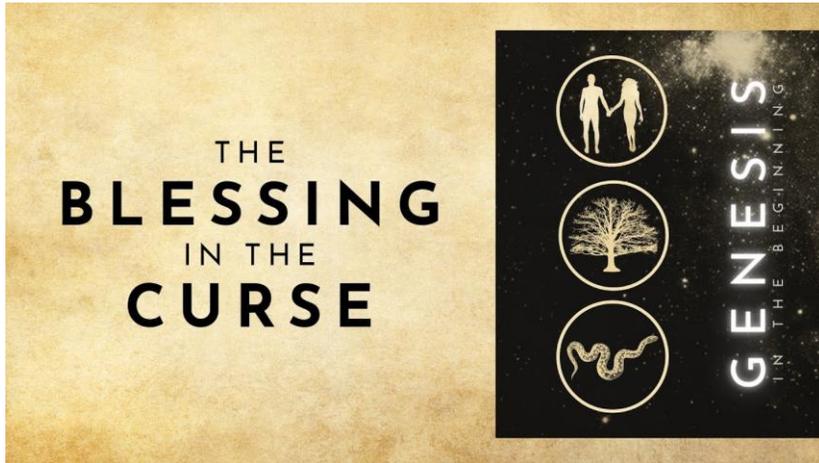


February 18, 2024  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent



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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

INTROIT

PASTORAL WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 43

Forget the former things, do not dwell on the past.

**See, I am about to do a new thing, says our God.**

Now it springs forth— do you not perceive it?

**I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.**

To give drink to my chosen people,

**the people I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise!**

HYMN

“The Glory of These Forty Days”

see insert

CALL TO CONFESSION

SILENT CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, we confess that without you, we are not whole. Forgive our foolish ways, reform our prideful selves, and remove from us the disbelief to which we cling. You are the One who liberates with a word and nourishes us with your grace. Give us thankful hearts as we come to the waters of life with trust and hope. Amen.**

\*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

The God who knows us through and through, whose own body and blood were given for our freedom, who calls us to renewal every day, hears our repentance and by grace has made us clean. I declare to you the forgiveness of all our sins, in the name of the Holy Trinity, one God, now and forever.

**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.**

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Revelation 22:1-5

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN Kathey Turnbull

SPECIAL MUSIC "Down to the River to Pray" Traditional

OLD TESTAMENT READING Genesis 3:14-21

SERMON Pastor Joel Puntigam  
"Cursed"

HYMN "If My People's Hearts Are Humbled" see insert

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostle's Creed  
**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his only son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried, he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

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:

**For your gifts that live all around us in creation, O God, we give you thanks. For your gifts that come from the servanthood of your Son, O God, we give you praise. For the gifts that arise in our daily lives through the work of your Holy Spirit, O God, we give you thanks. Make these gifts flourish on earth to your glory. 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 "Be Still and Know" 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

*Lord, let us now depart in peace,  
Who in Thy name are gathering here.  
Disclose the brightness of Thy face,  
And be forever near.  
Amen.*

POSTLUDE

*\*Feasting on the Word Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year B, Volume 1*

## Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup> Following Along in Worship

1. Today we celebrate the first Sunday in Lent. The word Lent means:
  - a. To give away everything we own
  - b. To be renewed like the Spring
  - c. No more donuts or meat until Easter
2. Lent is meant to get us ready for Easter by turning back to God. Is there anything that you need to ask God to forgive you for?
3. Today's children sermon was about:
  - a. 5 Alarm Chili is the best
  - b. A book a day keep the doctor away
  - c. What happens when we do something wrong
4. How does God react to our sin? With just punishment, or also with love?
5. In the message from Genesis 3:14-21, we will all learn that:
  - a. Above all other livestock, the serpent:
    - i. Was given the best gifts
    - ii. Was cursed the most
  - b. The curse put enmity between us and the serpent
  - c. Enmity means:
    - i. A knitted em
    - ii. Hostility or hatred
  - d. The work of the man and women were also cursed
  - e. Still to this day our work is difficult
  - f. But God also showed them they were still loved:
    - i. By throwing a goodbye party
    - ii. By clothing them for the world to come

## Serving in Worship This Morning

- Greeters: Marlane and Chris Korne  
Ushers: Youth  
Worship Assistant: Youth  
Singers: Jillian Sautter, Cassy Sautter  
Keyboard: Linda Delezenne  
Technology: Tina Puntigam  
Safety Officer: Dennis Delezenne  
Tellers: Kim Gaines, Cassy Sautter  
Fellowship Hour: Houghtby/Worship Committee

### Weekly Bible Studies

#### After Worship Bible Study – *approximately 12:30 pm.*

We are doing “post sermon studies” in the Pastor’s office. All are welcome!

