

February 4, 2024  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany



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 “The Heavens are Telling” Haydn

PASTORAL WELCOME

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Isaiah 40:21, 31

Have we not known? Have we not heard?

**Has it not been told to us since the beginning?**

Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength;

**they shall mount up with wings like eagles;**

they shall run and not be weary;

**they shall walk and not faint.**

HYMN “The God of Abraham Praise” see insert

CALL TO CONFESSION

SILENT CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God, you are everlasting, the creator of all that is. You have formed us from the dust. Your understanding is beyond measure. And yet we confess that we have sinned against you and our neighbors. We have turned away from your life-giving Spirit. In your compassion, forgive us, for we place our hope in your steadfast love. Amen.**

\*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Praise the Lord! Our God heals the brokenhearted and binds up our wounds. God takes pleasure in those who place their trust in his grace. Hear and believe in the good news: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

**Amen and Alleluia!**

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 Genesis 2:4-7  
TIME WITH THE CHILDREN Karlane Belaire  
HYMN “Lavish Love, Abundant Beauty” see insert  
OLD TESTAMENT READING Genesis 2:18-25  
SERMON Pastor Joel Puntigam  
“Intimacy and Equality”

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from *The Shorter Catechism*  
Q. 96. What is the Lord’s supper?

**A. The Lord’s supper is a sacrament in which, by giving and receiving of bread and wine according to Christ’s command, his death is shown forth. Worthy receivers are made partakers of his body and blood by faith, not in a bodily or physical manner, to their spiritual nourishment and growth in grace, with all his benefits.**

Q. 97. What is required for receiving the Lord’s supper in a worthy manner?

**A. Those who would partake of the Lord’s supper in a worthy manner are required to examine themselves to be aware of their knowledge to discern the Lord’s body, of their faith to feed on him, and of their repentance, love, and new obedience. They do this so that they do not eat and drink judgment to themselves by coming unworthily.**

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

**We sing to you, God, with thanksgiving, making melody to you with our praise. Use these gifts to spread your gospel near and far, for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC “This, Do in Remembrance of Me” Hunnicutt

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 “Thou Art Worthy” see insert

SENDING AND BEDICTION

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

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*God, be the love to search and keep me;*

*God, be the prayer to move my voice;*

*God, be the strength to now uphold me;*

*O Christ, surround me; O Christ surround me.*

POSTLUDE

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

**Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup>  
Following Along in Worship**

1. What are some of your favorite things about attending worship? Why do you think we go to church together?
  
2. In the service today we will celebrate Communion. What is Communion about?
  - a. Free bread and grape juice
  - b. Remembering that Jesus is giving us a new life
  - c. The vengeance of the Romans
  
3. Today's message from Karlane was about:
  - a. A watermelon suitcase
  - b. Why Jesus came to this world
  - c. God made us for a purpose!
  
4. This is still the season of Epiphany. What are we celebrating during this season?
  
5. In the sermon, Pastor Joel taught from Genesis 2:18-25:  
Circle all that are true:
  - a. God created humans from snips and snails
  - b. God created humans from the earth
  - c. It was not good that the human was alone
  - d. So, God created:
    - i. Another human, just like the first
    - ii. Another human, but different
  - e. Together, they were male and female
  - f. The male and female
    - i. were equals
    - ii. were not equals
    - iii. created for each other

**Serving in Worship This Morning**

- Greeter: Patty Kreitmeyer  
Ushers: Kathey Turnbull, Ron Martin  
Worship Assistant: Cassy Sautter  
Communion Servers: Mike Baum, Mary Baum  
Keyboard: Paula Boegner  
Technology: Tina Puntigam  
Safety Officer: Rich Belaire  
Tellers: Paula Boegner, Bob Taylor  
Fellowship Hour: Mission & Outreach, Faith Ed

**Weekly Bible Studies**

**Adult Sunday Bible Study – approximately 12:15 pm.**

We are doing “post sermon studies” in Room 14. 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.sttimothycusa.org>

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

We are studying the book of Luke.

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**Adult Weekly Bible Study, Thursday – 9:30 am**

Our study is on the passage that Tina Puntigam will be preaching on February 11 – Genesis 3:1-7.



