

November 12, 2023
24th Sunday after Pentecost



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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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 “I Will Give Thanks” Paul Ruehl

PASTORAL WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 118:1-4

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.

Let Israel say: "His love endures forever."

Let the house of Aaron say: "His love endures forever."

Let those who fear the LORD say: "His love endures forever."

Let us worship the LORD our God!

HYMN “I Have Decided to Follow Jesus” see insert

CALL TO CONFESSION

SILENT CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord God, only you are holy. Yet we imagine that we are righteous, excusing our own faults while pointing out those of others. We are quick to lay burdens upon our neighbors but slow to help with their own. We take credit and give blame. In spite of the grace you have shown to us, we are slow to show mercy. Forgive us, O God, and wash us clean, that we may serve you with joy and thanksgiving. Amen.

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Children of God, our Heavenly Father has made a way where there was no way. In Christ Jesus evil and death have been vanquished, and we live in a state of grace. Believe 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: 1 Kings 3:3-10

SPECIAL MUSIC "Peace in the Valley" Thomas Dorsey

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN Karlane Belaire

GOSPEL READING Matthew 24:45-51

SERMON Pastor Joel Puntigam
"Stewardship II: Faithful and Wise"

MOMENT FOR COMMITMENT

HYMN "Freely, Freely" see insert

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Shorter Catechism*

Q41: Where is the moral law summarily comprehended?

A: The moral law is summarily comprehended in the Ten Commandments.

Q42: What is the sum of the Ten Commandments?

A: The sum of the Ten Commandments is: to love the Lord our God with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our strength, and with all our mind; and our neighbor as ourselves.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

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

Giver of all good gifts, how can we thank you for your never-ending love? Even our very lives are not enough. Accept these offerings as tokens of our gratitude and signs of our hope in the realm you have promised, the kingdom for which we wait. In Jesus' 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 "America, the Beautiful" see insert

SENDING AND BLESSING

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

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*We thank you, Lord,
For lives restored,
For blessings great and small;
For rain and snow,
For plants that grow,
For the wonder of it all.*

POSTLUDE

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

Sunday, November 12th Following Along in Worship

1. Today is a great day to be thankful for the goodness of God. What are you thankful for?

2. In worship, we stand of awe of what?
 - a. The sunrise
 - b. God's faithfulness and grace
 - c. Milk and Oreos

3. What was the Time for the Children about today?
 - a. It's party time!
 - b. Turkey and cranberry sauce
 - c. Joy!

4. What's something you're joyful about?

5. In the sermon, Pastor Joel will teach from Matthew 24:36-41. Circle all that are true about this passage:
 - a. Who is the faithful and wise servant?
 - i. The one who does nothing
 - ii. The one who serves themselves
 - iii. The one who serves his master
 - b. As those who serve Jesus
 - i. It doesn't matter what we do
 - ii. We are called to serve him well
 - c. If we don't, oh well. No harm, no foul
 - d. If we don't, it will be trouble for us in the end

Serving in Worship This Morning

Greeter:	Kathey Turnbull
Ushers:	Mary Baum, Patty Kreitmeyer
Worship Assistant:	Rick Dunn
Soloist:	Greg Kateff
Keyboard:	Paula Boegner
Technology:	Scott Gaines
Safety Officer:	Dennis Delezenne
Tellers:	Kim Gaines, Paula Boegner
Fellowship Hour:	Finance & Stewardship

Weekly Bible Studies

Adult Sunday Bible Study – approximately 12:15 pm.

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

Zoom Bible Study – cancelled 11/13 – see you next week!

We are studying the book of Job.

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

*Zoom Bible Study – 12:15 pm on Tuesday

We are studying the book of Exodus 29-32.

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 Pastor Joel will be preaching on November 19 – Philippians 4:1-9.

**A new weekly Zoom Bible Study has been added. Carol Prevost is the lead and new people are welcome.*



Prayer and Praise meets weekly on Tuesday mornings via phone and it is a great way to start your day. Details about joining are on the calendar (back page of bulletin).



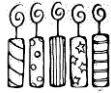
Chancel Flowers



To celebrate a special boy's birthday.

Dad, Mom and Jillian

Celebrating



Birthdays:

November 17

Sally Novak

Anniversaries:

None this week

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, November 12 – Stewardship Sunday

Sunday, November 12 – Friendship Club

Wednesday, November 15 – Friendship Club Worship

Wednesday, November 22 – Thanksgiving Eve Worship

Sunday, November 26 - Hanging of the Greens

Friday, December 8 – Set up for Salad Luncheon

Saturday, December 9 – Faith Circle Salad Luncheon

Saturday, December 16 – Christmas Caroling

Sunday, December 24 – Christmas Eve Worship



Stewardship Sunday is today, November 12. The Finance and Stewardship Committee invites you to a luncheon after service.



It's time to start thinking about holiday gift giving!

The holidays are fast approaching, and the Operation Good Cheer elves are already hard at work getting names ready for gift giving. St. Timothy will be providing gifts for 30 foster kids/adults this year.

Packets with wish lists are available.

