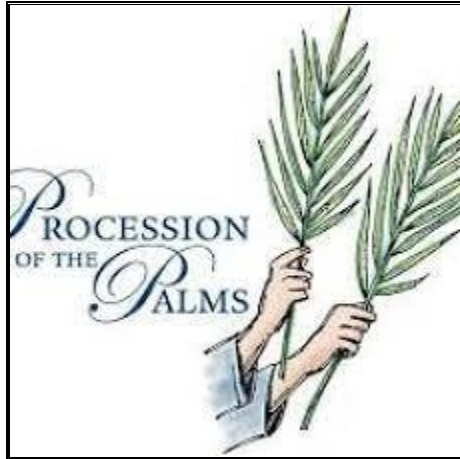


March 24, 2024
Palm Sunday



St. Timothy Presbyterian Church
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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

PASTORAL WELCOME

ALL CHURCH PROCESSIONAL – Today the whole congregation is invited to join in the Palm Sunday processional. Following the prelude, those willing and able are instructed to create a tunnel for our children and youth by lining up on both sides of the main entry into the sanctuary and extending into the hallway. When the children go through the human tunnel into the sanctuary, wave your palm branches and welcome them with shouts of “Hosanna”, “Blessed is the King” and “Glory to God”! Those seated in the pews are invited to shout and wave as well. Once the children have passed you in the line, follow them into the sanctuary and continue to shout and celebrate until you find your seat. We will then immediately sing the first hymn.

HYMN “All Glory, Laud and Honor” see insert

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 118:19-26
Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter and give thanks to the LORD.

This is the gate of the LORD through which the righteous may enter. I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation.

The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone; the LORD has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. O LORD, save us; O LORD, grant us success.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD.

CALL TO CONFESSION

SILENT CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We confess that we have sinned, and although we would like to deny it, we have forsaken you. We are horrified by the suffering we cause—to you, ourselves, and the world you have created. Open the gates of your forgiveness and restore us in your love, for the sake of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

***DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

The Lord God helps us; we will not be disgraced. The Lord God helps us; who can declare us guilty? Sisters and brothers, beyond the shadow of doubt, our sins are forgiven. By the mercy of Christ, let us stand together forgiven and free.

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.

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a

A TIME FOR GOD’S CHILDREN Kathey Turnbull

SPECIAL MUSIC “On That Day When He Rode Into Jerusalem”
Beall

GOSPEL READING Mark 14:27-50

SERMON Pastor Joel Puntigam
“Hard Pressed”

HYMN “A Cheering, Chanting, Dizzy Crowd” 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 “Were You There?” Traditional

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, we give thanks for your saving love made known to us in the life, death, and resurrection of Christ. Bless these gifts that they may bring life on earth as in heaven; in Christ’s name 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 “What Wondrous Love Is This” 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

*Leader: Father, Father, I put my life in your hands.
All: Father, Father, I put my life in your hands.*

POSTLUDE

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

Sunday, March 24th
Following Along in Worship

1. Today we celebrate Palm Sunday. What is your favorite thing about today?
2. Lent is just about over. Do you remember what it means?
 - a. It means Spring or renewal
 - b. It means giving up something you like
 - c. It means cleaning out your dryer
3. What was the children's sermon about?
 - a. What Jesus did for us is amazing!
 - b. All that glitters is not gold
 - c. Palms make good plants
4. What are you looking forward to most about Easter?
5. In the sermon, Pastor Joel will teach from Mark 14:27-50
Circle all that are true about this passage:
 - a. Jesus told Peter that:
 - i. He would deny him 3 times
 - ii. He would get a nasty paper cut
 - b. Peter was upset at what Jesus said
 - c. Jesus told his disciples to keep watch while he prayed. But instead the disciples:
 - i. Played golf
 - ii. Fell asleep
 - d. The one that betrayed Jesus was a disciple
 - e. At the end, everyone:
 - i. Stayed by Jesus' side
 - ii. Fled and saved themselves

Serving in Worship This Morning

Greeter: Mary Baum
Ushers: Patty Kreitmeyer, Lou Suveg
Worship Assistant: Rick Dunn
Keyboard: Linda Delezenne
Technology: Tim Chanko
Safety Officer: Scott Gaines
Tellers: Paula Boegner, Kim Gaines
Fellowship Hour: Some ladies

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 31 – Mark 16:1-8.



