holy,
great cloud of witnesses enfold;
prophets, apostles, angels witness:
O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.*

*Brightness of sun and glow of moonlight,
Flashing a lightning, strength of wind,
depth of the sea to soil of planet:
O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.*

*Walking behind to hem my journey,
going ahead to light my way,
and from beneath, above, and all ways:
O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.*

*Christ in the eyes of all who see me,
Christ in the ears that hear my voice,
Christ in the hearts of all who know me:
O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.*