Contact Kim Gaines for name selection -

734-968-5100 or email at kimberlylgaines@gmail.com.

"Making Christmas wishes come true -

Operation Good Cheer"



Friendship Club Worship Service

November 15 at 11:00 am

Everyone is invited!



St. Timothy Faith Circle invites you to their annual Christmas Salad Luncheon

Date: Saturday, December 9, 2023

Time: 11:00 am to 1:30 pm

Please bring: a salad to share

Tickets \$3.00 tickets are on sale - 11/12/2023

Entertainment: fun games

Music Entertainment: Our Music Man – Tim Falk

Invite: your friends and family



The Deacon “Warming” Tree is in the narthex and ready to be decorated! Please consider trimming the tree

with the following items:

Socks, Hats, Gloves, Mittens and Scarves

Charity TBD, if you have ideas, reach out to

Kathy Turnbull



We are decorating the church on Sunday, November 26 right after worship. Please stay to help out and then we will share fellowship hour together.



The Deacons invite you to come Christmas Caroling on Saturday, December 16th. We will visit some of our members and bring them Christmas cheer. Greg, Mike and Paul will be providing music for the caroling. Meet at the church at 1:00 pm. Please reach out to Kathy Turnbull for any questions and to RSVP.



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

- November 26 – Bring a hot dish
- December 17 – Bring your favorite soup

For PER CAPITA we have collected \$1,168.95 toward our assigned goal of \$2,260.30. If you are able to financially help with this cost, drop a check in the offering and in the memo line, write per capita. Thank you!



Matt Johnson is part of the Detroit Lutheran Singers and their Christmas Concert Series are on the dates listed below. For more information, check out the poster on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall.

- Saturday, December 2nd at 7:00 pm
- Sunday, December 3rd at 3:00 pm
- Friday, December 8th at 7:30 pm
- Saturday, December 9 at 7:00 pm



Cassy Sautter is singing in the Farmington Chorus and they have some performances coming up too.

SAVE THE DATES!

There's a Song in the Air! Our holiday concerts are coming up soon on Friday, December 15th at 8 pm and/or Saturday, December 16th at 4 pm at The Hawk in Farmington Hills. Stay tuned for information on ticket sales.

Church Weekly Schedule

Sunday	9:20 AM	Handbell Choir Rehearsal
11/12	9:45 AM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	10:30 AM	Family Worship
	11:30 AM	Fellowship Hour
	12:15 PM	Adult Bible Study
	3:00 PM	Friendship Club
Monday	12:00 PM	Zoom Adult Bible Study
11/13		https://study.sttimothyPCUSA.org
	5:30 PM	Men's Association
	6:00 PM	TOPS
Tuesday	6:45 & 8:15 AM	Prayer and Praise Call
11/14		202-926-1029 - access code 235645
	9:00 AM	STARS
	12:15 PM	Zoom Adult Bible Study
		https://study.sttimothyPCUSA.org
	4:15 PM	Nominating & Personnel
Wednesday	11:00 AM	Friendship Club Worship Service
11/15		
Thursday	9:30 AM	Thursday Morning Bible Study
11/16	5:55 PM	Handbell Rehearsal
	7:00 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Friday	6:00 PM	Special Olympics Cheer
11/17		
Saturday	8:00 AM	Men's Association Breakfast
11/18		
Sunday	9:45 AM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
11/19	10:30 AM	Family Worship
		https://video.sttimothypcusa.org
	11:30 AM	Fellowship Hour
	12:15 PM	Adult Bible Study

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

*I have decided to follow Jesus,
I have decided to follow Jesus,
I have decided to follow Jesus –
no turning back, no turning back.*

*The world behind me, the cross before me.
The world behind me, the cross before me.
I have decided to follow Jesus –
no turning back, no turning back.*

*Though none go with me, still I will follow,
Though none go with me, still I will follow.
I have decided to follow Jesus –
no turning back, no turning back.*

Freely, Freely

*God forgave my sin in Jesus' name,
I've been born again in Jesus' name;
And in Jesus' name I come to you
To share His love as He told me to:
He said, "Freely, freely you have received-
Freely, freely give;
Go in My name and, because you believe,
Others will know that I live.*

*All pow'r is giv'n in Jesus's name,
In earth and heav'n in Jesus' name;
And in Jesus' name I come to you
To share His pow'r as He told me to:
He said, "Freely, freely you have received-
Freely, freely give;
Go in My name and, because you believe,
Others will know that I live.*

America, the Beautiful

*O beautiful for spacious skies,
For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain!
America! America! God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!*

*O beautiful for pilgrim feet,
Whose stern impassioned stress
A thoroughfare for freedom beat
Across the wilderness!
America! America! God mend thine every flaw,
Confirm thy soul in self-control,
Thy liberty in law!*

*O beautiful for heroes proved
In liberating strife,
Who more than self their country loved,
And mercy more than life!
America! America! May God thy gold refine,
Till all success be nobleness,
And every gain divine!*

*O beautiful for patriot dream
That sees beyond the years
Thine alabaster cities gleam,
Undimmed by human tears!
America! America! God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!!*