

November 5, 2023
23rd 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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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.sttimothycusa.org>

Welcome!

PRELUDE

INTROIT

PASTORAL WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 43:3-4

The Psalmist sings: Send forth your light and your truth, let them guide me;

Let them bring me to your holy mountain, to the place where you dwell.

Then I will go to the altar of God, to God, my joy and my delight.

I will praise you with the harp, O God, my God.

HYMN

“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above” see insert

CALL TO CONFESSION

SILENT CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We acknowledge before you, O God, that we are drawn to false teachings. We succumb to the adoration of this world when we seek to be noticed and crave being honored. We have ignored the call to lives of humility, kindness, and service toward others. Forgive our sinful ways, tame our wayward wills, and make us more like Christ, until we are raised in perfection on the last day. Amen.

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Sisters and brothers, no one who takes refuge in God will be condemned. Therefore, believe the good news! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

RESPONSE

“Gloria Patri”

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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 Chronicles 29:13-18
HYMN “Wherever He Leads I’ll Go” see insert
TIME WITH THE CHILDREN Matt Johnson
GOSPEL READING Matthew 23:23-28
SERMON Pastor Joel Puntigam
 “Stewardship I: The More Important Matters”

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from *The Shorter Catechism*
Q37: What benefits do believers receive from Christ at death?
A: The souls of believers are at their death made perfect in holiness and do immediately pass into glory; and their bodies, being still united to Christ, do rest in their graves till the resurrection.

Q38: What benefit do believers receive from Christ at the resurrection?
A: At the resurrection, believers, being raised up in glory, shall be openly acknowledged and acquitted in the Day of Judgment, and made perfectly blessed in the full enjoying of God to all eternity.

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
Holy God, through these gifts, you nourish us. With these gifts, we turn our lives toward the needs of your people and all in want. Bless what we offer, in Jesus’ name. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC “Take This Bread” North

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.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN “I Will Serve Thee” 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 5th
Following Along in Worship**

1. Last week we learned:
 - a. That love is nothing.
 - b. That love is everything!
 - c. We can do whatever we want to do
 - d. We are to always listen for the truth
2. What is the best thing about love?
3. What was the Time for the Children about today?
 - a. Greatest Church Guy: Barth, Bonhoeffer, or Lewis?
 - b. Living the right life for God
 - c. Celebrate good times, c'mon!
4. What does it mean to live for God?
5. This week, Pastor Joel is preaching from Matthew 23:23-28
Circle all that are true:
 - a. The best things to do are:
 - i. Eat and drink
 - ii. Chew tobacco
 - iii. Show mercy, justice, and faithfulness
 - b. Appearing to be righteous is totally fine
 - c. Actually being righteous is what matters
 - d. Whether we are giving or serving:
 - i. We give with our hands and hearts
 - ii. We give with our feet
 - iii. We give nothing!

Serving in Worship This Morning

Greeter:	Mary Baum
Ushers:	Kathy Turnbull, Ron Martin
Worship Assistant:	Linda Houghtby
Communion Servers:	Karen Kateff, Greg Kateff
Keyboard:	Paula Boegner
Technology:	Melanie Gumz
Safety Officer:	Rich Belaire
Tellers:	Kim Gaines, Bob Taylor
Fellowship Hour:	"Anything Goes"

Weekly Bible Studies

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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>

***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 12 – Matthew 24:45-51.

**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).



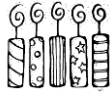
Chancel Flowers



In honor of our Veterans

Carol Prevost

Celebrating



Birthdays:

November 6

Rick Dunn

November 7

Mitchell Sautter

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

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 November 12. The Finance and Stewardship Committee invites you to a luncheon after service. To get an idea of how many people will be attending, please RSVP on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in fellowship hall. Thank you!



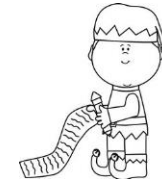
It's time to start thinking about holiday gift giving!

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 will be available starting November 5, 2023.

Contact Kim Gaines for name selection - 734-968-5100 or email at kimberlylgaines@gmail.com.

