

July 23, 2023  
8th Sunday after Pentecost



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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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 8:1, 3-5

O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

**You have set your glory above the heavens.**

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; <sup>4</sup> what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?

**Yet you have made them a little lower than God and crowned them with glory and honor.**

Let us worship the Lord our God!

HYMN

“Jacob’s Ladder”

see insert

CALL TO CONFESSION

SILENT CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, your creation cries out, but we turn away and instead we surround ourselves with distractions. We are quick to excuse ourselves from responsibility: we are too tired or too busy. It is hard to imagine that we might make a difference. Lord Jesus, wash us clean. Restore our imaginations and our hearts. Let your courage and compassion flow through our veins. May your Spirit awaken us and direct us to truly serve and love our neighbor. Amen.**

\*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Sisters and brothers, hear the word of the Lord. In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, God says unequivocally, irrevocably: you are my own; you are forgiven. Therefore, let us live as those who have been set free.

**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: Isaiah 44:6-8

SPECIAL MUSIC

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN Karlane Belaire

GOSPEL READING Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

SERMON Tim Chanko  
"Tending to God's Good Earth"

HYMN "My Faith Has Found a Resting Place" see insert

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostle's Creed  
**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his only son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried, he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. 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 mystery and grace, you have met us and blessed us with such abundant promise. In gratitude we offer what we carry in our hearts and our pockets. We bring these offerings in the name of Jesus and by the movement of your Spirit in this place. 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 "Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing" see insert

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please step up to the microphone to make your announcement so everyone (including online guests) can hear what is being said.*

SENDING AND BENEDICTION

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

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*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.*

POSTLUDE

*\*Feasting on the Word Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year A, Volume 2.*



Tim Chanko – we are happy you are in the pulpit at St. Timothy today!

I was born and raised in Livonia, and I currently live in Canton. My first glimpse of St Timothy was probably as I was going to elementary school – I went to Clay Elementary which used to be in St. Timothy’s “backyard” before they tore it down to put up homes. I first attended St Timothy while in high school, which means I have been going to this church for around 40 years (maybe my mom, who is also a member here, can give a more exact date). I have one older brother and one younger brother. I have a B.S. degree and a M.S. degree in Chemical Engineering from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, and I have been working at Ford Motor Company in Dearborn for 28 years, currently in the fuel cell department. I have been in several rock and roll bands, and also have been in many community theater productions. I even have written a few one-act musicals. I have served here at St Timothy in many capacities: singing in the choir, playing bells, being a deacon, being on Session, and am currently the Treasurer and part of the finance committee. In my spare time, I enjoy traveling, acting, singing, writing music, playing golf, playing hockey, playing the piano, and playing board games.

## Serving in Worship This Morning

Greeter: Mary Baum  
 Ushers: Patty Kreitmeyer, Kathey Turnbull  
 Worship Assistant: Greg Kateff  
 Children’s Chapel: Karlane Belaire  
 Vocal Soloist: Dave Olko, Sr  
 Keyboard: Paula Boegner  
 Technology: Melanie Gumz  
 Safety Officer: Lou Suveg  
 Tellers: Paula Boegner, Melanie Gumz  
 Fellowship Hour: Choirs

## Weekly Bible Studies

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

We are studying Genesis. All are welcome!

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

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 for the Hymn Sing that Paula is leading on July 30 - John 15:1-5.

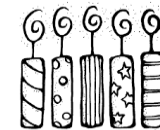


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Always thankful for St. Timothy

## Celebrating



### **Birthday:**

July 26

July 26

### **Anniversaries:**

Karen Hooks

Jeanne Phillips

No anniversaries this week

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, July 29<sup>th</sup> – Memorial Garden Painting

Sunday, August 13 – Worship in the Park

Wednesday evenings, July thru August – Campfire  
Worship



Do you have someone that is in need of prayer? Put their name on a prayer ribbon and tie it to the fence out front. Write your concerns and worries and give them to God. Give Him thanks and praises. The prayer ribbons are a spiritual and awesome sight to see fluttering in the wind. Ribbons are on the table in the main entry.



Tim Chanko is at it again. He is performing in “The Adams Family” at the Village Theater. Dates: September 15-17 & 22-24, Friday & Saturday at 7:30 pm, Sunday’s at 3:00 pm. There is a postcard on the wall in the Narthex which has all the information needed to purchase a ticket.

## Church Photo Directory



Say Cheese! It’s time for a new photo directory. This time we are trying something fun and different. Take a selfie while on vacation or while you are relaxing at home. Maybe in front of your favorite flowers or with your pet. Use your imagination. Close-up photos are better, we want to see your face(s). E-mail the photo to the church. If you need help we will take the photo for you. Any questions talk to Mary or Dennis.