The Faith Ed Committee is excited to be offering Daily Lent Kits. Similar to Advent Calendars, these kits will contain a Bible verse and small activity for each day of Lent. The kits will provide some materials and regular household materials will also be used. There will be 12 kits available beginning February 2 on a first come, first served basis. Standard Lenten devotionals will also be available. We hope you will use either of these resources to enhance your experience during Lent.



Chancel Flowers



Ron will be 90 on February 8. Whew, that is a lot of years!

Love, Muriel

## Celebrating



### **Birthdays:**

February 7

Joni Dunn

February 8

Ron Martin

February 9

Paula Boegner

### **Anniversaries:**

No anniversaries this week

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Wednesday, February 14 – Agape Meal and  
Ash Wednesday Service**

**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.



MISSION AND OUTREACH

### 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!

# Joy

## Fellowship Hour “Joy” Scriptures

Romans 15:13

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”



Please provide your reports to the office by Sunday, February 4 so they can be ready for the annual meeting which will be on February 25th.



### 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!



## St. Timothy is fortunate to have two gals selling cookies!

Jillian and Ava 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. Her digital cookie site is up and ready for pre-orders at <https://DigitalCookie.GirlScouts.org/scout/jillian7392>.

We will also hang an order card with her QR code on the bulletin board, and 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.

**From Ava:** I am in my second year of selling cookies and we earn field trips and badges. If I am not here, reach out to my “Mimi” aka Mary Baum, she has an order form. 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
2/4	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
Monday	12:00 PM	Zoom Adult Bible Study
2/5		<a href="https://study.sttimothyPCUSA.org">https://study.sttimothyPCUSA.org</a>
	6:00 PM	TOPS
Tuesday	6:45 & 8:15 AM	Prayer and Praise Call
2/6		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>
	4:15 PM	Worship Committee
	5:30 AM	Faith Ed Committee
Wednesday	12:30 PM	Faith Circle
2/7	5:00 PM	Mission & Outreach
	6:30 PM	Session
Thursday	9:30 AM	Thursday Morning Bible Study
2/8	5:55 PM/7:00 PM	Handbell/Chancel Choir
Friday 2/9	6:00 PM	Special Olympics Cheer
Saturday		
2/10		
Sunday		
2/11	9:20 AM	Handbell Choir Rehearsal
	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 God of Abraham Praise*

*The God of Abraham praise,  
Who reigns enthroned above;  
Ancient of everlasting days,  
And God of love.  
Jehovah, great I AM,  
By earth and heaven confessed;  
I bow and bless the sacred name,  
Forever blest.*

*The God of Abraham praise,  
At whose supreme command  
From earth I rise, and seek the joys  
At His right hand.  
I all on earth forsake,  
Its wisdom, fame and power;  
And Him my only portion make,  
My shield and tower.*

*He by Himself hath sworn,  
I on His oath depend,  
I shall, on eagle wings upborne,  
To heaven ascend;  
I shall behold His face,  
I shall His power adore,  
And sing the wonders of His grace  
Forever more.*

*The whole triumphant host  
Give thanks to God on high;  
“Hail, Father, Son and Holy Ghost!”  
They ever cry.  
Hail, Abraham’s God and mine!  
I join the heavenly lays;  
All might and majesty are Thine,  
And endless praise.  
Amen.*

## *Lavish Love, Abundant Beauty*

*Lavish love, abundant beauty,  
Gracious gifts for heart and hand,  
Life that fills the soul and senses—  
All burst forth at Your command.  
Lord, our Lord, Eternal Father,  
Great Creator, God and Friend,  
Boundless pow’r gave full expression  
To Your love which knows no end.*

*Who am I that You should love me,  
Meet my ev’ry need from birth?  
Why invest Yourself so fully  
In a creature made of earth?  
In Your loving heart You planned me,  
Fashioned me with greatest care;  
Through my soul You breathed Your Spirit,  
Planted Your own image there.*

*I am Yours, Eternal Father,  
All my body, mind and heart.  
Take and use me to Your glory,  
Form Yourself in ev’ry part.  
Lord, Your love brings joy and gladness  
Flowing forth within my soul.  
May my very breath and being  
Rise to You, their source and goal.*

## *Thou Art Worthy*

*Thou art worthy, Thou art worthy,  
Thou art worthy, O Lord,  
To receive glory, glory and honor,  
Glory and honor and pow’r.  
For Thou hast created, hast all things created;  
Thou has created all things.  
And for Thy pleasure they are created;  
Thou art worthy, O Lord.*