

March 5, 2023
2nd Sunday in Lent



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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Staff
Pastor - Joel Puntigam
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

PASTORAL WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 121:1, 5, 8

From where will our help come?

Our help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Who is our keeper?

The Lord is our keeper, by day and by night.

How long will God protect us?

God will keep our going out and our coming in from this time on and forevermore.

HYMN “Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days” see insert

CALL TO CONFESSION

SILENT CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we come before you in need of forgiveness and grace. You call us to trust in you completely, but we do not. We are timid and fearful as we follow your lead. We justify our actions and words, though we know they are not what you require. We struggle to understand the new life Christ offers, preferring old habits to risky change. Forgive us, we pray. Help us to be born again into the life of Christ, trusting that you have included us by grace in the family of faith. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, God is for us and not against us! For that very reason, God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Believe the good news, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven! **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.

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: Genesis 12:1-4a

HYMN "Lord, I'm Coming Home" see insert

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN Karlane Belaire

NEW TESTAMENT READING John 3:1-17

SERMON Pastor Joel Puntigam
"A New Belief"

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Confession of 1967, continued
The one sufficient revelation of God is Jesus Christ, the Word of God incarnate, to whom the Holy Spirit bears unique and authoritative witness through the Holy Scriptures, which are received and obeyed as the word of God written. The Scriptures are not a witness among others, but the witness without parallel. The church has received the books of the Old and New Testaments as prophetic and apostolic testimony in which it hears the word of God and by which its faith and obedience are nourished and regulated.

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

Gracious God, we dedicate to you not only these gifts, but also ourselves, in deep gratitude— for your call on our lives, your guidance in the baptismal journey, and for blessing us that we may be a blessing to others. Accept what we bring for your own good purposes. In Christ we pray. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC "Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken"
Stuempfle, Jr./Wood

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

This morning we will be receiving Communion in the pews. An usher will come to your pew to distribute the elements. Eat the bread individually when you are ready. Then wait until everyone has been served the cup and we will drink together as a congregation. Prefilled individual cups will also be available.

THE CELEBRATION

The Invitation

The Words of Institution

The Prayer of Consecration

The Bread

The Cup

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 "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" see insert

SENDING AND BENEDICTION

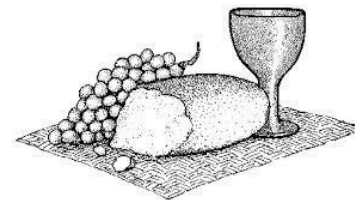
Empowered by the Holy Spirit, our mission is to: seek God, follow Christ, serve and love our neighbor.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Lord, who through-out these forty days for us did fast and pray, Teach us with you to mourn our sins and close by you to stay.

POSTLUDE

** Feasting on the Word Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year A, Volume 1*



Sunday, March 5th
Following Along in Worship

1. Today we celebrate the second Sunday in Lent. What did we learn last week?
 - a. Lent is about giving away everything we own
 - b. Jesus spent 40 days in the desert being tested
 - c. The shortest bible verse is: Jesus wept
 - d. Who will win it all?

2. Lent is meant to get us to think about Jesus dying on the cross. Why do you think Jesus did that for us?

3. Today's children sermon was about:
 - a. Being born again in a literal sense
 - b. Being born again in Jesus
 - c. Best M&M's: peanut or almond?

4. How has God changed your life?

5. In the sermon, Pastor Joel taught from John 3:1-17. Circle all that are true about this passage:
 - a. A Pharisee named Slick-o-demus visited Jesus
 - b. A Pharisee named Nicodemus visited Jesus
 - c. No one can see the Kingdom without licorice
 - d. No one can see the Kingdom without being reborn
 - e. We are the ones who birth our new spiritual selves
 - f. God is the one who births our new spiritual selves
 - g. God loved the world so he gave us baseball
 - h. God loved the world so he gave us Jesus

Serving in Worship This Morning

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| Greeter: | Mary Baum |
| Ushers: | Kathey Turnbull, Ron Martin |
| Worship Assistant: | Greg Kateff |
| Communion Servers: | Marilyn Taulbee, Tim Chanko |
| Children's Chapel: | Karlane Belaire, Linda Houghtby |
| Keyboard: | Linda Delezenne |
| Technology: | Tina Puntigam |
| Safety Officer: | Rich Belaire |
| Tellers: | Paula Boegner, Bob Taylor |
| Fellowship Hour: | Baum and Friends |

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 March 12 – John 4:5-42.



Chancel Flowers



Celebrating the International Festival of owls...an all-owl national event in Houston, Minnesota, 1998, started by Alice, the Great Horned Owl.

Celebrating



Birthday:

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| March 5 | Tony Beddow |
| March 6 | Nancy Pleasant |
| March 8 | Karlane Belaire |
| March 11 | Mary Baum |

Anniversaries:

No anniversaries this month

UPCOMING
Events

April 6 – Maundy Thursday – St. Paul’s
April 7 – Good Friday – Rosedale Gardens
April 10 – Early Outdoor Service, Deacon Breakfast,
Easter Egg and Easter Worship Service



Lent devotionals (for all ages) are available on the table in the narthex.

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 March month-end.



We are looking for a couple of people to help count the money. No need to work on the computer if you don’t want to. Just help count the money and help keep things organized. Please reach out to Paula Boegner if you can help.



