

March 10, 2024
4th Sunday in Lent



St. Timothy Presbyterian Church
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Office Hours:
Monday-Thursday: 9:30 am to 2:30 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.sttimothypcusa.org>

Welcome!

PRELUDE

INTROIT

PASTORAL WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 107:1-3

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

Let the redeemed of the LORD say this-- those he redeemed from the hand of the foe,

those he gathered from the lands, from east and west, from north and south.

Let us worship the LORD our God!

HYMN

“Be Still, My Soul”

see insert

CALL TO CONFESSION

SILENT CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess the folly of our sin and the hypocrisy of our complaints. We grumble about the evils in our world, even as we commit injustices and profit through deceit. We fret about the problems of our world, but we do not actively work to address them. Merciful God, expose our sins before the light of your grace. Heal our sin and free us from our foolish ways that we may know the joy of eternal life in Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Hear and believe in the good news of the Gospel: In the name of 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.

GOSPEL READING: Hebrews 9:11-14

A TIME FOR GOD’S CHILDREN Karlane Belaire

SPECIAL MUSIC “Go Down Moses”

OLD TESTAMENT READING Genesis 8:20-9:13

SERMON Pastor Joel Puntigam
 “Be Fruitful”

HYMN “O Love That Will Not Let Me Go” 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:

Merciful God, we thank you for your wonderful works among humanity. Accept this offering with the dedication of our lives and help us be for the world an emblem of your steadfast love. In Jesus Christ we pray. 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 “Nearer, My God, to Thee” 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

*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, March 10th
Following Along in Worship

1. Today we celebrate the fourth Sunday in Lent. What did we learn last week?
 - a. Heaven is for real
 - b. The story of Noah
 - c. Coke can rot your teeth
2. Lent is meant to help us to worship God better. What can you do to worship God?
3. Today's children sermon was about:
 - a. God calls us all to be fruitful with our lives
 - b. Babies are beautiful
 - c. Fruitful for God
4. What does it mean to live for God?
5. In the sermon, Pastor Joel will teach from Genesis 8:20-9:13. Circle all that are true about this passage:
 - a. God promised that he would never:
 - i. Eat a hotdog
 - ii. Destroy all living creatures again
 - b. God told Noah and his sons to:
 - i. Drink lots of water
 - ii. Be fruitful and multiply
 - c. God also told Noah that we must not:
 - i. Go to Taco Bell
 - ii. Eat the blood of animals
 - d. Because blood is the life force of all living things, when Jesus shed his blood his life was given for us

Serving in Worship This Morning

Greeter: Max Gulyas
Ushers: Mary Baum, Patty Kreitmeyer
Worship Assistant: Kathey Turnbull
Keyboard: Paula Boegner
Technology: Melanie Gumz
Safety Officer: Ron Martin
Tellers: Paula Boegner, Kim Gaines
Fellowship Hour: Men's Association

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.sttimothypcusa.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 Pastor Joel will be preaching on March 17 - Genesis 11:1-9.



It is that time of year again! The Mission and Outreach Committee is hosting a community Easter egg hunt on Sunday, March 24th from 1-2 pm. We are asking for donations of candy to fill the eggs. If you would like to help, there is a sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall.

 Chancel Flowers 
In memory of Kathy Sautter,
Karlane and Rich Belaire

Celebrating



Birthdays:

March 11

Mary Baum

March 13

Dorothy Sanchez

Anniversaries:

No March anniversaries

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, March 20 – Friendship Club Worship

Sunday, March 24 – Easter Egg Hunt

Friday, March 29 - Good Friday

**Sunday, March 31 – Easter: Early Morning Worship,
Deacon Breakfast, Easter Egg Hunt and Family
Worship.**



What a day we had last Sunday for the Mission & Outreach “St. Timothy’s Got Talent” show. Thanks to our outstanding entertainers, the folks who donated food and the audience!



Properties Update

Hi Everyone,

We are in the month of March and it began with a lot of activity at the church.

- The upper cabinets and microwave have been installed in the kitchenette in Fellowship Hall.
- The new flooring has been started and is progressing at a nice speed. Hopefully this process will not cause too much disarray or disruption. Your patience throughout this process is greatly appreciated. We’re looking at a two-to-three week time frame until it is complete.

Wishing everyone a wonderful week ahead.

May God bless,
Chris Korne



Friendship Club Worship Service
March 20th at 11:00 am.
Everyone is invited!



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!



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING
SPECIAL OFFERINGS
HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

Around the world, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) — Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People — all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.

