

March 17, 2024
5th 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 “Above the Hills of Time” Tiplady/Strommen

INTROIT “Sanctuary” Thompson/Scruggs

PASTORAL WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 119:57-58

You are my portion, O LORD;

I have promised to obey your words.

I have sought your face with all my heart;

Be gracious to me according to your promise.

Let us worship the LORD our God!

HYMN “Change My Heart, O God” see insert

CALL TO CONFESSION

SILENT CONFESSION

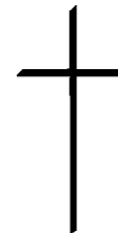
*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Redeeming God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart and have not loved our neighbors as we should; we have strayed from your commandments. Do not remember our sins, but forgive our iniquities, that we may fix our eyes on you and sin no more, through Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Sisters and brothers, by the faithfulness of Christ our sins are forgiven. Today, may we delight in the joy of our salvation.

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: Acts 2:6-12

A TIME FOR GOD'S CHILDREN Tina Puntigam

SPECIAL MUSIC "More Precious than Silver" DeShazo

OLD TESTAMENT READING Genesis 11:1-9

INTERACTIVE SERMON Pastor Joel Puntigam
"The Tower of Confusion"

HYMN "Come and Find the Quiet Center" 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:

O Lord, as we offer ourselves to you, may our gifts be made perfect through Christ to glorify you and bless the world. 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 "Cares Chorus" see insert

SENDING AND BENEDICTION

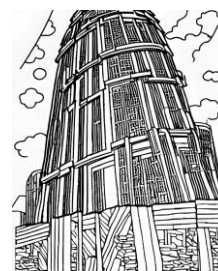
Empowered by the Holy Spirit, our mission is to: seek God, follow Christ, serve and love our neighbor.

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 17th
Following Along in Worship

1. Today we celebrate the fifth Sunday in Lent. What did we learn last week?
 - a. Dietrich Bonhoeffer is awesome!
 - b. Jesus is a Rock Star
 - c. God wants us to live life well
 - d. Babies are beautiful
2. Lent is meant to help us believe that God loves us very much. What can you do to respond to his love?
3. What is today's message for all of God's children?
 - a. Hamburgers are horrible
 - b. Hawaii is hippy
 - c. There is only one God, and it's not us
4. Next week is Palm Sunday. What are you most looking forward to?
5. In the sermon, Pastor Joel will teach from Genesis 1-9. Circle all that are true about this passage:
 - a. The people of earth made a tower:
 - i. Because it was cool
 - ii. Because they wanted to make a name for themselves
 - b. The Lord saw the tower and said:
 - i. Ok, now that's cool
 - ii. No, not a good idea
 - iii. If they do this, nothing will stop them
 - c. So the Lord confused their language and scattered them and everything stopped

Serving in Worship This Morning

Greeter: Karlane Belaire
Ushers: Youth
Worship Assistant: Jillian Sautter
Keyboard: Linda Delezenne
Soloist: Lexi Barsch
Technology: Tina Puntigam
Safety Officer: Tim Chanko
Tellers: Paula Boegner, Kim Gaines
Fellowship Hour: Faith Circle

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 March 24 – Mark 14:27-50.



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 and volunteers to work and fill the eggs. If you would like to help, there is a sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall.

 Chancel Flowers 
In honor of St. Patrick's Day,
Lou Suveg

Celebrating



Birthdays:

March 20

Max Gulyas

Anniversaries:

No March anniversaries



**UPCOMING
EVENTS**

Wednesday, March 20 – Friendship Club Worship

Saturday, March 23 – Easter Caroling

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.**



MISSION AND OUTREACH

A cereal drive to benefit kids of Detroit will run from mid-April through May. More details soon.



The Deacons and Outreach Committee invites you to join them Easter Caroling. We will visit several of our homebound member homes and sing 2 or 3 Easter carols from the porch or sidewalk. Meet at the church at 1:00 on Saturday, March 23. Together we can spread some joy. A sign up is on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall.



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



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

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| Sunday | 9:45 AM | Chancel Choir Rehearsal |
| 3/17 | 10:30 AM | Family Worship |
| | | https://video.sttimothypcusa.org |
| | 11:30 PM | Fellowship Hour |
| | 1:00 PM | After Worship Bible Study |
| Monday | 12:00 PM | Zoom Adult Bible Study |
| 3/18 | | https://study.sttimothypcusa.org |
| | 6:00 PM | Deacon's via zoom |
| | 6:00 PM | TOPS |
| Tuesday | 6:45 & 8:15 AM | Prayer and Praise Call |
| 3/19 | | 202-926-1029 - access 235645 |
| | 9:00 AM | STARS |
| | 12:15 PM | Zoom Adult Bible Study |
| | | https://study.sttimothypcusa.org |
| | 6:30 PM | Nominating & Personnel |
| Wednesday | 11:00 AM | Friendship Club Worship |
| 3/20 | | |
| Thursday | 9:30 AM | Thursday Morning Bible Study |
| 3/21 | 5:55 PM/7:00 PM | Handbell/Chancel Choir |
| Friday 3/22 | | |
| Saturday 3/23 | 1:00 PM | Easter Caroling |
| Sunday | | |
| 3/24 | 9:20 AM | Handbell Rehearsal |
| | 9:45 AM | Chancel Choir Rehearsal |
| | 10:30 AM | Family Worship - Palm Sunday |
| | | https://video.sttimothypcusa.org |
| | 12:15 PM | After Worship Bible Study |
| | 1:00 PM | Easter Egg Hunt |

Change My Heart, O God

*Change my heart, O God, make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.
You are the Potter, I am the clay.
Mold me and make me, this is what I pray.
Change my heart, O God, make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.*

Come and Find the Quiet Center

*Come and find the quiet center
in the crowded life we lead,
find the room for hope to enter,
find the frame where we are freed:
Clear the chaos and the clutter,
clear our eyes that we may see
all the things that really matter,
be at peace, and simply be.*

*Silence is a friend who claims us,
cools the heart and slows the pace,
God it is who speaks and names us,
knows our being, touches base,
making space within our thinking,
lifting shades to show the sun,
raising courage when we're shrinking,
finding scope for faith begun.*

*In the Spirit let us travel,
open to each other's pain,
let our loves and fears unravel,
celebrate the space we gain:
There's a place for deepest dreaming,
there's a time for heart to care,
in the Spirit's lively scheming
there is always room to spare.*

Cares Chorus

*I cast all my cares upon you,
I lay all of my burdens down at your feet,
and anytime that I don't know what to do,
I will cast all my cares upon you.*

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