

April 2 2023
Palm Sunday



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

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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.sttimothycusa.org>

Welcome!

PRELUDE

ALL CHURCH PROCESSIONAL – *Today the whole congregation is invited to join in the Palm Sunday processional. Following the prelude, those willing and able are instructed to create a tunnel for our children and youth by lining up on both sides of the main entry into the sanctuary and extending into the hallway. When the children go through the human tunnel into the sanctuary, wave your palm branches and welcome them with shouts of “Hosanna”, “Blessed is the King” and “Glory to God”! Those seated in the pews are invited to shout and wave as well. Once the children have passed you in the line, follow them into the sanctuary and continue to shout and celebrate until you find your seat. We will then immediately sing the first hymn.*

PASTORAL WELCOME

HYMN “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna” see insert

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Awake to the day of triumph for our Savior!

Give thanks for this day that leads to the cross!

Come with your branches, hosannas, and songs!

Fill the air with welcome to the Lord!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

CALL TO CONFESSION

SILENT CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we come before you in humble repentance. We confess we have withheld care and love from your people, our neighbors, and from your creation, our Earth. We have rejected the cornerstone you sent to build a people of righteousness even here, today. Forgive our failings. Heal what we have broken, nurture what we have neglected, and lead us to your vision, so that we may know the peace of wholeness in you; in Jesus’ name. Amen.

***DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Our God has come to us, humble and in the form of a slave, to free us from the weight of sin and death. Jesus’ obedient suffering has released us. Our sins are forgiven, in the name of the one who is exalted beyond what we can comprehend: Christ, our Savior and Lord. **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: Psalm 118:19-29

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Blessed Is He Who Comes in the Name of the Lord”
Larson

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN Tina Puntigam

NEW TESTAMENT READING Matthew 21:1-11

SERMON Pastor Joel Puntigam
“This is Jesus!”

HYMN “Thou Art Worthy” see insert

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Confession of 1967, cont.
The church responds to the message of reconciliation in praise and prayer. In that response it commits itself afresh to its mission, experiences a deepening of faith and obedience, and bears open testimony to the gospel. Adoration of God is acknowledgment of the Creator by the creation. Confession of sin is admission of every person’s guilt before God and of their need for God’s forgiveness. Thanksgiving is rejoicing in God’s goodness to all people and in giving for the needs of others.

Now to him who by the power within us is able to do far more abundantly than all we ask or think, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

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**

God of all good gifts, we give you thanks for the great deeds of salvation that you have done and continue to do. Bless these offerings of thanksgiving that they may further your kingdom in this world; through Jesus Christ we pray. 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 “Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!” see insert

SENDING AND BENEDICTION

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CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*All glory, laud and honor, To Thee, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring:
Thou art the King of Israel, Thou David’s royal Son,
Who in the Lord’s name com-est, The King and blessed One!
Amen.*

POSTLUDE

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

Sunday, April 2nd
Following Along in Worship

1. Today we celebrate Palm Sunday. What is your favorite thing about today?

2. Lent is just about over. Do you remember what it means?
 - a. It means Spring or renewal
 - b. It means giving up something you like
 - c. It means cleaning out your dryer

3. What was the children's sermon about?
 - a. Come, Lord Jesus!
 - b. All that glitters is not gold
 - c. Palms are like crowns

4. What are you looking forward to most about Easter?

5. In the sermon, Pastor Joel will teach from Matthew 21:1-11. Circle all that are true about this passage:
 - a. Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a horse
 - b. Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a young donkey
 - c. The crowds celebrated and shouted for Jesus
 - d. The crowds booed Jesus and told him to leave
 - e. Jesus knew ahead of time he was going to die
 - f. Who is Jesus? He is a man from Albuquerque
 - g. Who is Jesus? He is fully human and God

Serving in Worship This Morning

Greeter:	Karlane Belaire
Ushers:	Kathey Turnbull, Ron Martin
Worship Assistant:	Rick Dunn
Keyboard:	Linda Delezenne
Children's Chapel:	Kathey Turnbull, Linda Houghtby
Technology:	Tina Puntigam
Safety Officer:	Scott Gaines
Tellers:	Kim Gaines, Bob Taylor
Fellowship Hour:	Patty Kreitmeyer, Carol Prevost

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 April 9 – Matthew 28:1-10.



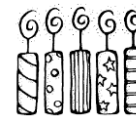
Chancel Flowers



In Memory of my father, Howard, and my husband, Jerome.

Kathey Turnbull

Celebrating



Birthday:

No birthdays this week.

Anniversaries

No anniversaries this month.

UPCOMING Events

April 2 – Community Easter Egg Hunt
April 6 – Maundy Thursday – St. Paul’s
April 7 – Good Friday – Rosedale Gardens
April 9 – Early Outdoor Service, Deacon Breakfast,
Easter Egg Hunt and Easter Worship Service
April 29 – Friendship Club



Remember the fish boxes next Sunday!



Easter Caroling!

Our caroling continues on Saturday, April 15th at 1:00 pm. Join us as we visit some of our members to provide some Easter Joy. Meet at church at 1:00.

faith and finance

Properties Update 3/23

This is being prepared a bit early this month due to Shelly being scheduled for vacation so publication of the documents involved must be handled a bit differently.

The STARS have continued our normal processes with effects of weather being the only controlling issue slowing some items. The biggest was collection of fallen branches around the property. We finally had an opportunity to catch up with that.

One of the items involved in preparing the commercial kitchen that was needed was to provide a splash barrier between the discharge area of the dish washer and the triple sink. That is now completed and will await the next inspection by the licensing authority.

The automatic light/exhaust fan switch in the men's room across from the teller room has been replaced and is operational. There has been an inspection of the tile floors in the building which are truly badly worn and in need of work. A proposal for needed steps was done which will then be presented to Session for review in April.