Matt Johnson invites you to one of his spring concerts

4/14/24 - 7 PM St. Paul's Presbyterian 27475 Five Mile Rd. Livonia, MI 48154

4/15/24 - 3 PM St. Philip's Episcopal Church 100 Romeo St. Rochester, MI 48307

4/20/24 - 7 PM Saints Peter and Paul Jesuit Church 629 E Jefferson Ave., Detroit, MI 48226



Chancel Flowers



In honor of our anniversary and Kimmy's birthday,
Bob Taylor



Celebrating



Birthdays:

March 27

Kimmy Taylor

March 30

Ava Woodard

Anniversaries:

No March anniversaries

UPCOMING
EVENTS

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.**

Saturday, April 27 - Spring Tea



MISSION AND OUTREACH

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



Attention Ladies! On Saturday, April 27th, from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm, you are invited to a Spring Tea. Bring an appetizer or finger food to share. Also, if you have a favorite tea pot or teacup and saucer that is sentimental, please bring them and share why they have meaning to you. You are welcome to invite a friend. There is a sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall. If you have questions, please see Kim Gaines.



Friendship Club Worship Service
April 17 at 11:00 am.
Everyone is invited!



Women's Fellowship

Hey Ladies, mark your calendars for two trips coming up.
On Saturday, April 13th, let's meet at 11:30 at French Toast on Five Mile Rd. in Plymouth. After lunch we will carpool to the Plymouth Historical Museum.
On Tuesday, May 21st we will meet at church at 9:30 and carpool to Eastern Market for some shopping and lunch. There are sign ups in the Fellowship Hall.



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
3/24	9:45 AM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	10:30 AM	Family Worship
		https://video.sttimothycusa.org
	11:30 PM	Fellowship Hour
	1:00 PM	Easter Egg Hunt
Monday	12:00 PM	Zoom Adult Bible Study
3/25		https://study.sttimothycusa.org
	6:00 PM	TOPS
Tuesday	6:45 & 8:15 AM	Prayer and Praise Call
3/26		202-926-1029 - access 235645
	9:00 AM	STARS
	12:15 PM	Zoom Adult Bible Study
		https://study.sttimothycusa.org
	6:00 PM	Kindred Spirits
Wednesday	6:30 PM	Strategic Planning
3/27		
Thursday	9:30 AM	Thursday Morning Bible Study
3/28	5:55 PM/7:00 PM	Handbell/Chancel Choir
Friday 3/29	12:00 PM	Good Friday Service
Saturday 3/30	All Day	Church closed until sundown
Sunday		
3/31	8:00 AM	Early Morning Worship
	9:00 AM	Deacon Breakfast
	9:45 AM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 AM	Easter Egg Hunt
	10:30 AM	Family Worship - Easter Sunday
		https://video.sttimothycusa.org

All Glory, Laud and Honor

*All glory, laud and honor To Thee, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring:
Thou art the King of Israel, Thou David's royal Son,
Who in the Lord's name comest, The King and blessed One!*

*The company of angels Are praising Thee on high,
And mortal men and all things Created make reply:
The people of the Hebrews With palms before Thee went:
Our praise and prayer and anthems Before Thee we present.*

*To Thee, before Thy passion, They sang their hymns of praise;
To Thee, now high exalted, Our melody we raise:
Thou didst accept their praises—Accept the praise we bring,
Who in all good delightest, Thou good and gracious King!
Amen.*

A Cheering, Chanting, Dizzy Crowd

*A cheering, chanting, dizzy crowd had stripped the green trees bare,
and hailing Christ as king aloud, waved branches in the air.*

*They laid their garments in the road and spread his path with palms
and vows of lasting love bestowed with royal hymns and psalms.*

*When day dimmed down to deepening dark the crowd began to fade
till only trampled leaves and bark were left from the parade.*

*Lest we be fooled because our hearts have surged with passing
praise, remind us, God, as this week starts where Christ has fixed
his gaze.*

*Instead of palms, a winding sheet will have to be unrolled, a carpet
much more fit to greet the king a cross will hold.*

What Wondrous Love Is This

*What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this That caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul.*

*When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down Beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.*

*To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing,
To God and to the Lamb I will sing,
To God and to the Lamb Who is the great "I Am,"
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,
While millions join the theme I will sing.*

*And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on,
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,
And thro' eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
And thro' eternity I'll sing on.*