Properties Update

Once again, there has been only limited needs this month. The STARS completed the ceiling tile replacement in the south restroom and a few in the south kitchen area. All the standard sanitation was completed each week. We also filled a couple of rather full yard bags filled with fallen branches and some left-over leaves from the lawn and sidewalk areas. We did have to take care of some monitoring of the building during the recent power outage, but all was okay. We reset all the thermostats to have them back in cycle on 2/28.

We are having a full evaluation done of the condition of the floor tiles in the hallways and the fellowship hall. This will allow us to reach a determination of the best way to get them fixed up and in best shape.

As always I thank the STARS for all their efforts and thank God for keeping St. Timothy moving along a good path.

May He continue to guide and support us all.
Bob Taylor, Properties Chair

Just a small reminder...

Our 2023 annual commitment to the Presbytery is \$2,660.30, which is \$35.95 per member (based on 74 members). 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 February 26, 2023, we have collected \$218.00 toward our assigned goal of \$2,660.30. Additional information was in the bulletin in January and we will provide more in March as well.



Check out the Deacon bulletin board in the office hall. It has the new flocks and some new decorations!



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 tech@sttimothycusa.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!

An Intimate Night of Music

\$20.00 - \$20.00 including fees

*An Intimate
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of Music*

Our own Tim Chanko is participating in this event at Village Theater of Canton. March 16, 17 & 18th at 7:30 pm...March 18th at 3:00 pm.

<https://ci.ovationtix.com/36533/production/1151906?performancelid=11236281>

Box Office: 734-394-5300

You are cordially invited to the wedding of the century! Follow the love story of 3 couples (bride and Groom, Maid of Honor and Best man, and the two female guests) from their youth to current day at the wedding using everyone's favorite musical songs from show like Grease, Momma Mia, Anything Goes, Gypsy and many more! Which couples are still together, who decided to be friends, who falls out of love? Come find out.

Church Weekly Schedule

Sunday	11:30 AM	Fellowship Hour
3/5	12:15 PM	Adult Bible Study
Monday	12:00 PM	Zoom Adult Bible Study
3/6		https://study.sttimothyPCUSA.org
	3:00 PM	Faith Education
	6:30 PM	TOPS
Tuesday	6:45 & 8:15 AM	Prayer and Praise Call
3/7		202-926-1029 - access code 235645
	9:00 AM	STARS
	4:30 PM	Mission & Outreach
Wednesday	12:30 PM	Faith Circle
3/8	6:30 PM	Session
Thursday	9:30 AM	Thursday Morning Bible Study
3/9	5:55 PM	Handbell Rehearsal
	7:00 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Friday		
3/10		
Saturday		
3/11		
Sunday	10:30 AM	Family Worship
3/12		https://video.sttimothypcusa.org
	11:30 AM	Fellowship Hour
	12:15 PM	Adult Sunday School

A Favorite Hope Scripture

Romans 5:5

And **hope** does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days

Lord, who throughout these forty days for us did fast and pray;
teach us with you to mourn our sins and close by you to stay.

As you with Satan did contend and did the victory win,
O give us strength to persevere, in you to conquer sin.

And through these days of penitence, and through this Passion
tide, yes, evermore, in life and death, O Lord, with us abide.

Abide with us, till when this life of suffering shall be past,
An Easter of unending joy we may attain at last.

Lord, I'm Coming Home

*I've wandered far away from God – Now I'm coming home;
The paths of sin too long I've trod – Lord, I'm coming home.
Coming home, coming home, Nevermore to roam;
Open now Thine arms of love – Lord, I'm coming home.*

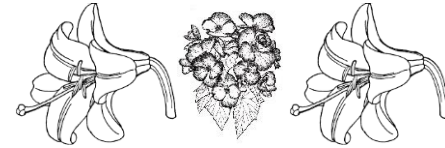
*I've wasted many precious years – Now I'm coming home;
I now repent with bitter tears – Lord, I'm coming home.
Coming home, coming home, Nevermore to roam;
Open now Thine arms of love – Lord, I'm coming home.*

*I've tired of sin and straying, Lord – Now I'm coming home;
I'll trust Thy love, believe Thy word – Lord, I'm coming home.
Coming home, coming home, Nevermore to roam;
Open now Thine arms of love – Lord, I'm coming home.*

*My soul is sick, my heart is sore – Now I'm coming home;
My strength renew, my hope restore – Lord, I'm coming home.
Coming home, coming home, Nevermore to roam;
Open now Thine arms of love – Lord, I'm coming home.*

Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus

*Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
Look full in His wonderful face,
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim
In the light of His glory and grace.*



Easter Flowers

Jesus alludes to the beauty of the flowers in his Sermon on the Mount, reminding his listeners that King Solomon with all of his riches, was not dressed as beautifully as the lilies of the field.

If you would like to add beauty to our Easter celebration, we invite you to purchase a plant or two and then take them home after Easter Service.

*Please make check payable to
St. Timothy Presbyterian Church.*

*Note: Please fill in the form below, include payment and leave it on the desk in the church office or the top tray outside of the office door. Please **do not** place your order in the offering. Another option is to send the order directly to the church office.*

Order deadline is March 12

Cost per flower - \$15.00

Quantity

Lilies _____

Rieger Begonias _____

Total Cost \$ _____

Flowers are donated by: _____

in memory of _____

in honor of _____

in thanksgiving for _____

