

September 24, 2023
17th Sunday after Pentecost



St. Timothy Presbyterian Church
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Monday-Thursday: 9:30 am to 2:30 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

INTROIT

PASTORAL WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 105:1-6

O give thanks to the Lord! The Lord hears the cries of the people.

Give thanks to the Lord.

The works of the Lord are great. Remember what God has done.

Give thanks to the Lord.

God has done miracles, and the Lord always remembers God's covenant.

Give thanks to the Lord. Glory and praise is due to the Lord!

HYMN

“The King of Glory Comes”

see insert

CALL TO CONFESSION

SILENT CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we confess that we seek after things, but we have not sought after you. We expect generosity, but we have not shown generosity. We have not been gracious or grateful. We have failed to remember all that you have done. Forgive us and fill our hearts with gratitude. Help us to share our gifts and strengthen our legs so that we can run after you, O God. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Because we do not always live our lives in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, we confess before God and one another our sins and shortcomings. In repentance, let us turn toward God's grace and mercy. Once more hear 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.

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 145:1-8

SPECIAL MUSIC "Talk with Us, Lord" Lovelace

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN Matt Johnson

EPISTLE READING Philippians 1:27-2:4

SERMON Pastor Joel Puntigam
"Living as Residents of Heaven"

HYMN "Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee" see insert

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Shorter Catechism*

Q10: How did God create humanity?

A: God created male and female after his own image, in knowledge, righteousness, and holiness, with dominion over the creatures.

Q11: What are God's works of providence?

A: God's works of providence are his most holy, wise, and powerful preserving and governing of all his creatures, and all their actions.



PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory "I Love to Tell the Story" Hankey/Fischer

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 the harvest, we are privileged to be counted among those whom you have called, graced to have been given your work to do, blessed to receive more than we will ever earn. Accept, we pray, our thanksgivings and offerings, and do what you choose with what already belongs to you. In Christ's name 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

HYMN "The Trees of the Field" see insert

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 24th
Following Along in Worship**

1. Who wrote Philippians?
 - a. Philip
 - b. The Apostle Paul
 - c. Jesus
 - d. Stephen King

2. Why is Paul all in on Jesus? How do we get there?

3. What was the Time for the Children about today?
 - a. Doughnuts and cider are the best!
 - b. Working together for the same purpose
 - c. Instant potatoes in an instant society

4. In the sermon, Pastor Joel will teach from Philippians 1:27-2:4. Circle all that are true:
 - a. To be worthy of the Gospel means:
 - i. Standing together
 - ii. Eating hamburgers
 - iii. Believing and suffering for Jesus
 - iv. Going vegetarian
 - b. We make Paul's joy complete by:
 - i. Having the same mindset
 - ii. Having our own plans
 - iii. Serving with one purpose

5. What's a good example of a group of people that all have different skills or gifts, but all work together for the same purpose? How is the church meant to be like that?

Serving in Worship This Morning

- Greeter: Karen Kateff
Ushers: Mary Baum, Lou Suveg
Worship Assistant: Greg Kateff
Keyboard: Paula Boegner
Technology: Melanie Gumz
Safety Officer: Dennis Delezenne
Tellers: Paula Boegner, Melanie Gumz
Fellowship Hour: Carol Prevost

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.

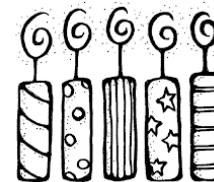
This is the link address to join: <https://study.sttimothypcusa.org>

Adult Weekly Bible Study, Thursday – 9:30 am

Our study is on the passage that Pastor Joel will be preaching on October 1 – Philippians 2:5-11.



Celebrating



Birthdays:

No birthdays this week.

Anniversaries:

September 24

Dave and Linda Houghtby
(56 years)

UPCOMING
EVENTS

Sunday, October 8 – Crop Walk

Sunday, October 15 – Youth Appreciation Sunday

Tuesday, October 17 – Ladies Frankenmuth Trip

Saturday, October 21 – Church Clean Up Day

Saturday, October 28 – Trunk or Treat

Sunday, November 12 – 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.



