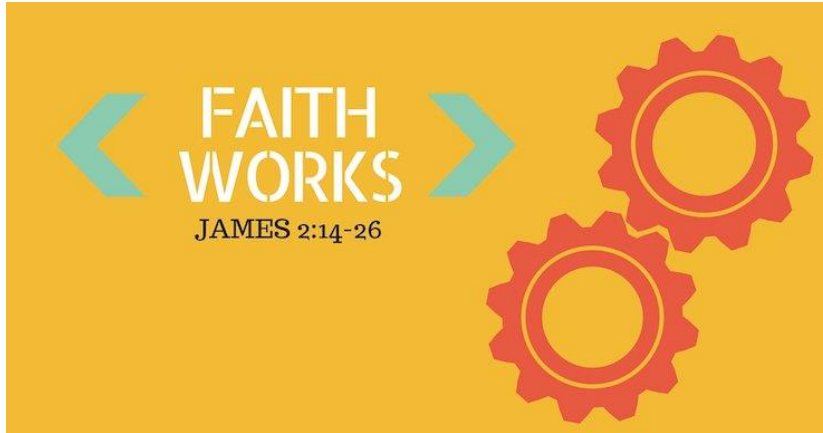


October 13, 2024  
21st Sunday after Pentecost



St. Timothy Presbyterian Church  
16700 Newburgh Road, Livonia, MI 48154  
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Monday-Thursday: 9:30 am to 2:30 pm  
Friday: 9:30 am to 12:00 pm  
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Staff  
Pastor - Joel Puntigam  
Music Director & Accompanist – Tim Falk  
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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.sttimothycusa.org>

# Welcome!

PRELUDE "Fairest Lord Jesus"  
INTROIT "Ode to Joy" Beethoven  
PASTORAL WELCOME  
CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 22:3-5  
God, you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.  
**In you our ancestors trusted; they trusted you, and you delivered them.**  
To you they cried, and they were saved; in you they trusted and were not put to shame.  
**God, you are holy.**  
All praise to you, now and forever!  
HYMN "I Sing Praises to Your Name" see insert  
CALL TO CONFESSION  
SILENT CONFESSION  
\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION  
**God of justice and mercy, we confess that we put ourselves first and trust in things that will not last. We desire the evil and scorn the good; we gather up power and wealth and push aside the needy in our way. O Lord, be gracious to us in spite of our great sin. Teach us to love your justice and share in your mercy. Help us to seek the treasure of heavenly life with you; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**  
\*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS  
We do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weakness, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet is without sin. Therefore, we can approach the throne of grace with boldness and will receive mercy in our time of need. In Jesus Christ, we find the forgiveness we seek.  
**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.  
Thy Word is a Lamp unto my feet, and a Light unto my path.*

OLD TESTAMENT READING:                    Genesis 15:1-6

A TIME FOR GOD’S CHILDREN                    Matt Johnson

SPECIAL MUSIC                    “Angel Band”                    Haskell/Bradbury

EPISTLE READING                    James 2:14-26

SERMON                    Pastor Joel Puntigam

“A Wake-up Call”

HYMN                    “Bind Us Together”                    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                    “Sweet Hour of Prayer”                    Walford/Bradbury

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:

**Gracious God, we present these gifts and renew our commitment to leave everything behind and follow you. Give us the courage to fulfill your will so that with everything we do and say we can become a living offering worthy of being called your disciples. Amen.**

CALL TO PRAYER

*Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send Your Spirit in this place; Lord, listen to Your children praying, Send us love, Send us pow’r, Send us grace.*

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                    “Blest Be the Tie That Binds”                    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

*In his time, in his time; he makes all things beautiful in his time. Lord, please show me every day as you’re teaching me your way, that you do just what you say in your time.*

POSTLUDE

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

**Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup>**  
**Following Along in Worship**

1. Why is it so important to not discriminate against others?  
How does God help us with that?
  
2. What is mercy? Do you believe mercy is truly better than judgment?
  
3. What was the Time for the Children about today?
  - a. Rejoice, rejoice, again I say rejoice!
  - b. Workless faith is a worthless faith
  - c. The sound of one hand clapping
  
4. What the problem with having faith, but doing nothing to show for it?
  
5. In the sermon, Pastor Joel will teach from James 2:14-26.  
Circle all that are true about this passage:
  - a. What good is it if:
    - i. We eat burgers without buns
    - ii. We run with no shoes
    - iii. We claim to have faith but have no deeds of faith
  - b. Faith, when not accompanied by action is:
    - i. Somewhat alive
    - ii. Mostly dead
    - iii. All dead
  - c. As an example of faith with action, we can look to:
    - i. Abraham
    - ii. Someone who helps the helpless
    - iii. A neighbor who comes alongside the hurting
    - iv. Rahab

## Serving in Worship

Greeter: Marlene Korne  
Ushers: Mary Baum, Patty Kreitmeyer  
Worship Assistant: Matt Johnson  
Keyboard: Paula Boegner  
Technology: Tim Chanko  
Safety Officer: Chris Korne  
Tellers: Paula Boegner, TBD  
Fellowship Hour: Pancake & Waffle Day

### Weekly Bible Studies

**The Big “?” Bible Study –Next Sunday (10/20) at 12:30 pm**

Questions for next study: *Is it written anywhere how many Old Testament offerings there are? What is sacrificed for each specific offering?* All are welcome in Fellowship Hall.

**Zoom Bible Study –See you October 21st!**

We will study Psalms 1-5. After that, we’ll be rotating between Psalms and the minor Prophets.