#### Zoom Bible Study – *Monday at 12:00 pm*

We are studying the book of Isaiah.

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

#### Zoom Bible Study – *Tuesday at 12:15 pm*

We are studying the book of Luke.

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 Genesis 4:1-16.



Check out the Bulletin Board in the office hallway.  
It has updated Deacon flock information!


 Chancel Flowers
   
 Celebrating Tim's birthday,  
 Helen (aka Mom) Chanko

## Celebrating



### **Birthdays:**

February 19	Tim Chanko
February 20	Lou Suveg
February 22	Tim Falk
February 23	Mike Sak

### **Anniversaries:**

No anniversaries this week

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Wednesday, February 21 – Friendship Club Worship**

**Sunday, February 25 – Annual Meeting**

**Sunday, March 3 – Potluck, Talent Show and LP music**

## Join us for a potluck, talent show (aka St. Timothy's Got Talent) and record party!

On Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 12-3, the Mission and Outreach committee is hosting a special fellowship hour. Come enjoy a potluck, talent show and record party. Bring a dish to pass, your vinyl (please limit to 5 records) to play on the turntable and get ready for some special entertainment and a fun time for all. Sign-ups are in Fellowship Hall.



### Upcoming events:

**January through February:** Presbytery Toilet Paper Drive  
(Individually wrapped)

As we all know, toilet paper is an essential commodity in our daily lives that is often taken for granted. However, the sad reality is that there are many underprivileged families in our community who cannot afford toilet paper for their basic hygiene needs.

To help address this issue, we are organizing a toilet paper drive to collect donations for those in need. I would like to request your support to contribute towards this drive by donating individually wrapped toilet paper or whatever dollar amount you can offer. All the donations will be provided to the Detroit Presbytery that serves the Detroit marginalized communities.

Your generosity will make a difference in someone's life and will help them maintain their dignity and hygiene.

Dennis



**Friendship Club Worship Service**  
**February 21st at 11:00 am.**  
**Everyone is invited!**



## Annual Meeting

Today, Sunday, February 18  
After Worship



### It's a new year, a new day....

Consider joining one of the committees – a new member is always welcomed with open arms. Committee moderators are: Matt Johnson (Faith Ed), Dennis Delezenne (Mission & Outreach), Linda Houghtby (Worship), Lou Suveg (Nominating/Personnel), Tim Chanko (Finance), Chris Korne (STARS) and Greg Kateff (Strategic Planning).

Or, maybe you have some musical talent – talk to Tim Falk for more information.



### 2024 Chancel Flower Chart

The new chart is on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. Please consider signing up for a Sunday or two. Adding some beauty and color to our sanctuary on Sunday mornings is so special!



## Girl Scout Cookie Opportunity!

Jillian would love to help you take care of that girl scout cookie craving that we have every winter.

**From Jillian and Cassy:** It's Girl Scout cookie time! Jillian and her troop are working for a trip to Atlanta, Georgia, to see where Girl Scouts began. Jillian will have a good old paper order form with her to take personal orders face-to-face over the next few weeks. Please check in with her anytime to place your cookie order. Thank you.



**2024 Per capita** is a set amount of money (apportionment) per member that congregations pay to the larger Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Every Presbyterian shares in the benefit of the PC(USA)'s system of government, so every Presbyterian is asked to share the expenses associated with coordinating and performing the functions of that system:

Detroit Presbytery	\$ 22.85
Synod	3.25
General Assembly	<u>\$9.80</u>
Total	\$ 35.90

Per capita exists as a way for all Presbyterians to share costs that belong to the whole church, to give meaning to the interdependent nature of Presbyterian polity. *Per capita is part of the glue that holds Presbyterians together.* It exists to allow the whole church to share equitably in those things that make us Presbyterian. The total 2024 per capita apportionment for St. Timothy is \$2,082.20.

