

September 10, 2023
15th Sunday after Pentecost

ENJOYING GRACE

A STUDY THROUGH PHILIPPIANS

St. Timothy Presbyterian Church
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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.sttimothycusa.org>

Welcome!

PRELUDE “A Voice of Calm” Dennis Eliot

INTROIT “Come into His Presence”

PASTORAL WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Listen! The Lord calls out to us, offering life!

Teach, lead, turn us to your ways, O God.

Walk in the paths of God’s commandments with delight.

Teach, lead, turn us to your ways, O God.

With our whole heart, we will turn to you and live!

HYMN “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” see insert

CALL TO CONFESSION

SILENT CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord God, while we were still slaves to sin, you died for our salvation. Yet we still worship the false gods of the world, forgetting that you are Lord. Loving worldly wealth, we have not loved you with our whole heart nor loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgiving by worldly norms, we have not shown mercy to others as you have shown mercy to us. Forgive us yet again, we pray in Christ’s name. Amen.

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, hear the good news of the gospel: Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ. And Christ died for us; Christ rose for us; Christ reigns in power for us; Christ prays for us. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel: 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.

MINUTE FOR MISSION Rally Day

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 138

SPECIAL MUSIC “Standin’ in the Need of Prayer” Jill Galena

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN Kathey Turnbull

EPISTLE READING Philippians 1:1-11

SERMON Pastor Joel Puntigam

“A Good Work Begun”

HYMN “Seek Ye First” see insert

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Shorter Catechism

Q1: What is the chief end of man?

A: Man’s chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever.

Q2: What rule has God given to direct how we may glorify and enjoy him?

A: The Word of God which is contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments is the only rule to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him.

Q4: What is God?

A: God is a Spirit, infinite, eternal, and unchangeable, in his being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth.



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

God of our salvation, we know what time it is— time to wake from sleep and to turn from selfishness. We offer now our time, our talents, and our resources to be used for your good purposes and all for love’s sake. Through Jesus the 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 “Majesty” 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

*The Spirit sends us forth to serve;
we go in Jesus’ name to bring glad tidings to the poor,
God’s favor to proclaim.*

POSTLUDE

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

**Sunday, September 10th
Following Along in Worship**

1. Who is Jesus of Nazareth?
 - a. A pretty cool dude
 - b. He plays the drums in a band
 - c. He's the Christ, the Son of God
 - d. No, he totally is that drummer dude.
 - e. Wait a minute! Jesus is the Messiah! C'mon!

2. What does it mean for Jesus to be *your* Savior?

3. What was the Time for the Children about today?
 - a. Is 2023 the end?
 - b. Best pizza: Buddy's vs Hungry Howies
 - c. God will complete his work in us

4. What work do you need God to complete in you?

5. In the sermon, Pastor Joel will teach from the Philippians 1:1-11 Circle all that are true:
 - a. There are already pastors in the early church
 - b. There are already deacons/elders in the early church
 - c. Philippi is in Kentucky
 - d. Philippi is in Ancient Macedonia (Greece)
 - e. God will abandon us at any time
 - f. God will be with us until the day of Christ Jesus
 - g. In the church, it's everyone for themselves
 - h. In the church, we are partners together with Christ

Serving in Worship This Morning

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| Greeter: | Jillian Sautter |
| Ushers: | Mary Baum, Patty Kreitmeyer |
| Worship Assistant: | Beth Olko |
| Keyboard: | Linda Delezenne |
| Technology: | Melanie Gumz |
| Safety Officer: | Karlane Belaire |
| Tellers: | Kim Gaines, Melanie Gumz |
| Fellowship Hour: | Rally Day |

Weekly Bible Studies

Adult Sunday Bible Study – cancelled 9/10/2023 – join the Rally Day festivities! We are studying Exodus in Room 14. All are welcome!