This is the link address to join: <https://study.sttimothypcusa.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 October 20 - James 3:1-12.



Chancel Flowers



In celebration of family birthdays

and an anniversary!

Margaret and Tom Barsch

## Celebrating



### **Birthdays:**

October 13

Tommy Zabik

### **Anniversaries:**

No anniversaries this week

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Sunday, October 13** – Crop Walk

**Saturday, October 19** – Church Clean Up Day

**Saturday, October 26** – Trunk or Treat

**Sunday, October 27** – Stewardship Sunday

**Wednesday, November 27** – Thanksgiving Eve Service



- 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



There will be a special fellowship hour on Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup> to celebrate Jeanne Phillips. Jeanne will be moving to Indiana to be with her family. Come share your special story about Jeanne and wish her many blessings as God starts a new chapter in her life.



Welcome to the world Oliver Hudson Turner  
Born 10/7/2024  
5 pounds, 12 ounces  
Proud parents: Sara and Jordon Turner  
Big Brother: Benjamin  
Very Happy Grandma: Tracey Fukui



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.



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.

## INVITATION

Your Finance and Stewardship Committee invites you to a Stewardship Sunday pasta lunch after worship service on October 27<sup>th</sup>. Come and enjoy some lasagna, mac & cheese, breadsticks, salad and dessert. Plan on some good food and fellowship. The sign-up sheet is available on the bulletin board in fellowship hall. Please take a moment and sign up so we know how many people to expect.



### 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 November and they are looking for folks to help. Wednesday, November 6 at 10:00 am. (All craft days are on the first Wednesday of each month.) *If you have any questions, please reach out to Mary or Dennis.*



Our own Matt Johnson invites you to his fall/Xmas concerts:

- October 19, 7 PM Fall Concert, Holy Cross Lutheran, 30650 Six Mile, Livonia 48152
- October 20, 3 PM Fall Concert, Northbrook Presbyterian, 22055 14 Mile, Beverly Hills 48025
- December 7, 7 PM Christmas Concert, Church of the Divine Child, 1055 Silvery Lane, Dearborn 48128
- December 8, 3 PM Christmas Concert, Historic Trinity Lutheran, 1345 Gratiot, Detroit 48207
- December 13, 7:30 PM Christmas Concert, Ascension of Christ Lutheran, 16935 W. 14 Mile, Beverly Hills, 48025
- December 14, 7PM Christmas Concert, Christ Our Savior Lutheran, 14175 Farmington Rd, Livonia 48154



**Bulletin**

Please submit any information for the Sunday bulletin the prior Monday. That may seem early, but it gives us time to work the document and then send it out for proofing Tuesday. We then print the bulletins on Thursday afternoons which again may be early, but if the printer needs to be serviced, we have that extra day. It is a process and thank you for understanding.

## Church Weekly Schedule

Sunday 10/13	9:20 AM	Handbell Rehearsal
	10:30 AM	Family Worship
		<a href="https://video.sttimothypcusa.org">https://video.sttimothypcusa.org</a>
	After Worship	<i>Fellowship Hour</i>
	1:00 PM	Crop Walk
Monday 10/14	5:30 PM	Men's Association Dinner
	6:00 PM	<i>TOPS</i>
Tuesday 10/15	6:45 & 8:15 AM	Prayer and Praise Call
		202-926-1029 - access code 235645
	9:00 AM	<i>STARS</i>
	12:45 PM	Zoom Adult Bible Study
		<a href="https://study.sttimothypcusa.org">https://study.sttimothypcusa.org</a>
	6:30 PM	<i>Nominating &amp; Personnel</i>
Wednesday 10/16		
Thursday 10/17	9:30 AM	Thursday Morning Bible Study
	5:55 PM	<i>Handbell Rehearsal</i>
	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Friday 10/18		
Saturday 10/19	8:00 PM	Men's Association Breakfast
	9:00 AM	<i>Church Clean Up Day</i>
Sunday 10/20	9:45 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	10:30 AM	<i>Family Worship</i>
		<a href="https://video.sttimothypcusa.org">https://video.sttimothypcusa.org</a>
	After Worship	Fellowship Hour
	12:30 PM	<i>The Big "?" Bible Study</i>

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### *I Sing Praises to Your Name*

*I sing praises to your name, O Lord,  
praises to your name, O Lord,  
for your name is great and greatly to be praised;*

*I sing praises to your name, O Lord,  
praises to your name, O Lord,  
for your name is great and greatly to be praised;*

*I give glory to your name, O Lord,  
glory to your name, O Lord,  
for your name is great and greatly to be praised.*

*I give glory to your name, O Lord,  
glory to your name, O Lord,  
for your name is great and greatly to be praised.*

### *Bind Us Together*

*Bind us together, Lord,  
bind us together with cords that cannot be broken.  
Bind us together, Lord, bind us together,  
Lord, bind us together in love.*

*There is only one God, there is only one King;  
There is only one body, that is why we sing.*

*Bind us together, Lord,  
bind us together with cords that cannot be broken.  
Bind us together, Lord, bind us together,  
Lord, bind us together in love.*

### *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

*Blest be the tie that binds  
Our hearts in Christian love;  
The fellowship of kindred minds  
Is like to that above.*

*Before our Father's throne  
We pour our ardent prayers;  
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,  
Our comforts and our cares.*

*When we asunder part,  
It gives us inward pain;  
But we shall still be joined in heart,  
And hope to meet again.  
Amen.*