"Making Christmas wishes come true - Operation Good Cheer"





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

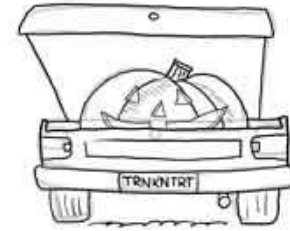


The Deacon “Warming” Tree is in the narthex and ready to be decorated! Please consider trimming the tree with the following items:

Socks, Hats, Gloves, Mittens and Scarves

Charity TBD, if you have ideas, reach out to

Kathey Turnbull



Thanks to all who helped with Trunk or Treat this past weekend! It was a well-attended success...



The Deacons invite you to come Christmas Caroling on Saturday, December 18th. 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 Kathey 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 5 is “whatever goes” - bring what you want
- December 17 – Bring your favorite soup

For PER CAPITA we have collected \$1,138.95 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!

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.



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 Weekly Schedule

Sunday	9:45 AM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
11/5	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
11/6		https://study.sttimothyPCUSA.org
	6:00 PM	<i>TOPS</i>
Tuesday	6:45 & 8:15 AM	Prayer and Praise Call
11/7		202-926-1029 - access code 235645
	9:00 AM	<i>STARS</i>
	12:15 PM	Zoom Adult Bible Study
		https://study.sttimothyPCUSA.org
	4:15 PM	<i>Worship Committee</i>
	5:30 PM	Faith Education
Wednesday		
11/8		
Thursday	9:30 AM	Thursday Morning Bible Study
11/9	5:55 PM	<i>Handbell Rehearsal</i>
	7:00 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Friday	6:00 PM	<i>Special Olympics Cheer</i>
11/10		
Saturday	All Day	10 & 2 Driving School
11/11		
Sunday	9:20 AM	Handbell Choir Rehearsal
11/12	9:45 AM	<i>Chancel Choir Rehearsal</i>
	10:30 AM	Family Worship
		https://video.sttimothypcusa.org
	11:30 AM	<i>Fellowship Hour</i>
	12:15 PM	Adult Bible Study

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

*Sing praise to God who reigns above,
The God of all creation,
The God of pow'r, the God of love,
The God of our salvation.
With healing balm my soul He fills,
And ev'ry faithless murmur stills:
To God all praise and glory!*

*What God's almighty pow'r hath made
His gracious mercy keepeth,
By morning glow or evening shade
His watchful eye ne'er sleepeth.
Within the kingdom of His might,
Lo! All is just and all is right:
To God all praise and glory!*

*The Lord is never far away,
But, thru all grief distressing,
An ever-present help and stay,
Our peace and joy and blessing.
As with a mother's tender hand
He leads his own, His chosen band:
To God all praise and glory!*

*Thus all my toil-some way along
I sing aloud His praises,
That men may hear the grateful song
My voice unwearied raises.
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart!
Both soul and body bear your part:
To God all praise and glory!
Amen.*

Wherever He Leads I'll Go

*"Take up thy cross and follow Me,"
I heard my Master say;
"I gave My life to ransom thee,
Surrender your all today."
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*Wherever He leads I'll go,
Wherever He leads I'll go,
I'll follow my Christ who loves me so,
Wherever He leads I'll go.*

*He drew me closer to His side,
I sought His will to know,
And in that will I now abide,
Wherever He leads I'll go.
Wherever He leads I'll go,
Wherever He leads I'll go,
I'll follow my Christ who loves me so,
Wherever He leads I'll go.*

*It may be thro' the shadows dim,
Or o'er the stormy sea,
I take the cross and follow Him,
Wherever He leadeth me.
Wherever He leads I'll go,
Wherever He leads I'll go,
I'll follow my Christ who loves me so,
Wherever He leads I'll go.*

*My heart, my life, my all I bring
To Christ who loves me so;
He is the Master, Lord, and King,
Wherever He leads I'll go.
Wherever He leads I'll go,
Wherever He leads I'll go,
I'll follow my Christ who loves me so,
Wherever He leads I'll go.*

I Will Serve Thee

*I will serve Thee because I love Thee,
You have given life to me;
I was nothing before you found me,
You have given life to me.
Heartaches, broken pieces,
Ruined lives are why You died on Calvary;
Your touch was what I longed for,
You have given life to me.*