

September 8, 2024
16th 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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Pastor - Joel Puntigam
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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 “Two Mozart Minuets – K2, K5”
INTROIT “Come into His Presence” Unknown
PASTORAL WELCOME
*CALL TO WORSHIP
Here at the feast of God’s holy word and holy meal,
Eyes and ears are opened,
So that we may all be made glad and filled with hope.
Let us worship the Lord our God!
HYMN “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” see insert
CALL TO CONFESSION
SILENT CONFESSION
*PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Almighty and compassionate God, every day, in our desire to attain our wants, avoid discomfort, and shun those we do not know or love, we show ourselves to be unworthy of your gifts of life. Of this we are sorely aware, and we ask your power to renew us in body and spirit, that we will be able through your help to walk in the way you intend for us. Forgive us and lead us, in Jesus’ name. Amen.
*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS
Just as Jesus made the deaf to hear and the mute to speak, our merciful God lifts our burdens from us, removes the failures of our past, and turns us to new life. Hear once again the Good News of the Gospel and be at peace: 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. 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: Isaiah 35:4-7a

A TIME FOR GOD'S CHILDREN Matt Johnson

SPECIAL MUSIC "Standin' in the Need of Prayer"
ARR Galina

NEW TESTAMENT READING John 7:24-37

SERMON Pastor Joel Puntigam
"Our Place in the Kingdom"

HYMN "He Touched Me" 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:

Accept our thanks, O God, for your gifts of life, resources, and time. Receive our offerings for the sake of those in need and for the continuance of your witness in this world. Help to us be continuously grateful for all we have been given, in Jesus' name. 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 "Through It All" 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 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 8th
Following Along in Worship**

1. What is something you are looking forward to this fall?
2. Jesus said that what goes on in our hearts is more important than our appearances. Do you believe him? Why is it important for us to remember this?
3. What was the Time for the Children about today?
 - a. Pumpkin Spice Lattes already? Too soon!
 - b. Jesus loves everyone!
 - c. Argh, why are the leaves already falling?
4. Is there anything we can do to receive healing from God?
5. In the sermon, Pastor Joel will teach from Mark 7:24-37. Circle all that are true about this passage:
 - a. Jesus met a woman who:
 - i. Wanted to sell him bread
 - ii. Wanted him to heal her daughter
 - b. Jesus said yes, but only after being prompted
 - c. Jesus then took a long vacation
 - d. Jesus then healed a deaf man
 - e. Jesus said: hey hey, can you hear me?
 - f. Jesus said: Hey ears, be opened!
 - g. Everyone thought this was no big deal
 - h. Everyone was astonished at Jesus

Serving in Worship

Greeter: Carol Prevost
Ushers: Mary Baum, Patty Kreitmeyer
Worship Assistant: Beth Olko
Keyboard: Linda Delezenne
Technology: Melanie Gumz
Safety Officer: Tim Chanko
Tellers: TBD
Fellowship Hour: Martins and friends

Weekly Bible Studies

After Worship Bible Study – Sunday at 12:15 pm

We are doing “post sermon studies” in the Pastor’s office. All are welcome!

Zoom Bible Study – See you Monday at 12:00 pm

We are studying prayers of the church.

This is the link address to join: <https://study.sttimothyusa.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 15– James 1:1-8.



Chancel Flowers



Celebrating God's gift of 70 years together!

Ron and Muriel Martin

Celebrating



Birthdays:

September 8
September 10
September 14

Dennis Delezenne
Dave Houghtby
Azar Brandon

Anniversaries:

September 18

Chris & Marlane Korne (53 years)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, September 15 – Rally Day

Wednesday, September 19 – Friendship Club Picnic
Garden City Park

Sunday, October 13 – Crop Walk

Saturday, October 26 – Trunk or Treat



Campfire Worship

Wednesday evenings in July, August
and September!

