

January 8, 2023  
Epiphany



St. Timothy Presbyterian Church  
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Office Hours:  
Monday-Thursday: 9:30 am to 2:30 pm  
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Music Director & Accompanist – Tim Falk  
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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 “Arise, Shine” Gary Alan Smith

PASTORAL WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP Isaiah 60  
Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

**The brightness of God’s light shines upon all the nations.**  
God gathers us from far away and carries us. With rejoicing hearts, let us receive the abundance of God.

**We respond in praise. With our gifts, with our very selves, we worship God!**

HYMN “Sing of God Made Manifest” see insert

CALL TO CONFESSION

SILENT CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of grace, we confess that all too often our own comfort rises to the top while the needs of others fall to the bottom. Forgive us, we pray, for all the ways that we deny your compassion and love by the way we live. Judge us with mercy, we pray, and extend your grace to us. Strengthen our faithfulness to you and to all who are precious in your sight. We pray in the name of Christ, our Light. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, God is for us and not against us. For that very reason God sent the Son into the world— not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Once more, hear the good news of the Gospel: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and set free to live a new life in him. **Thanks be to God!**



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.*

MINUTE FOR MISSION AND OUTREACH

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: Isaiah 60:1-6

SPECIAL MUSIC "Where Is The Star" Loonis McGlohon

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN Linda Houghtby

NEW TESTAMENT READING Matthew 2:1-12

SERMON Pastor Joel Puntigam  
"Worshipping the King"

HYMN "As with Gladness Men of Old" see insert

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Confession of 1967, cont.  
**God's reconciling act in Jesus Christ is a mystery which the Scriptures describe in various ways. It is called the sacrifice of the lamb, a shepherd's life given for his sheep, atonement by a priest; again it is a ransom of a slave, payment of debt, vicarious satisfaction of a legal penalty, and victory over the powers of evil. These are expressions of a truth which remains beyond the reach of all theory in the depths of God's love for man. They reveal the gravity, cost, and sure achievement of God's reconciling work**

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

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

**Though we are least among the saints, O God, you have still given us the gift of your grace that we might share with others the boundless riches of Christ. Receive now, we ask, what we have given today. Use these offerings and use us for your plans and purposes. We pray in Christ's name. 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 "We Three Kings" 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

*We'll praise His name forever,  
We'll praise His name forever,  
We'll praise His name forever,  
Christ the Lord.*

POSTLUDE

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



**Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>  
Following Along in Worship**

1. What Season of the Church we do finish today?
  - a. Advent
  - b. Christmastide
  - c. Lent
  - d. Football playoffs
  
2. What is the best thing about Epiphany?
  - a. Jesus has come in a wonderful, surprising way
  - b. The presents! The presents! The presents!
  - c. Time with the family
  
3. What was the topic of today's time with the children? Circle the correct one:
  - a. Why change is good and bad
  - b. Chariots of Fire
  - c. Finding Jesus the King
  
4. How do we find Jesus today?
  
5. In the sermon, Pastor Joel taught from Matthew 2:1-12: Circle all that are true about this passage
  - a. The Magi came from West Virginia
  - b. The Magi came from the far East
  - c. They saw his star and came to worship!
  - d. Everyone knew the Christ was to be born:
    - i. In East Lansing
    - ii. In Bethlehem
  - e. Only the Magi went to worship!
  - f. When we search for Jesus, we will find him too so that we can worship him

**Serving in Worship This Morning**

Greeter:	Beth Olko
Ushers:	Mary Baum, Patty Kreitmeyer
Worship Assistant:	Margaret Barsch
Children's Chapel:	Linda Houghtby, Karlane Belaire
Keyboard:	Paula Boegner
Technology:	Melanie Gumz
Safety Officer:	Kathy Turnbull
Tellers:	Paula Boegner, Marilyn Taulbee
Fellowship Hour:	Deacons

**Weekly Bible Studies**

**Adult Sunday Bible Study – approximately 12:15 pm**

We will meet today and decide on our new study.

