

October 22, 2023
21st Sunday after Pentecost



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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 “All Honor” Falson

INTROIT “All I Need Is You” Adler

PASTORAL WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 96:1-4

Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.

Sing to the LORD, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day.

Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples.

For great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; he is to be feared above all gods.

HYMN “As The Deer” see insert

CALL TO CONFESSION

SILENT CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

What a debt we owe to you, O God. You have given us all things in Christ and yet we withhold from you the honor and glory that are yours. Instead, we mock your truth with empty praise, and put your patience to the test by refusing to humble ourselves before you. Forgive us, O God, and by your grace restore in us the image of your face; through Christ Jesus our Lord we pray. Amen.

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice! Let the sea roar with laughter, the fields shout in celebration, and the forests sing with joy.

Once again, hear the good news: 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.

FIRST EPISTLE READING: Hebrews 12:1-3

SPECIAL MUSIC “There Is a Redeemer” Green

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN Linda Houghtby

SECOND EPISTLE READING Philippians 3:1-16

SERMON Pastor Joel Puntigam
“Pressing On”

HYMN “Beautiful” (Sung twice) see insert

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Shorter Catechism*

Q33: What is justification?

A: Justification is an act of God’s free grace, wherein he pardons all our sins, and accepts us as righteous in his sight, only for the righteousness of Christ imputed to us, and received by faith alone.

Q34: What is adoption?

A: Adoption is an act of God’s free grace, whereby we are received into the number, and have a right to all the privileges, of the children of God.

Q35: What is sanctification?

A: Sanctification is the work of God’s free grace, whereby we are renewed in the whole person after the image of God, and are enabled more and more to die unto sin and live unto righteousness.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory “We Are An Offering” Liles

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

All honor and majesty, strength and beauty are yours, Almighty God, maker of heaven and earth. Let these simple offerings we bring be a sign of the great glory that is due to your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

HYMN “We Will Glorify the King of Kings” 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, October 22nd
Following Along in Worship

1. Last week we learned that:
 - a. We shouldn't pay taxes
 - b. The Wolverines won't win the National Title
 - c. Timothy and Epaphroditus were amazing servants of God!

2. What can you do to serve God?

3. What was the Time for the Children about today?
 - a. Always moving forward towards the goal
 - b. Halloween is super weird
 - c. Reformation: the Movie

4. As the weather starts turning colder, what things are you looking forward to at church in the next couple of months?

5. In the sermon, Pastor Joel will teach from Philippians 3:1-16
Please circle all that are true:
 - a. We get in trouble when we try to outdo grace
 - b. The kind of circumcision God wants is:
 - i. The normal kind
 - ii. The spiritual kind: our hearts and minds
 - c. Does Paul know what he's talking about?
 - i. Oh yes, he used to be one of them!
 - ii. Naw, he crazy
 - d. No matter how long we have followed Jesus:
 - i. We are already perfect!
 - ii. There's always more to be done – so let's press ahead to the goal of Christ!

Serving in Worship This Morning

Greeter:	Patty Kreitmeyer
Ushers:	Lou Suveg, Dennis Delezenne
Worship Assistant:	Greg Kateff
Keyboard:	Linda Delezenne
Technology:	Melanie Gumz
Safety Officer:	Karlane Belaire
Tellers:	Paula Boegner, Kim Gaines Bring a dish that begins with first or last initial
Fellowship Hour:	last initial

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.sttimothycusa.org>

Adult Weekly Bible Study, Thursday – 9:30 am

Our study is on the passage that Mary Baum and Greg Kateff will be preaching on October 29 – Matthew 22:36-40 & 2 Timothy 4:1-8 (Wholeness & Healing).



