

September 22, 2024  
18th Sunday after Pentecost



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.sttimothypcusa.org>

# Welcome!

PRELUDE

INTROIT "O Worship the King" Haydn

PASTORAL WELCOME

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 1:1-2

Happy are the people  
**who do not follow the advice of the wicked**  
or take the path that they follow,  
**or sit in the seat of people who make fun of others.**  
Their delight is in the law of the Lord,  
**and they meditate on God's law day and night.**

HYMN "Blessed Assurance" see insert

CALL TO CONFESSION

SILENT CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of wisdom, forgive our foolishness. We desire what we do not need and corrupt our relationships with envy. You urge us to gentleness, but we stir up conflict. You give us such good gifts, but we just set them aside. Fill us with your grace, that we may harvest righteousness and peace, for the sake of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.**

\*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Proverbs reveals that charm is deceitful and beauty is vain, but the people who fear the Lord are to be praised. Hear the good news! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and we can live in peace.

**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. Allelu. Amen.*

A MOMENT FOR ILLUMINATION

*Thy Word is a Lamp unto my feet, and a Light unto my path.  
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OLD TESTAMENT READING: Psalm 54:1-7

A TIME FOR GOD'S CHILDREN Linda Houghtby

SPECIAL MUSIC "Put Your Trust in the Living God" Jack North

EPISTLE READING James 1:9-18

SERMON Pastor Joel Puntigam  
"Lead Us Not Unto Temptation"

HYMN "I Need Thee Every Hour" 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 "More Love to Thee" Doane

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:

**Wonderful Father, we are like trees planted by streams of water that yield their fruit in season and prosper in you. We are grateful for all that you have provided, and we dedicate our firstfruits to you and to the work of your church, now and forever. 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 "People Need the Lord" 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

*God be with you till we meet again;  
'Neath His wings protecting hide you,  
Daily manna still provide you;  
God be with you till we meet again.*

POSTLUDE

*\*Feasting on the Word Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year B, Volume 2*

**Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
**Following Along in Worship**

1. Today is a wonderful day to worship together. What's some of your favorite things about worship?
2. Last week we learned that if we lack wisdom, we need to ask God and he will help us. What kind of wisdom do you need today?
3. What was the Time for the Children about today?
  - a. God will deliver us from the things that tempt us
  - b. Rockets to the moon
  - c. Hot Chocolate is a superior beverage
4. How does God keep us from temptation?
5. In the sermon, Pastor Joel will teach from James 1:9-18. Circle all that are true about this passage:
  - a. The lowly should wail and the rich should be exalted
  - b. The lowly should be exalted and the rich should be humbled.
  - c. Only God can help us make this right!
  - d. Blessed is the one who:
    - i. Eats 30 tacos
    - ii. Remains strong under trials and temptations
    - iii. Turns to God and says no to sinful desires
  - e. Every good and perfect gift:
    - i. Comes from Amazon
    - ii. Comes from Above - from the Father of Lights

## Serving in Worship

Greeter: Carol Prevost  
Ushers: Patty Kreitmeyer, Ron Martin  
Worship Assistant: Karlane Belaire  
Keyboard: Linda Delezenne  
Technology: Melanie Gumz  
Safety Officer: Rich Belaire  
Tellers: Melanie Gumz, TBD  
Fellowship Hour: Mission and Outreach

## Weekly Bible Studies

### The Big “?” Bible Study –Sunday at 12:30 pm

Question for today: *How do you help an unbeliever who only sees the contradictions in the Bible?* All are welcome in Fellowship Hall.

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

We are studying prayers of the church.

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

### Zoom Bible Study – Tuesday at 12:45 pm

We are studying the book of Acts.

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### Adult Weekly Bible Study - Thursday – Thursday at 9:30 am

Our study is on the passage that Pastor Joel will be preaching on September 29 - James 1:19-27.



Chancel Flowers



Blessed to be part of the St. Timothy family,  
Patty Kreitmeyer



Thank you to all who generously contributed to the special charity during Worship in the Park on August 11. A total of \$811 was donated to Another Day Resource Center in Livonia.

## Celebrating



### **Birthdays:**

September 23

Linda Houghtby

### **Anniversaries:**

September 24

Dave and Linda Houghtby  
(57 years)

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, September 25 – Ladies Day Out

Sunday, October 13 – Crop Walk

Saturday, October 19 – Church Clean Up Day

Saturday, October 26 – Trunk or Treat



### **Campfire Worship**

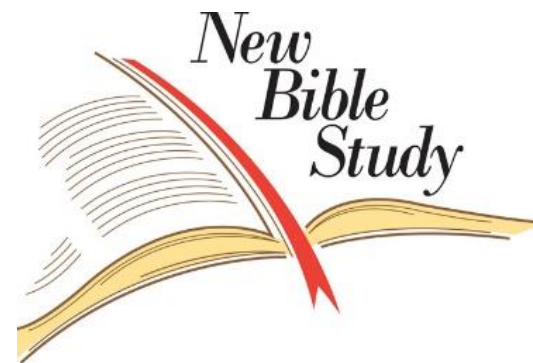
Wednesday evenings in July, August  
and September!

Time: 7:30 pm

Plan on interesting bible discussion, testimonials and  
great music!

## Ladies DAY OUT

Attention Ladies! Mark your calendars for a trip to Three Cedars Cider Mill in Northville, Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup>. Pick a pumpkin, have some cider and donuts, take a hay ride or try your luck in a corn maze. Shop in their general store. Meet at church at 9:30 to carpool. We can find a place to eat lunch after. Sign up in the fellowship hall.



