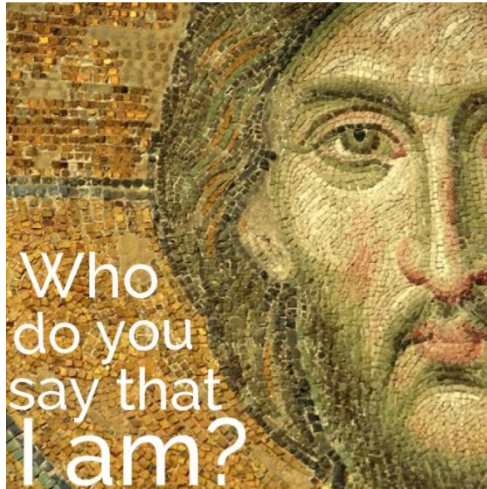


August 27, 2023
13th Sunday after Pentecost



St. Timothy Presbyterian Church
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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.sttimothycusa.org>

Welcome!

PRELUDE "Nearer, My God to Thee"

INTROIT

PASTORAL WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 138

We give thanks to the LORD with our whole heart.

We give thanks for God's steadfast love and faithfulness!

Though high above all things, God sees the lowly.

Even when we are in deep trouble, God makes us live again.

The love of God lasts forever!

HYMN "The Church's One Foundation" see insert

CALL TO CONFESSION

SILENT CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have conformed our lives to the ways of the world and not the ways of your kingdom. We think of ourselves too highly and regard others as lowly. We exalt possessions and power when you alone are to be exalted. Have mercy upon us, we pray. Forgive and transform us, that we may be holy and acceptable to you, discerning and doing your will. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

If it had not been the Lord who was on our side, we would now be lost in sin. But it is the Lord who is on our side, and so we are forgiven! Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth. **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 51:1-6

SPECIAL MUSIC "Sing a Little Song" Whitaker

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN Karlane Belaire

GOSPEL READING Matthew 16:13-20

SERMON Pastor Joel Puntigam
"The Son of the Living God"

HYMN "O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus" 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

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 thank you for the measure of faith you have given to each of us. Increase in us generosity, compassion, and courage so we may continue to be your body in and for the world. With thanksgiving, we now dedicate these offerings in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

CALL TO PRAYER

Day by day, day by day, O, dear Lord, three things I pray: To see Thee more clearly, Love Thee more dearly, Follow Thee more nearly, Day by day.

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 "Thou Art Worthy" 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 BLESSING

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

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

May the Lord, Mighty God, Bless and Keep you Forever, Grant you Peace, Perfect Peace, Courage in every endeavor. Lift up your eyes and see God's face and God's grace Forever, May the Lord, Mighty God, Bless and Keep you Forever.

POSTLUDE

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

Sunday, August 27th
Following Along in Worship

1. Last week we talked about the refreshment Jesus offers us. How can Jesus give you refreshment?

2. It's so good to worship together as a church. What's your favorite thing about being together?

3. What was the Time for the Children about today?
 - a. Is the Lions hype real?
 - b. The Greatest Evil: salt or sugar?
 - c. Jesus is my Savior

4. Why do you think it's important to say aloud that you believe in Jesus?

5. In the sermon, Pastor Joel will teach from Matthew 16:23-20. Circle all that are true about this passage:
 - a. Jesus asked his disciples about lunch
 - b. Jesus asked his disciples about his identity
 - c. Some said prophets, others said Elijah
 - d. Peter said Peter Pan!
 - e. Peter said the Christ!
 - f. The Christ is the One who saves us
 - g. Jesus told Peter he would amount to nothing
 - h. Jesus told Peter he would be the rock on which he would build his church

Serving in Worship This Morning

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| Greeter: | Patty Kreitmeyer |
| Ushers: | Ron Martin, Lou Suveg |
| Worship Assistant: | Matt Johnson |
| Soloists: | Jillian and Cassy Sautter |
| Keyboard: | Linda Delezenne |
| Technology: | Melanie Gumz |
| Safety Officer: | Rich Belaire |
| Tellers: | Paula Boegner, |
| Fellowship Hour: | Sunday Brunch |

Weekly Bible Studies

Adult Sunday Bible Study – approximately 12:15 pm

We are studying Exodus in Room 14. All are welcome!


Zoom Bible Study – 12:00 pm on Monday

We are studying the minor prophet Obadiah (learn what happens if you don't treat *His* people well).

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 September 3 – Matthew 16:21-28.



Chancel Flowers

For my brothers Gary and David,
 Kathey Turnbull

Celebrating



Birthdays:

- August 30
- August 30
- September 1
- September 1

Anniversaries:

- Greg Kateff
- Hannah Puntigam
- Jean Chapp
- Randy Wright

None this week

**UPCOMING
EVENTS**

Wednesday, August 30 – Last Campfire at 7:00 pm

Sunday, September 10 – Rally Day

Saturday, September 16 – Puntigam Open House

Saturday, October 28 – Trunk or Treat

Saturday, November 11 – Friendship Club



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.



