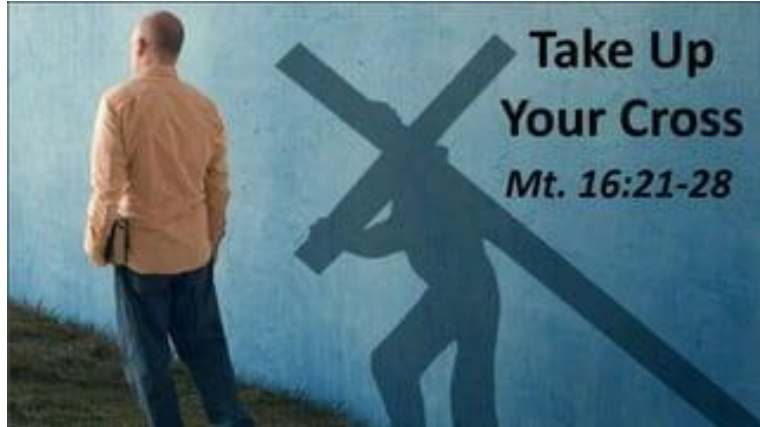


September 3, 2023
13th Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome!



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
Office Manager – Shelly Walldorff

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>

PRELUDE

INTROIT "Come Bless the Lord" Paul Ruehl

PASTORAL WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 105:3, 45b

The God of our ancestors calls us to worship.

Praise the Lord!

Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

Let us worship the Lord our God!

HYMN "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" see insert

CALL TO CONFESSION

SILENT CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, we confess that, like the disciples, we set our minds not on divine things but on human things. Doubting your loving care, we grab for more than we need. Doubting your loving purposes, we shrink from living as your followers. Doubting your loving plan, we become stumbling blocks in your creation. Forgive us that we may gain new life in you, for it is in Jesus' forgiving name we pray. Amen.

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Jesus took up his cross for our salvation. In return for our old life of sin, he promises a new life of grace. Therefore, know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

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.

EPISTLE READING Romans 12:16-21
SPECIAL MUSIC "I Saw the Light" Hank Williams
TIME WITH THE CHILDREN Tina Puntigam
GOSPEL READING Matthew 16:21-28
SERMON Pastor Joel Puntigam
"The New Life in Christ"

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Nicene Creed
We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son, is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS
Offertory "Uncloudy Day" Josiah K. Alwood

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

Holy God of holy ground, like Moses, we question our fitness to serve heaven's purposes on earth. Overcome our qualms with the assurance of your presence; bless these offerings that, through them, we may do your will; in the name of the triune One. Amen.

HYMN "Lord God, Almighty" see insert

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 "I'll Fly Away" see insert

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING AND BEDICTION

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

**Sunday, September 3rd
Following Along in Worship**

1. During worship last week we learned that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. What does that mean to you?

2. Draw a picture of yourself with Jesus close to you:

3. What was the Time for the Children about today?
 - a. God's point of view
 - b. The origins of the known universe
 - c. Why peanut butter is awesome

4. What do you think God wants from you and your life?

5. In the sermon, Pastor Joel will teach from Matthew 16:21-28. Circle all that are true about this passage:
 - a. Peter was super happy that Jesus had to die
 - b. Peter was very upset that Jesus had to die
 - c. Jesus rebuked Peter about his opinion
 - d. To follow Jesus, we must all become vegans
 - e. To follow Jesus, we must give up what we want to do for what Jesus wants us to do
 - f. It is better to keep our souls healthy than to get everything we want
 - g. It's worth it, because God is so good

Serving in Worship This Morning

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| Greeter: | Dorothy Sanchez |
| Ushers: | Katheya Turnbull, Ron Martin |
| Worship Assistant: | Margaret Barsch |
| Communion Servers: | Bob and Kimmy Taylor |
| Musicians: | The St. Timothy Campfire Singers |
| Keyboard: | Linda Delezenne |
| Technology: | Tina Puntigam |
| Safety Officer: | Dennis Delezenne |
| Tellers: | Kim Gaines, Bob Taylor |
| Fellowship Hour: | Your favorite Chinese dish |

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 book of James.

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 10 – Matthew 18:15-20.