Time: 7:30 pm

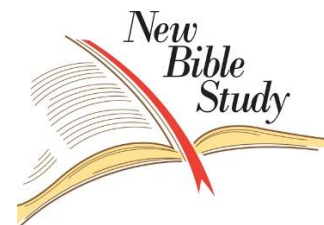
Plan on interesting bible discussion, testimonials and
great music!



An invitation from the Faith Education Committee...

Come one, come all to 2024 Rally Day!

September 15 is the date we kick off a new year of Faith, Fun and Fellowship at St. Timothy! Stick around right after Worship for a surprise and then join us for a potluck luncheon where the Deacons will be providing the main dish! There will be games, fellowship, and you might learn a thing or two. Sign up in Fellowship Hall to bring a side dish, salad, or something else! We hope to see you all there, and maybe bring a friend!



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 there!



Attention Ladies!

Faith Circle is preparing to begin an exciting new year. Our first meeting is Wednesday, September 11th at 12:30 pm. Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of every month with lunch and a Bible study. Currently, we are studying the book of Acts.

We send cards to those who are going through a difficult time.

This fall we will be planning our annual Christmas Salad Luncheon which will be held in December.

We also help support the Oakland County Foster Closet by buying items that they need or asking for donations. Each year we contribute to several mission and outreach organizations.

If you can't make a meeting, Faith Circle sponsors a monthly ladies luncheon at various restaurants. We have also planned trips that included Eastern Market, Nichols Arboretum, Frankenmuth and Heavenly Scent Herb Garden.

Ladies DAY OUT

Attention Ladies! Mark your calendars for a trip to Three Cedars Cider Mill in Northville, Wednesday, September 25th. 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.



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 September and they are looking for folks to help. Wednesday, September 4 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.
3. COC has invited St. Timothy Members to a picnic on Thursday, September 19th at 4:30 pm at Garden City Park. There is a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall. Please bring ½ dozen cookies if able.

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

Church Weekly Schedule

Sunday 9/8	9:45 AM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	10:30 AM	Family Worship
		https://video.sttimothyusa.org
	11:30 PM	Fellowship Hour
	12:15 PM	After Worship Bible Study
Monday 9/9	12:00 PM	Zoom Adult Bible Study
		https://study.sttimothyusa.org
	6:00 PM	TOPS
Tuesday 9/10	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
		https://study.sttimothyusa.org
Wednesday 9/11	12:30 PM	Faith Circle
	7:30 PM	Campfire Worship
Thursday 9/12	9:30 AM	Thursday Morning Bible Study
	5:55 PM	Handbell Rehearsal
	7:00 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Friday 9/13		
Saturday 9/14		
Sunday 9/15	9:45 AM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	10:30 AM	Family Worship
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	11:30 PM	Fellowship Hour
	12:15 PM	After Worship Bible Study

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

*Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah,
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but Thou art mighty;
Hold me with Thy pow'rful hand;
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,
Feed me till I want no more,
Feed me till I want no more.*

*Open now the crystal fountain,
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through;
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,
Be Thou still my strength and shield,
Be Thou still my strength and shield.*

*When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Bear me thro' the swelling current,
Land me safe on Canaan's side;
Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to Thee,
I will ever give to Thee.
Amen.*

He Touched Me

*Shackled by a heavy burden,
'Neath a load of guilt and shame;
Then the hand of Jesus touched me,
And now I am no longer the same.
He touched me, O, He touched me,
And O, the joy that floods my soul;
Something happened, and now I know,
He touched me and made me whole.*

*Since I met this blessed Savior,
Since He cleansed and made me whole;
I will never cease to praise Him,
I'll shout it while eternity rolls.
He touched me, O, He touched me,
And O, the joy that floods my soul;
Something happened, and now I know,
He touched me and made me whole.*

Through It All

*Through it all, Through it all,
I've learned to trust in Jesus,
I've learned to trust in God;
Through it all, Through it all,
I've learned to depend upon His Word.*