Do you have a bible question that has never really been able to be answered? What about different passages that you think conflict? What about a biblical issue that keeps nagging at you? Starting September 22 at 12:30 pm, The Big “?” Bible Study will work on these "questions" that you have a chance to submit. Please submit your question(s) in the Gold Box on the information table. We look forward to seeing you in Fellowship Hall!



Hello everyone,  
Hope this update finds everyone in good health.

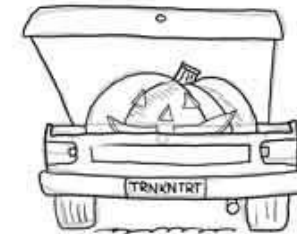
- The new Little Guys & Dolls daycare is finally opened and is up and running. We welcome their presence and wish them much success.
- We find ourselves with the season changing and the weather is unpredictable from day to day. With the cooler temperatures the growing grass is slowing down. Hence less cutting to be done.
- The new camera system is being installed. The hallways and the daycare rooms are complete and next is the fellowship hall and the kitchen. That just leaves 3 cameras to be installed outside. They will be views of the front entrance, memorial garden and the garage.
- Other projects in the pipeline are revamping of the pantry to house the cup and dish racks.
- Also we have the fall clean-up day on Saturday October 19th which is approaching quickly. It is open to all and there are jobs for any person. We can use all the help to maintain the church and keep it in great shape.

In closing I hope everyone stays safe and may God Bless.

Regards,  
Chris Korne



- On Sunday, October 13 at 1:00 pm we will gather at Ben Celani Pavilion at Bicentennial Park - 35400 W Seven Mile Rd, Livonia, MI 48152!
- First, we will pack 100 Menstrual Hygiene Kits
- Then we will walk around the park in a ½ loop
- Water and ice cream will be provided
- All those interested in walking should talk with Pastor Joel



It's that time of year! Our annual community Trunk or Treat is Saturday, October 26th from 4:30-6:00 pm. Come help pass out candy from your car. Everyone always has a great time participating in this event. Dinner will be served. There is a sign up in the Fellowship Hall. We are also asking for donations of candy.



**DATE:** – Saturday, October 19

**Time:** 9:00 am until early afternoon

**What:** jobs inside and out!

**Enjoy...**

- Fresh air, fellowship and exercise
- Donuts, coffee and lunch
- Job. Well. Done.



Community Opportunity Center (COC)  
 “Friendship Club Opportunities to Serve”

1. Would you be willing to spend an hour a week with a COC resident reading a book or playing cards? Time to be determined by volunteer and resident. Sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall
2. COC has a craft day in October and they are looking for folks to help. Wednesday, October 2 at 10:00 am. (All craft days are on the first Wednesday of each month.) There is a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall. We can meet at church and carpool.

***If you have any questions, please reach out to Mary or Dennis.***

## Church Weekly Schedule

Sunday 9/22	9:20 AM	Handbell Rehearsal
	9:45 AM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	10:30 AM	Family Worship
		<a href="https://video.sttimothyusa.org">https://video.sttimothyusa.org</a>
	11:30 PM	Fellowship Hour
	12:30 PM	The Big "?" Bible Study
Monday 9/23	12:00 PM	Zoom Adult Bible Study
		<a href="https://study.sttimothyusa.org">https://study.sttimothyusa.org</a>
	6:00 PM	TOPS
Tuesday 9/24	6:45 & 8:15 AM	Prayer and Praise Call
		202-926-1029 - access code 235645
	9:00 AM	STARS
	12:45 PM	Zoom Adult Bible Study
		<a href="https://study.sttimothyusa.org">https://study.sttimothyusa.org</a>
	6:30 PM	Strategic Planning
	6:00 PM	Kindred Spirits
Wednesday 9/25	7:30 PM	Campfire Worship
Thursday 9/26	9:30 AM	Thursday Morning Bible Study
	5:55 PM	Handbell Rehearsal
	7:00 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Friday 9/27		
Saturday 9/28		
Sunday 9/29	9:45 AM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	10:30 AM	Family Worship
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## **Blessed Assurance**

*Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.  
This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long;  
This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long.*

*Perfect submission, perfect delight!  
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
Angels descending bring from above  
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.  
This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long;  
This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long.*

*Perfect submission—all is at rest,  
I in my Savior am happy and blest;  
Watching and waiting, looking above  
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.  
This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long;  
This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long.*

## **I Need Thee Every Hour**

*I need Thee ev'ry hour, Most gracious Lord;  
No tender voice like Thine Can peace afford.  
I need Thee, O I need Thee;  
Ev'ry hour I need Thee!  
O bless me now, my Savior,  
I come to Thee.*

*I need Thee ev'ry hour, Stay Thou nearby;  
Temptations lose their pow'r When Thou art nigh.  
I need Thee, O I need Thee;  
Ev'ry hour I need Thee!  
O bless me now, my Savior,  
I come to Thee.*

*I need Thee Ev'ry hour, In joy or pain;  
Come quickly, and abide, Or life is vain.  
I need Thee, O I need Thee;  
Ev'ry hour I need Thee!  
O bless me now, my Savior,  
I come to Thee.*

*I need Thee ev'ry hour, Teach me Thy will,  
And Thy rich promises In me fulfil.  
I need Thee, O I need Thee;  
Ev'ry hour I need Thee!  
O bless me now, my Savior,  
I come to Thee.*

## **People Need the Lord**

*People need the Lord,  
people need the Lord;  
At the end of broken dreams,  
He's the open door.*

*People need the Lord,  
people need the Lord;  
When will we realize,  
people need the Lord.*