Chancel Flowers



Giving thanks for 69 years together!

Ron and Muriel Martin

Celebrating



Birthdays:

September 8

Dennis Delezenne

Anniversaries:

September 4

Ron & Muriel Martin
(69 years)

**UPCOMING
EVENTS**

- Sunday, September 10 – Rally Day
- Saturday, September 16 – Puntigam Open House
- Sunday, October 8 – Crop Walk
- 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.

- 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!



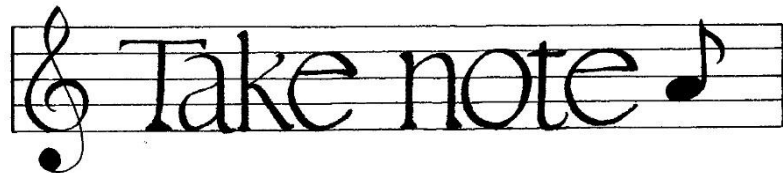
Memorial Garden Engraved Bricks

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.



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.



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: sttimothyusa.org and click on the "donate" tab at the top of the page. If you need help, please reach out to Melanie Gumz.



Crop Walk Sunday October 8

Start: Garden City Presbyterian Church

Registration: 1:45 pm

Gathering: before walking – 2:00 pm

Walk: 1:45 pm

Let's try for 100% participation – either you walk or donate or both!



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



Bulletin

Please submit any information for the Sunday bulletin the prior Monday. That may seem early, but it gives us time to work the document and then send it out for proofing Tuesday. We then print the bulletins on Thursday afternoons which again may be early, but if the printer needs to be serviced, we have that extra day. It is a process and thank you for understanding.

Church Weekly Schedule

Sunday	10:30 AM	Family Worship
9/3	11:30 AM	<i>Fellowship Hour</i>
	12:15 PM	Adult Bible Study
Monday		<i>Office Closed for Labor Day</i>
9/4		
Tuesday	9:00 AM	STARS
9/5	3:00 PM	<i>Faith Ed Committee</i>
	4:15 PM	Worship Committee
Wednesday	5:00 PM	<i>Mission & Outreach Committee</i>
9/6	6:30 PM	Session
Thursday	9:30 AM	Thursday Morning Bible Study
9/7	11:30 AM	<i>Ladies Luncheon</i>
	5:55 PM	Handbell Rehearsal
	7:00 PM	<i>Chancel Choir Rehearsal</i>
	6:30 PM	Compassionate Friends
Friday	6:00 PM	Special Olympics Cheerleading
9/8		
Saturday	All Day	STARS "Put up the Fence Day"
9/9		
Sunday	9:45 AM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
9/10	10:30 AM	<i>Family Worship</i>
		https://video.sttimothycusa.org
	11:30 AM	Fellowship Hour
	12:15 PM	<i>Adult Bible Study</i>



What a Friend We Have in Jesus

*What a Friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what need-less pain we bear,
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer!*

*Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged,
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness,
Take it to the Lord in prayer.*

*Are we weak and heavy laden,
Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our Refuge-
Take it to the Lord in prayer;
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer;
In His arms He'll take and shield thee,
Thou wilt find a solace there.*

Lord God, Almighty

*Lord God, Almighty, Savior, Redeemer,
only true God to be worshiped and praised:
How can we tell you how much we love you?
Take now our lives, Lord and teach us to love.*

*Father, we praise you. Jesus, we love you.
Spirit, we thank you for the gifts of new life:
How can we tell you how much we love you?
Take now our lives, Lord and teach us to love.*

I'll Fly Away

*Some glad morning when this life is o'er,
I'll fly away;
To a home on God's celestial shore,
I'll fly away.
I'll fly away, O glory, I'll fly away;
When I die, hallelujah, by and by,
I'll fly away.*

*When the shadows of this life have gone,
I'll fly away;
Like a bird from prison bars has flown,
I'll fly away.
I'll fly away, O glory, I'll fly away;
When I die, hallelujah, by and by,
I'll fly away.*

*Just a few more weary days and then,
I'll fly away;
To a land where joys shall never end,
I'll fly away.
I'll fly away, O glory, I'll fly away;
When I die, hallelujah, by and by,
I'll fly away.*