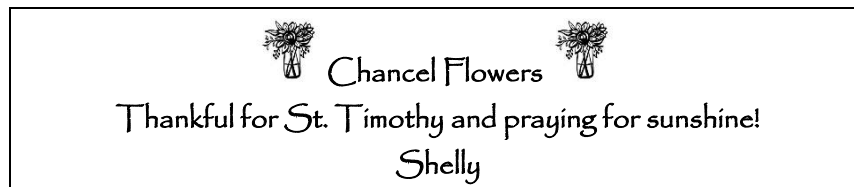
**Zoom Bible Study – Monday at 12:00 pm**

We are studying a comparison of the Gospels

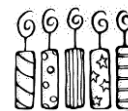
This is the link address to join: <https://study.sttimothyPCUSA.org>

**Adult Weekly Bible Study, Thursday – 9:30 am**

Our study is on the passage that Pastor Joel will be preaching on January 8 – Matt 3:13-17.



**Celebrating**



**Birthdays:**

January 8	Kimberly Gaines
January 9	Mike Baum
January 9	Isabella Sproul

**Anniversary:**

No anniversaries this week



## 2023 Chancel Flower Chart

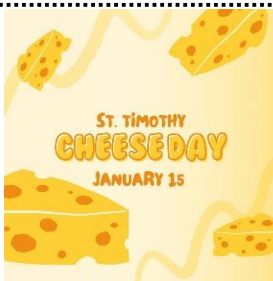
The 2023 Flower List is now posted on the bulletin board in fellowship hall! Please consider signing up to provide chancel flowers for one or two Sundays. Adding some beauty and color to our sanctuary on Sunday mornings is so special!

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## **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.

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



Bring your favorite cheese to share during fellowship hour on January 15! Bread, crackers, and a few other condiments will be provided but we need you to bring your favorite cheese. If you can't make it to coffee hour that day, feel free to drop your cheese by the church and stash it in the cheese drawer of "the people's fridge" in the fellowship hall.



To my St Timothy Family:

Thank you for your generous Christmas gift that you gave to me and my family! We are humbled by your generosity and thankful for your love. I continue to be blessed to serve as your pastor, and I am grateful that we get to do God's work together. May 2023 be full of God's love and care.

In Christ,  
Pastor Joel

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Hello St Timothy friends,

Once again I am blessed and humbled by your tremendous generosity with your Christmas bonus gift. To get so much from a congregation of our size is amazing! And that is on top of my salary, which I consider to be very generous for a part time position. Thanks so much and may everyone have a safe and happy 2023! - Tim Falk

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Dear St. Timothy,

What a beautiful financial gift! Being a part of St. Timothy has been a wonderful thing for me during the last few years and I am grateful that you have welcomed Mark as well. Thanks seems like a small word, but in reality, it is HUGE.

Peace to everyone,  
Shelly



The Deacon "Warming" Tree is in the narthex and ready to be decorated! Please consider trimming the tree with the following items:  
Socks, Hats, Gloves, Mittens and Scarves



You're invited to join St. Timothy's new online gathering space! We're creating a communal space using Slack for St. Timothy members. It's less busy than Facebook, as easy as texting, and would be better with you as a part of it. If you're curious and want to know more, just ask Tina for more information. Or you can jump in with both feet and join by emailing Tina at [cdpuntigam@hotmail.com](mailto:cdpuntigam@hotmail.com) and she will help you get set up.

The Mission and Outreach committees are merging into one committee co-chaired by Elders Mary Baum and Dennis Delezenne. More information will be shared today. Please consider joining the committee – lots of good things will be happening!



Safety Officer Meeting/Training  
Today, Sunday, January 8  
A very, very short meeting!  
We will be discussing the new guidelines and policy.  
Let's plan on meeting in the sanctuary.

Thanks, Dennis

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Welcome to the world Sophie James

Born 12/16/2022

6 pounds, 13 ounces

Proud parents: Joe and Cheryl

Big Sister: Addie

Big Brother: Jack

Proud Grandparents: Rick and Joni

The Rose on the chancel celebrates her birth.

## Church Weekly Schedule

Sunday	11:30 AM	Fellowship Hour
1/8	11:30 AM	Short Safety Meeting
	12:15 PM	Adult Bible Study
	12:30 PM	Removing of the Greens
Monday	12:00 PM	Zoom Adult Bible Study
1/9		<a href="https://study.sttimothyPCUSA.org">https://study.sttimothyPCUSA.org</a>
	3:00 PM	Faith Education
	5:30 PM	Men's Association
	6:00 PM	TOPS
Tuesday	6:45 & 8:15 AM	Prayer and Praise Call
1/10		202-926-1029 - access code 235645
	4:00 PM	Worship Committee
	4:30 PM	Mission & Outreach
Wednesday		
1/11		
Thursday	9:30 AM	Thursday Morning Bible Study
1/12	5:55 PM	Handbell Rehearsal
	7:00 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Friday		
1/13		
Saturday		
1/14		
Sunday	10:30 AM	Family Worship
1/15		<a href="https://video.sttimothypcusa.org">https://video.sttimothypcusa.org</a>
	11:30 AM	Fellowship Hour
	12:15 PM	Adult Sunday School



Today, Sunday, January 8 - after service! Please stay and help - many hands makes less work.