Crop Walk

Sunday October 8

Start: Garden City Presbyterian Church

Registration: 1:45 pm

Gathering: before walking – 2:00 pm

Walk: 2:00 pm

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



Thank you for the nice honor I received. I want to thank St. Timothy for supporting the Food Bank for the last eight years. Ron Martin



When: Tuesday October 17

Where: Frankenmuth

Time: Meet at the church at 8:30 am and leave by 9:00 am

Things to do: Bronner's Christmas Store, eat Chicken Dinner, shop downtown, take a boat ride – basically whatever you want to do with friends.

Sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall



The Mission/Outreach Committee is hosting a community Trunk or Treat on Saturday, October 28th from 4-6pm. This is always a time of great fellowship. Join the festivities and pass out goodies from your car. Donations of candy will be needed. There is a sign up in the fellowship hall. After the event, dinner will be served to those who helped out with the event.



Tim Chanko is at it again. He is performing in “The Adams Family” at the Village Theater. Dates: September 22nd, 23rd and 24th, Friday & Saturday at 7:30 pm, Sunday 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.



Fellowship Hour is such a nice time to gather with everyone after service. A few special days for the fall:

- October 1 – Octoberfest, bring a German dish
- October 22 – Bring a dish that starts with your first or last initial
- November 5 is “whatever goes” - bring what you want



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	9:20 AM	Handbell Rehearsal
9/24	9:45 AM	<i>Chancel Choir Rehearsal</i>
	10:30 AM	Family Worship
	11:30 AM	<i>Fellowship Hour</i>
	12:15 PM	Adult Bible Study
Monday	12:00 PM	Zoom Adult Bible Study
9/25		https://study.sttimothyPCUSA.org
	6:00 PM	<i>TOPS</i>
Tuesday	6:45 & 8:15 AM	Prayer and Praise Call
9/26		202-926-1029 - access code 235645
	9:00 AM	<i>STARS</i>
	4:00 PM	Kindred Spirits Quilting
Wednesday		
9/27		
Thursday	9:30 AM	Thursday Morning Bible Study
9/28	5:55 PM	<i>Handbell Rehearsal</i>
	7:00 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Friday		
9/29		
Saturday		
9/30		
Sunday	9:45 AM	<i>Chancel Choir Rehearsal</i>
10/1	10:30 AM	Family Worship
		https://video.sttimothypcusa.org
	11:30 AM	<i>Fellowship Hour</i>
	12:15 PM	Adult Bible Study



The King of Glory Comes

*The King of glory comes, the nation rejoices.
Open the gates before him, lift up your voices.*

*Who is the King of glory; how shall we call him?
He is Emmanuel, the promised of ages.
The King of glory comes, the nation rejoices.
Open the gates before him, lift up your voices.*

*In all of Galilee, in city or village,
he goes among his people curing their illness.
The King of glory comes, the nation rejoices.
Open the gates before him, lift up your voices.*

*Sing then of David's son, our Savior and brother,
in all of Galilee was never another.
The King of glory comes, the nation rejoices.
Open the gates before him, lift up your voices.*

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

*Jesus, the very thought of Thee
When sweet-ness fills my breast;
But sweeter far Thy face to see
And in Thy presence rest.*

*No voice can sing, no heart can frame,
Nor can the memory find
A sweeter sound than Thy blest name,
O Savior of man-kind.*

*O hope of every contrite heart,
O joy of all the meek,
To those who fall, how kind Thou art!
How good to those who seek!
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*But what to those who find?
Ah, this No tongue or pen can show;
The love of Jesus, what it is
None but His loved one know.*

*Jesus, our only joy be Thou,
As Thou our prize wilt be;
Jesus, be Thou our glory now
And thru eternity.
Amen.*

The Trees of the Field

*You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;
the mountains and the hills will break forth before you;
there'll be shouts of joy,
and all the trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands.
And all the trees of the field will clap their hands,
the trees of the field will clap their hands,
the trees of the field will clap their hands
while you go out with joy.*