Received during the season of Lent (February 14 – March 31), each gift to OGHS helps to improve the lives of people in these challenging situations. The Offering provides us a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need. In fact, OGHS is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world.

Special offering envelopes will be available in your Easter bulletin~





Tim Chanko is excited to be cast in “Jersey Boys” at the Village Theater in Canton.

Shows are April 19-21, 26-28. Friday and Saturday performances are at 7:30PM and Sunday shows are at 3:00PM. For tickets, go to SpotlightPlayersMI.org or call the box office at 734-394-5300.

With phenomenal music, memorable characters, and great storytelling, JERSEY BOYS follows the fascinating evolution of four blue-collar kids who became one of the greatest successes in pop-music history. Winner of Best Musical at both the Tony Awards® and Olivier Awards®, JERSEY BOYS takes you behind the music of Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons to discover the secret of a 40-year friendship as the foursome work their way from the streets of New Jersey to the heights of stardom. Thrill your audiences with electrifying performances of chart-topping hits including “Sherry,” “Big Girls Don’t Cry,” “Can’t Take My Eyes Off You,” “Dawn,” and “My Eyes Adored You,” which brought The Four Seasons the highest honor: induction into the Rock ‘n’ Roll Hall of Fame.

Disclaimer, there is adult language in this performance.

Church Weekly Schedule

Sunday	9:20 AM	Handbell Rehearsal
	9:45 AM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
3/10	10:30 AM	Family Worship
		https://video.sttimothyusa.org
	11:30 PM	Fellowship Hour
	1:00 PM	After Worship Bible Study
Monday	12:00 PM	Zoom Adult Bible Study
3/11		https://study.sttimothyusa.org
	5:30 PM	Men's Association Dinner
	6:00 PM	TOPS
Tuesday	6:45 & 8:15 AM	Prayer and Praise Call
3/12		202-926-1029 - access 235645
	9:00 AM	STARS
	12:15 PM	Zoom Adult Bible Study
		https://study.sttimothyusa.org
Wednesday	12:30 PM	Faith Circle
3/13		
Thursday	9:30 AM	Thursday Morning Bible Study
3/14	5/55 PM/7:00 PM	Handbell/Chancel Choir
Friday 3/15	6:00 PM	Special Olympics Cheer
Saturday 3/16	8:00 AM	Men's Association Breakfast
Sunday	9:45 AM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
3/17	10:30 AM	Family Worship
		https://video.sttimothyusa.org
	12:15 PM	Adult Bible Study

Be Still, My Soul

*Be still, my soul! the Lord is on thy side;
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
Leave to thy God to order and provide;
In every change He faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul! thy best thy heavenly Friend
Thro' thorny ways leads to a joyful end.*

*Be still, my soul! thy God doth undertake
To guide the future as He has the past.
Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake;
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul! the waves and winds still know
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.*

*Be still, my soul! the hour is hastening on
When we shall be forever with the Lord,
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul! when change and tears are past,
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.*

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

*O Love that will not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in Thee;
I give Thee back the life I owe,
That in Thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.*

*O Light that fol-l'west all my way,
I yield my flick'ring torch to Thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray,
That in Thy sunshine's blaze its day
May brighter, fuller be.
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*O Joy that seekest me thru pain,
I cannot close my heart to Thee;
I trace the rainbow thru the rain,
And feel the promise is not vain
That morn shall tearless be.*

*O cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from Thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
And from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be.
Amen.*

Nearer, My God, to Thee

*Nearer, my God, to Thee, Nearer to Thee!
E'en though it be a cross That raiseth me;
Still all my song shall be, Nearer, my God, to Thee,
Nearer, my God, to Thee, Nearer to Thee.*

*Though like the wanderer, The sun gone down,
Darkness be over me, My rest a stone;
Yet in all my dreams I'd be Nearer, my God, to Thee,
Nearer, my God, to Thee, Nearer to Thee.*

*There let the way appear Steps unto heav'n
All that Thou sendest me In mercy giv'n;
Angels to beckon on me Nearer, my God, to Thee
Nearer, my God, to Thee, Nearer to Thee*

*Then, with my waking thoughts Bright with Thy praise,
Out of my stony griefs, Bethel I'll raise;
So by my woes to be Nearer, my God to, Thee,
Nearer, my God, to Thee, Nearer to Thee.*

*Or if on joyful wing, Cleaving the sky,
Sun, moon, and stars forgot, Upward I fly,
Still all my song shall be Nearer, my God, to Thee,
Nearer, my God, to Thee, Nearer to Thee.
Amen*