Fellowship Hour is such a nice time to gather with everyone after service. Once a month, we are asking you to bring a specific food category if you are able. This is the current list:

- August 6 – Bring your favorite pasta dish.
- September 3 – Favorite Chinese Food

P.S. August 20<sup>th</sup> is your favorite Mexican Dish and August 27<sup>th</sup> is your favorite Brunch!



## Chrismon Workshop

Please join us to make Chrismons for the children of our congregation and extended family. No previous experience is necessary. You will be provided instructions on how to assemble them at the workshops and will have others available for guidance.

We are meeting at the church on Thursday afternoons from 12:00 pm to 2:30 pm. We have lots of fun and are able to create something memorable. Please join us.

Dorothy Sanchez and Carol Prevost

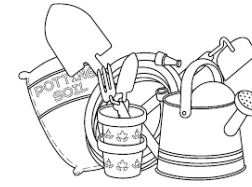


## Campfire Worship

Wednesday evenings in July and August

Time: 7:00 pm

- Plan on some testimonials
- Plan on bible discussion
- Enjoy singing with a new campfire book!



## Memorial Garden Painting Day

When: Saturday July 29th

Time: 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Provided: Breakfast and lunch

The next Memorial Garden Painting Day is on Saturday, July 29th, 9 am to noon. The primary focus of the day will be scraping and painting the wood panels by the windows of the memorial garden and the day care area. A full breakfast and lunch will be provided. Contact Chris Korne for more information regarding the painting project.

*faith* and  
**finance**

# Church Weekly Schedule

Sunday	11:30 AM	Fellowship Hour
7/23	12:15 PM	<i>Adult Bible Study</i>
Monday	12:00 PM	<i>Zoom Adult Bible Study</i>
7/24		<a href="https://study.sttimothyPCUSA.org">https://study.sttimothyPCUSA.org</a>
	6:30 PM	TOPS
Tuesday	6:45 & 8:15 AM	Prayer and Praise Call
7/25		202-926-1029 - access code 235645
	9:00 AM	STARS
Wednesday	6:00 PM	Finance
7/26		
Thursday	9:30 AM	Thursday Morning Bible Study
7/27	12:30 PM	<i>Chrismons</i>
Friday		
7/28		
Saturday		
7/29		
Sunday	10:30 AM	Family Worship - Hymn Sing
7/30		<a href="https://video.sttimothypcusa.org">https://video.sttimothypcusa.org</a>
	11:30 AM	<i>Fellowship Hour</i>
	12:15 PM	<i>Adult Bible Study</i>



## **Jacob's Ladder**

*We are climbing Jacob's ladder,  
We are climbing Jacob's ladder,  
We are climbing Jacob's ladder,  
Soldiers of the cross.*

*Ev'ry round goes higher, higher,  
Ev'ry round goes higher, higher,  
Ev'ry round goes higher, higher,  
Soldiers of the cross.*

*Children, do you love my Jesus?  
Children, do you love my Jesus?  
Children, do you love my Jesus?  
Soldiers of the cross.*

*If you love Him, why not serve Him?  
If you love Him, why not serve Him?  
If you love Him, why not serve Him?  
Soldier of the cross.*

*Rise, shine, and give God glory,  
Rise, shine, and give God glory,  
Rise, shine, and give God glory,  
Soldiers of the cross.*

## **My Faith Has Found a Resting Place**

*My faith has found a resting place – Not in device or creed:  
I trust the Ever-living One – His wounds for me shall plead.  
I need no other argument, I need no other pleas;  
It is enough that Jesus died, And that he died for me.*

*Enough for me that Jesus saves – This ends my fear and doubt;  
A sinful soul I come to Him – He'll never cast me out.  
I need no other argument, I need no other pleas;  
It is enough that Jesus died, And that he died for me.  
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*My heart is leaning on the Word – The written Word of God:  
Salvation by my Savior's name – Salvation thru His blood.  
I need no other argument, I need no other pleas;  
It is enough that Jesus died, And that he died for me.*

*My great Physician heals the sick – The lost He came to save;  
For me the precious blood He shed – For me His life He gave.  
I need no other argument, I need no other pleas;  
It is enough that Jesus died, And that he died for me.*

## **Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing**

*Lord, dismiss us with Thy blessing,  
Fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
Let us each, Thy love possessing,  
Triumph in redeeming grace.  
O refresh us, O refresh us,  
Traveling through this wilderness.*

*Thanks we give and adoration  
For Thy gospel's joyful sound;  
May the fruits of Thy salvation  
In our hearts and lives abound.  
Ever faithful, ever faithful  
To the Truth may we be found.  
Amen.*