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:

- September 3 – Favorite Chinese Food



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.



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.



Rally Day is coming! Sunday, Sept. 10. Worship, then Deacons and Faith Committee will provide a lunch. There will also be a game or two to celebrate the fall season and our ongoing education programs.

Please join us!



Memorial Garden Engraved Bricks

Order forms for engraved bricks are on the bulletin board. If you want to order a brick to memorialize someone you have loved, please fill out the form and submit it to the church office or to Karlane Belaire. The cost for each brick is \$35.00; please write "Brick" on the info line on the check. For your information, someone has already ordered a brick for Linda Osborne and Marilyn Taulbee.

faith and
finance



meeting

**Sunday, September 3 – Short Congregational
 and Short Corporation Meeting to get
 approval for a loan and financial secretaries.**



Music note - The St Timothy Handbell and Chancel choirs will officially be starting the upcoming choir music season on Thursday, September 7th. If you are interested in joining one or both of the choirs and would like to find out more about them, please contact Tim Falk or any of the current choir members.



After careful consideration, we have decided to end our food pantry program because our past clients are using other local food banks. We understand that this program has been an important resource for many in the past. However, our committee has decided to shift our focus towards other initiatives that we believe will better meet the needs of our community.

Please know that this decision was not made lightly, and we would like to express our gratitude to all of the volunteers and donors who have supported our food pantry over the years. We remain committed to serving our community and providing access to valuable resources wherever possible. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this change, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. We value your feedback and would like to hear from you.

Thank you for your understanding,
Mission and Outreach Committee



I would like to thank everyone for the cards, prayers, phone calls, they have meant so much to me. Hope to be back soon.

Love,
Jean Chapp



We want to let you know about an exciting opportunity that can help make a difference in the lives of those who are struggling. The People in Need fund was created specifically to support individuals and families who are in urgent need of financial assistance due to reasons such as job loss, illness, or family emergencies.

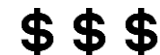
Through your generous contributions, we can make a significant impact in the lives of those who face difficult times. As we all know, even a little help can go a long way in providing hope and support to those in need. So, please consider making a donation to support the People in Need fund. Your contribution, no matter how small, will be greatly appreciated and will directly help those in need.

Thank you for your time and support. Together, we can make a difference!

Your Mission and Outreach Committee

Church Weekly Schedule

Sunday	10:30 AM	Family Worship
8/27	11:30 AM	<i>Fellowship Hour</i>
	12:15 PM	Adult Bible Study
Monday	12:00 PM	Zoom Adult Bible Study
8/28		https://study.sttimothyPCUSA.org
	5:30 PM	<i>HOA Annual Meeting</i>
	6:00 PM	TOPS
Tuesday	6:45 & 8:15 AM	Prayer and Praise Call
8/29		202-926-1029 - access code 235645
	9:00 AM	<i>STARS</i>
	6:30 PM	Nominating and Personnel
Wednesday		
8/30		
Thursday	9:30 AM	Thursday Morning Bible Study
8/30		
Friday	6:00 PM	Special Olympics Cheerleading
8/31		
Saturday		
9/1		
Sunday	10:30 AM	Family Worship
9/2		https://video.sttimothyPCUSA.org
	11:30 AM	<i>Fellowship Hour</i>
	12:15 PM	Adult Bible Study



Donating is now available through Paypal and it is easy! One way to access is through the Friday Email. Look for the Paypal button. The other way to access is to go to the church website: sttimothyPCUSA.org and click on the "donate" tab at the top of the page. If you need help, please reach out to Melanie Gumz.

The Church's One Foundation

*The Church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ her lord;
She is His new creation
By water and the Word:
From Heav'n He came and sought her
To be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her,
And for her life He died.*

*Elect from ev'ry nation,
Yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation
One Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy name she blesses,
Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses,
With ev'ry grace endued.*

*'Mid toil and tribulation
And tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation
Of peace forevermore;
Till with the vision glorious
Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious
Shall be the Church at rest.*

*Yet she on earth hath union
With God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly,
On high may dwell with Thee.
Amen.*

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

*O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
Vast, unmeasured, bound-less free!
Rolling as a mighty ocean
In its fullness over me,
Underneath me, all around me,
Is the current of Thy love;
Leading on-ward, leading home-ward
To my glorious rest above.*

*O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
Spread His praise from shore to shore!
How He loveth, ever loveth,
Changeth never, nevermore;
How he watches o'er His loved ones,
Died to call them all His own;
How for them He intercedeth,
Watch-eth o'er them from the throne.*

*O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
Love of every love the best;
'Tis an ocean vast of blessing,
'Tis a haven sweet of rest,
O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
'tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me;
And it lifts me up to glory,
For it lifts me up to Thee.
Amen.*

Thou Art Worthy

*Thou art worthy, thou art worthy,
thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory,
glory and honor, glory and honor and power.
For thou hast created, hast all things created;
thou hast created all things.
And for thy pleasure they are created;
Thou art worthy, O Lord.*