## Sing of God Made Manifest

*Sing of God made manifest in a child robust and blest,  
to whose home in Bethlehem where a star had guided them,  
magi came and gifts unbound, signs mysterious and profound;  
myrrh and frankincense and gold grave and God  
and king foretold.*

*Sing of God made manifest when at Jordan John confessed,  
"I should be baptized by you, but your bidding I will do."  
Then from heaven a double sign - dove like Spirit, voice divine-  
hailed the true Anointed One: "This is my beloved Son."*

*Sing of God made manifest when Christ came as wedding guest  
and at Cana gave a sign, turning water into wine;  
further still was love revealed as he taught,  
forgave, and healed,  
bringing light and lift to all who would listen to God's call.*

*Sing of God made manifest on the cloud-capped  
morning's crest, where the law and prophets waned  
so that Christ alone remained: glimpse of glory, pledge of  
grace, given as Jesus set his face towards the  
waiting cross and grave, sign of hope that God would save.*

## As with Gladness Men of Old

*As with gladness men of old Did the guiding star behold;  
As with joy they hailed its light,  
Leading onward, beaming bright,  
So, most gracious Lord, may we Evermore be led to Thee.*

*As with joyful steps they sped To that lowly manger bed,  
There to bend the knee before  
Him Whom heav'n and earth adore,  
So, may we willing feet Ever seek the mercy seat.*

*As they offered gifts most rare At that manger rude and bare,  
So may we with holy joy, Pure and free from sin's alloy,  
All our costliest treasures bring, Christ,  
to Thee our heavenly King.*

*Holy Jesus, every day Keep us in the narrow way;  
And when earthly things are past,  
Bring our ransomed souls at last Where they need no star to  
guide, Where no clouds They glory hide.*

### **We Three Kings**

*We three kings of Orient are: Bearing gifts we traverse afar-  
Field and fountain, moor and mountain-Following yonder star.  
O, star of wonder, star of night, Star with royal beauty bright,  
Westward leading, still proceeding,  
Guide us to thy perfect light.*

*Born a King on Bethlehem's plain:  
Gold I bring to crown Him again,  
King forever, ceasing never Over us all to reign.  
O, star of wonder, star of night, Star with royal beauty bright,  
Westward leading, still proceeding,  
Guide us to thy perfect light.*

*Frank-in-cense to offer have I: Incense owns a Deity nigh;  
Prayer and praising, all men raising,  
Worship Him, God on high.  
O, star of wonder, star of night, Star with royal beauty bright,  
Westward leading, still proceeding,  
Guide us to thy perfect light.  
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*Myrrh is mine; it's bitter perfume Breathes a life of gathering  
gloom- Sor-r'wing, sighing, bleeding, dying,  
Sealed in the stone-cold tomb.  
O, star of wonder, star of night, Star with royal beauty bright,  
Westward leading, still proceeding,  
Guide us to thy perfect light*

*Glorious now behold Him arise: King and God and Sacrifice;  
Alleluia, Alleluia! Earth to heav'n replies.  
O, star of wonder, star of night, Star with royal beauty bright,  
Westward leading, still proceeding,  
Guide us to thy perfect light.*



**Prior Mission Happenings and things we may do again:**

1. Holiday Meals
2. Community Rescue
3. Cereal drive for kids
4. Life Remodeled

**Prior Outreach Happenings and things we may do again:**

1. Trunk or Treat
2. Easter Egg Hunt
3. Friendship Club
4. School Supply Donations
5. Fort Street Donations
6. Samaritas House Donations
7. Fellowship Hour
8. Gift Bags to New Homeowners
9. Christmas Caroling
10. Ribbon Ministry
11. Working with subdivision
12. Outdoor Healing Service

**Possible Additional Ministries for Newly Combined Committee**

1. Hope Clinic
2. Open Door Clothing Drive
3. Community Rescue
4. Commercial Kitchen Use

**Please take a minute and pray about joining this new committee. It will bring JOY!**