Chancel Flowers



In memory of my friend Pat

Kathey Turnbull

Celebrating



Birthdays:

October 25

October 27

October 28

Anniversaries:

October 23

Carol Prevost

Jean Suveg

Lois Coman

Scott & Cassy Sautter (24 yrs)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, October 28 – Trunk or Treat

Sunday, November 12 – Stewardship Sunday

Sunday, November 12 – Friendship Club

Wednesday, November 15 – Friendship Club Worship

Wednesday, November 22 – Thanksgiving Eve Worship

Saturday, December 9 – Faith Circle Luncheon

Sunday, December 24 – Christmas Eve Worship

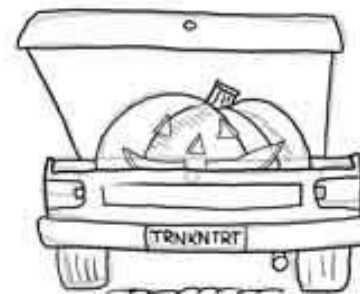


Fellowship Hour is such a nice time to gather with everyone after service. A few special days for the fall:

- October 22 (today) – Bring a dish that starts with your first or last initial
- November 5 is “whatever goes” - bring what you want
- December 17 – Bring your favorite soup



Thank you to all who came and helped with Church Cleanup Day yesterday. The building and grounds look “clean”!



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.



2023 Chancel Flower Chart

We still have a few dates left for 2023. Please consider signing up for a Sunday or two. Adding some beauty and color to our sanctuary on Sunday mornings is so special!
The 2024 schedule will be available in November.

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.

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Properties Update

Hello everyone,

Hope this finds everyone safe and well.

The months are winding down and the Fall Church Clean Up day was yesterday. Thanks for all who shared their time and talents!

This past month we got the new fence installed in the Memorial Garden with the help of Mother Nature and a dedicated group of Stars.

Also, the cabinets for the kitchenette in Fellowship Hall have arrived and are being constructed.

In the coming days we'll be repairing the broken windows in the garage and addressing a few other maintenance items before winter sets in.

Have a wonderful coming week.

May GOD bless,
Chris Korne

Reader's Digest Humor

My wife and I arrived late to a crowded religious convention where there was standing room only. We noticed some people get up to leave, and after they hadn't returned for several minutes, we took their seats. The woman next to us insisted that the chairs were taken. I assured her that we'd be glad to move if the people came back.

Moments later we sang a hymn, and at its conclusion the music director asked all of us to turn to our neighbors and say that we loved them. The woman at my side faced me and said, "I love you, but those seats are still taken."

Church Weekly Schedule

Sunday	9:45 AM	Handbell Rehearsal
10/22	10:30 AM	<i>Family Worship</i>
	11:30 AM	Fellowship Hour
	12:15 PM	<i>Adult Bible Study</i>
Monday	12:00 PM	Zoom Adult Bible Study
10/23		https://study.sttimothyPCUSA.org
	6:00 PM	<i>TOPS</i>
Tuesday	6:45 & 8:15 AM	Prayer and Praise Call
10/24		202-926-1029 - access code 235645
	9:00 AM	<i>STARS</i>
	6:30 PM	Nominating & Personnel
Wednesday		
10/25		
Thursday	9:30 AM	Thursday Morning Bible Study
10/26	5:55 PM	<i>Handbell Rehearsal</i>
	7:00 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Friday		
10/27		
Saturday	4:00 PM	Trunk or Treat
10/28		
Sunday	9:45 AM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
10/29	10:30 AM	<i>Family Worship</i>
		https://video.sttimothyPCUSA.org
	11:30 AM	Fellowship Hour
	12:15 PM	<i>Adult Bible Study</i>



As the Deer

*As the deer pants for the water,
so my soul longs after you.
You alone are my heart's desire,
and I long to worship you.
You alone are my strength, my shield;
to you alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire,
and I long to worship you.*

Beautiful (sung twice)

*Beautiful, beautiful,
Jesus is beautiful,
And Jesus makes beautiful
things of my life*

*Carefully touching me,
causing my eyes to see,
Jesus makes beautiful
things of my life.*

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We Will Glorify the King of Kings

*We will glorify the King of kings,
we will glorify the Lamb;
we will glorify the Lord of lords,
who is the great I AM.*

*Lord Jehovah reigns in majesty,
we will bow before his throne;
we will worship him in righteousness,
we will worship him alone.*

*He is Lord of heaven, Lord of earth,
he is Lord of all who live;
he is Lord above the universe,
all praise to him we give.*

*Hallelujah to the King of kings,
hallelujah to the Lamb;
hallelujah to the Lord of lords,
Who is the great I AM.*