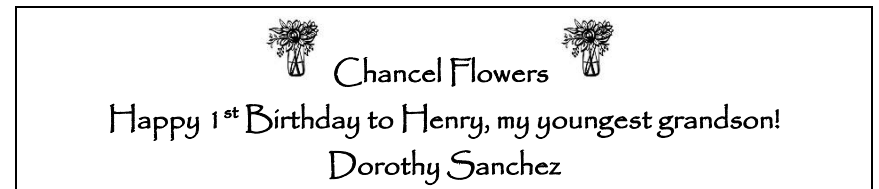
Zoom Bible Study – 12:00 pm on Monday

We are studying the book of James.

This is the link address to join: <https://study.sttimothyusa.org>

Adult Weekly Bible Study, Thursday – 9:30 am

Our study is on the passage that Pastor Joel will be preaching on September 17 – Philippians 1:12-26.



Celebrating



Birthdays:

- September 10
- September 11
- September 14
- September 15

- Dave Houghtby
- Doug Taylor
- Azar Brandon
- Rich Belaire

Anniversaries:

None this week

**UPCOMING
EVENTS**

Sunday, September 10 – Today is Rally Day
Saturday, September 16 – Puntigam Open House
Sunday, October 8 – Crop Walk
Saturday, October 21 – Church Clean Up Day
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. There are many openings for the next couple of months. Check with your committee or group and sign up for a date!



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.



Today is Rally Day! Sunday, Sept. 10. Worship, then Deacons and Faith Ed 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!

Open House

Where: at the Puntigam's

When: Saturday, September 16th – 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Why: Come and see what improvements were made over the summer!



Thank you for the cards, prayers and calls.

Helen Chanko



Music note - The St. Timothy Handbell and Chancel choirs have started their music season. On Thursday, the handbell choir meets at 5:55 pm and the Chancel Choir meets at 7:00 pm.

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.



Properties Update

Hello everyone,

If you haven't heard, we suffered major damage to some of our trees in the recent storms. Fortunately, there was no damage to our building, but we had to have one of our maple trees removed. The other maple tree had to be trimmed. We also had two pine trees on the north side of parking lot removed since they were dead.

Other yard maintenance is progressing as normal. The memorial garden improvements are moving forward. The fencing for the memorial garden has arrived and will be installed in the near future.

Wishing everyone a wonderful week and God bless,
Chris Korne



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	9:45 AM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
9/10	10:30 AM	<i>Family Worship</i>
	11:30 AM	Fellowship Hour
Monday	12:00 PM	Zoom Adult Bible Study
9/11		https://study.sttimothyPCUSA.org
	5:30 PM	Men's Association
	6:00 PM	<i>TOPS</i>
Tuesday	6:45 & 8:15 AM	Prayer and Praise Call
9/12		202-926-1029 - access code 235645
	9:00 AM	STARS
Wednesday	12:30 PM	Faith Circle
9/13		
Thursday	9:30 AM	Thursday Morning Bible Study
9/14	5:55 PM	<i>Handbell Rehearsal</i>
	7:00 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Friday		
9/15		
Saturday	8:00 AM	Men's Association Breakfast
9/16	4:00 PM	<i>Puntigam Garden Open House</i>
	All Day	10 & 2 Driving School
Sunday	9:45 AM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
9/17	10:30 AM	<i>Family Worship</i>
		https://video.sttimothypcusa.org
	11:30 AM	Fellowship Hour
	12:15 PM	<i>Adult Bible Study</i>

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

*Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah,
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but Thou art mighty;
Hold me with Thy pow'rful hand;
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,
Feed me till I want no more,
Feed me till I want no more.*

*Open now the crystal fountain,
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through;
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,
Be Thou still my strength and shield,
Be Thou still my strength and shield.*

*When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Bear me thro' the swelling current,
Land me safe on Canaan's side;
Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to Thee,
I will ever give to Thee.
Amen*

Seek Ye First

*Seek ye first the kingdom of God
And His righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto you-
Allelu, alleluia!*

*Ask and it shall be given unto you,
Seek and ye shall find,
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you-
Allelu, alleluia!*

Majesty

*Majesty, worship His majesty,
Unto Jesus be all glory, honor, and praise.
Majesty, kingdom authority
flow from His throne unto His own;
His anthem raise,
So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus.
Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus, the King.
Majesty, worship His majesty;
Jesus who died, now glorified,
King of all kings.*