The **2024 Initial Offering Envelope** is designed to allow every member the opportunity to donate funds to help defray the cost of our 2024 weekly envelopes. Regular use of these envelopes is important for the support St. Timothy's programs and mission.

Thank you for helping us with these financial commitments.  
The Finance and Stewardship Committee

## Church Weekly Schedule

Sunday	9:45 AM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
2/18	10:30 AM	Family Worship
		<a href="https://video.sttimothypcusa.org">https://video.sttimothypcusa.org</a>
	11:30 AM	Annual Meeting
	12:00 PM	Fellowship Hour
	1:00 PM	After Worship Bible Study
Monday	12:00 PM	Zoom Adult Bible Study
2/19		<a href="https://study.sttimothypcusa.org">https://study.sttimothypcusa.org</a>
	6:00 PM	Deacons via Zoom
	6:00 PM	TOPS
Tuesday	6:45 & 8:15 AM	Prayer and Praise Call
2/20		202-926-1029 - access 235645
	9:00 AM	STARS
	12:15 PM	Zoom Adult Bible Study
		<a href="https://study.sttimothypcusa.org">https://study.sttimothypcusa.org</a>
	6:30 PM	Nominating & Personnel
Wednesday	11:00 AM	Friendship Club Worship
2/21		
Thursday	9:30 AM	Thursday Morning Bible Study
2/22	5/55 PM/7:00 PM	Handbell/Chancel Choir
Friday	6:00 PM	Special Olympics Cheer
2/23		
Saturday		
2/24		
Sunday	9:20 AM	Handbell Choir Rehearsal
2/25	9:45 AM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	10:30 AM	Family Worship
		<a href="https://video.sttimothypcusa.org">https://video.sttimothypcusa.org</a>
	11:30 AM	Fellowship Hour
	12:15 PM	Adult Bible Study

## **The Glory of These Forty Days**

*The glory of these forty days we celebrate  
with songs of praise; for Christ,  
by whom all things were made,  
himself has fasted and has prayed.*

*Alone and fasting Moses  
saw the loving God who gave the law;  
and to Elijah, fasting,  
came the steeds and chariots of flame*

*So Daniel trained his mystic sight,  
delivered from the lions' might,  
and John, the Bridegroom's friend,  
became the herald of Messiah's name.*

*Then grant that we like them to be true,  
consumed in fast and prayer with you;  
our spirits strengthen with your grace,  
and give us joy to see your face.*

## **If My People's Hearts are Humbled**

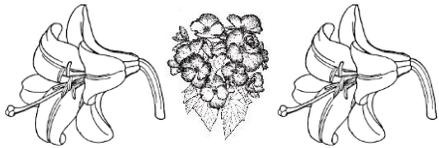
*If My people's hearts are humbled,  
If they pray and seek My face;  
If they turn away from evil,  
I will not withhold My grace.  
I will hear their prayers from heaven;  
I will pardon ev'ry sin.  
If My people's hearts are humbled,  
I will surely heal their land.*

*Then My eyes will see their sorrow,  
Then My ears will hear their plea,  
If My people's hearts are humbled  
I will set their nation free.  
If My people's hearts are humbled,  
If they pray and seek My face;  
If they turn away from evil,  
I will not withhold My grace.*

## **Be Still and Know**

*Be still and know that I am God.  
Be still and know that I am God.  
Be still and know that I am God.*

*I am the Lord that healeth thee.  
I am the Lord that healeth thee.  
I am the Lord that healeth thee.*



## Easter Flowers

Jesus alludes to the beauty of the flowers in his Sermon on the Mount, reminding his listeners that King Solomon with all of his riches, was not dressed as beautifully as the lilies of the field.

If you would like to add beauty to our Easter celebration, we invite you to purchase a plant or two and then take them home after Easter Service.

*Please make check payable to  
St. Timothy Presbyterian Church.*

*Note: Please fill in the form below, include payment and leave it on the desk in the church office or the top tray outside of the office door. Please **do not** place your order in the offering. Another option is to send the order directly to the church office.*

### **Order deadline is March 3**

**Cost per flower - \$15.00**

	<u>Quantity</u>
Lilies	_____
Rieger Begonias	_____
<b><u>Total Cost</u></b>	<b>\$ _____</b>

Flowers are donated by: \_\_\_\_\_

*in memory of* \_\_\_\_\_

*in honor of* \_\_\_\_\_

*in thanksgiving for* \_\_\_\_\_