Other items of concern have been taken care of as needed as usual by the STARS. We at St. Timothy continue to thank the Lord for the help and guidance provided and we pray for recovery of all members of the congregation in need of healing including a couple of our group in the near future.

May God bless us all,
Bob Taylor, Properties Chair



HOLY WEEK

Maundy Thursday

April 6 at 7:00 pm

St. Paul's Presbyterian Church

Good Friday

April 7 at 7:00 pm

Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church

Easter Sunday

April 9

- 8:00 am Outdoor Service
- 9:00 am Deacon Breakfast
- 9:45 am All Age Easter Egg Hunt
- 10:30 am Easter Worship



Reaching out to all gardeners!

It's time to start making plans for the community/church garden. The first step is to understand who is interested in gardening. If you are interested in having a spot to grow your own produce in the garden, or helping with the church's garden, please reach out to Melanie Gumz. A meeting to discuss garden plans with interested gardeners is planned for Monday April 10 at 10AM, at the church. All interested gardeners are invited to attend. If you are unable to attend this meeting, please let Melanie know you are interested in having space in the vegetable garden.



Our Daily Bread
Ministries™

Our Daily Bread devotionals are available on the Usher Stand.

Serving



OTHERS

People in Need

For many years friends and members have given money to the "People in Need" fund. These funds have historically been managed by Pastor Joel and Shelly. The fund helps people in need here in the church and those that are brought to us. The fund once had thousands of dollars but over the years has dwindled down to about \$300. Please consider helping this ministry continue.



On Saturday, April 29th from 4-6pm the Mission and Outreach Committee is having another Friendship Club event. We will have a pizza dinner along with games and music. The residents of the homes will be putting on a talent show. If you would like to be a part of this special time there is a sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall. Any questions, reach out to Mary Baum.



Matt Johnson’s event schedule for Detroit Lutheran Singers:

From Matt: “we had our first Lutheran Singers rehearsal last night and got the schedule of concerts. Because the concerts are after Easter the title of the concerts is "Now the Green Blade Rises" and deals with how people and the earth interact with the concept of heaven. Really good music and I don't think there are any pieces not in English so I think a lot of people will enjoy that”.

Sat. 4/22/2023 at 7:00 PM
 Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian
 9601 Hubbard St. Livonia 48150

Sun. 4/23/2023 at 3:00 PM
 St. John Lutheran Church and School
 16339 E. 14 Mile Rd. Fraser 48026

Sat. 4/29/2023 at 7:00 PM
 St. Paul's Lutheran Church
 22915 Greater Mack Ave. St. Clair Shores 48080

Sun. 4/30/2023 at 3:00 PM
 Lutheran Church of the Redeemer
 1800 W. Maple Rd. Birmingham 48009

Tickets can be bought at the concert venue or on the website:
<https://detroitlutheransingers.com/>

General Admission \$15.00
 Students/Seniors \$10.00
 Children 12 and under free

Church Weekly Schedule

Sunday	11:30 AM	Fellowship Hour
4/2	12:15 PM	Adult Bible Study
	1:00 PM	Community Egg Hunt
Monday	12:00 PM	Zoom Adult Bible Study
4/3		https://study.sttimothyusa.org
	3:00 PM	Faith Education
	6:30 PM	TOPS
Tuesday	6:45 & 8:15 AM	Prayer and Praise Call
4/4		202-926-1029 - access code 235645
	9:00 AM	STARS
Wednesday	5:00 PM	Mission & Outreach
4/5	6:30 PM	Session
Thursday	9:30 AM	Thursday Morning Bible Study
4/6	11:30 AM	Ladies Luncheon
	6:30 AM	Compassionate Friends
	7:00 PM	Maundy Thursday at St. Paul's
Friday	10:00 AM	Deacon Breakfast Setup
4/7	12:00 PM	Church closed
	7:00 PM	Good Friday at Rosedale Gardens
Saturday	All Day	Church Closed until Sundown
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Sunday	8:00 AM	Outdoor Worship
4/9	9:00 AM	Deacon Breakfast
	9:45 AM	All Age Easter Egg Hunt
	10:30 AM	Easter Worship Service

A Favorite Hope Scripture **Jeremiah 29:11**

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord,
 plans to prosper you and not to harm you,
 plans to give you **hope** and a future.

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

*Hosanna, loud hosanna the little children sang;
Through pillared court and temple the joyful anthem rang.
To Jesus, who had blessed them, close folded to his breast,
the children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.*

*From Olivet they followed' mid an exultant crowd,
the victor palm branch waving, and chanting clear and loud;
the Lord of earth and heaven rode on in lowly state,
nor scorned that little children should on his bidding wait.*

*“Hosanna in the highest!” That ancient song we sing,
for Christ is our Redeemer; the Lord of heaven, our King.
O may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice,
and in his blissful presence eternally rejoice.*

Thou Art Worthy

*Thou art worthy, Thou art worthy,
Thou art worthy, O Lord,
To receive glory, glory and honor,
Glory and honor and pow'r.
For Thou has created, hast all things created;
Thou hast created all things.
And for Thy pleasure they are created;
For Thou art worthy, O Lord.*

Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!

*Ride on! Ride on in majesty!
Hark! all the tribes hosanna cry;
thy humble beast pursues its road with palms and
scattered garments strowed.*

*Ride on! Ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die;
O Christ, thy triumphs now begin
o'er captive death and conquered sin.
Ride on! Ride on in majesty!
The hosts of angels in the sky
Look down with sad and wondering eyes to see
the approaching sacrifice.*

*Ride on! Ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die;
bow thy meek head to mortal pain;
then take, O God, thy power, and reign*