

October 6, 2024  
20th Sunday after Pentecost



St. Timothy Presbyterian Church  
16700 Newburgh Road, Livonia, MI 48154  
734-464-8844

Office Hours:  
Monday-Thursday: 9:30 am to 2:30 pm  
Friday: 9:30 am to 12:00 pm  
email: sttimothy@sttimothypcusa.org

Staff  
Pastor - Joel Puntigam  
Music Director & Accompanist – Tim Falk  
Office Manager – Shelly Walldorff

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 “Rejoice in the Lord Always” Unknown

PASTORAL WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 8:1-4, 9  
O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens.

**From the lips of children and infants you have ordained praise because of your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger.**

When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,

**what are human beings that you are mindful of them, the mortals that you care for them?**

O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

HYMN “Lord, I Want to Be a Christian” see insert

CALL TO CONFESSION

SILENT CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Loving God, you created us to live in relationship with you, to love and serve one another, and to care for all your creatures. Yet, in the hardness of our hearts, we dismiss your commandments and seek to go our separate ways. Lord, have mercy on us. Redeem, restore, and re-create us, for the sake of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

\*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

What are we that God is mindful of us? Who are we that God should care for us? Yet God now calls us beloved children; Jesus now claims us as sisters and brothers. This is the good news of God’s grace: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

**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. Alelu. 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

Leviticus 19:15-18

A TIME FOR GOD'S CHILDREN

Karlane Belaïre

SPECIAL MUSIC

“God Help the Outcasts”

Alan Menkin/Stephen Schwartz

EPISTLE READING

James 2:1-13

SERMON

Pastor Joel Puntigam

“Our Problem with Favoritism”

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

**Lord God, you have entrusted us with the works of your own hands. Now we return these gifts to you with thanksgiving and praise. Use them all for your glory and for the good of your world; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

HYMN

“In Remembrance”

see insert

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*This morning we will be receiving Communion in the seats. An usher will come to your seat to distribute the elements. Eat the bread individually when you are ready. Then wait until everyone has been served the cup and we will drink together as a congregation.*

THE CELEBRATION

The Invitation

The Words of Institution

The Prayer of Consecration

The Bread

The Cup

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

“Pass it On”

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, Volume2.*

**Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup>  
Following Along in Worship**

1. How do you define integrity? Why is it so important to have?
  
2. Last week we learned that it is important to not just listen to the word – but to also do what the word says. What are your thoughts on this?
  
3. What was the Time for the Children about today?
  - a. Why does St Timothy have so many lefthanded people?
  - b. Treating all people with fairness and love
  - c. How many books does Pastor Joel have in his office?
  
4. What is the problem with favoritism?
  
5. In the sermon, Pastor Joel will teach from James 2:1-13.  
Circle all that are true about this passage:
  - a. Believers should treat people by how much they like spicy food
  - b. Believers must not show favoritism
  - c. If we discriminate against others:
    - i. It's not a problem.
    - ii. We have judged them
  - d. If we really want to love our neighbor as ourselves:
    - i. We can do whatever we want
    - ii. We must do what is right
  - e. Judgment triumphs over mercy
  - f. Mercy triumphs over judgment

## Serving in Worship

- Greeter: Karen Kateff  
Ushers: Kathey Turnbull, Ron Martin  
Worship Assistant: Cassy Sautter  
Communion Servers: Carol Prevost, Dorothy Sanchez  
Keyboard: Paula Boegner  
Technology: Melanie Gumz  
Safety Officer: Richard Belaire  
Tellers: Paula Boegner, Bob Taylor  
Fellowship Hour: Favorite dip w/cheese & crackers

### Weekly Bible Studies

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

Questions for today: *Could lack of visible moral leadership be a marker of entering such times? Should we be worried?* 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.

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

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

Our study is on the passage that Pastor Joel will be preaching on October 13 - James 2:14-26.

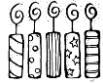


Chancel Flowers



Celebrating son Dave and  
daughter in law Janet's October birthdays!  
Dave and Linda Houghtby

## Celebrating



### Birthdays:

No birthdays this week

### Anniversaries:

October 7

Mike & Mary Baum  
(46 yrs)

October 12

Tom & Margaret Barsch  
(56 yrs)

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, October 13 – Crop Walk

Saturday, October 19 – Church Clean Up Day

Saturday, October 26 – Trunk and Treat

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



A big thank you to everyone that bought mums. The proceeds will help support Community Opportunity Center (Friendship Club), the residents and its programs. Thank you!



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.



### 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.*

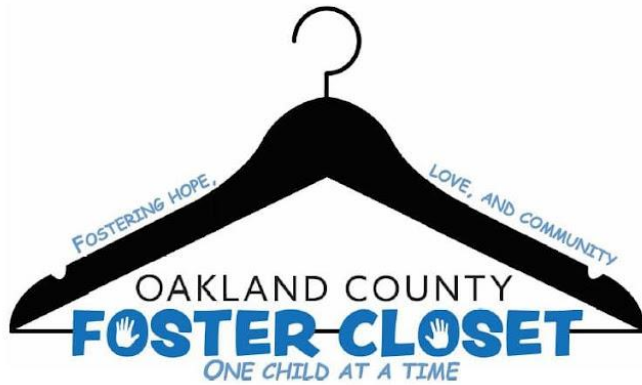


Our own Matt Johnson invites you to his fall/Xmas concerts:

- 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



Carol and Linda could use some corrugated cardboard to prepare the gardens for winter. Please put the boxes in the northeast entrance way after October 1. Any questions, please reach out to Carol or Linda.



Hi Ladies! Faith Circle (Women’s Association) is going to visit and take a tour of the Oakland County Foster Closet on **Wednesday, October 9<sup>th</sup>**. Everyone is welcome to join us. Meet at church at 10:30 and we will carpool. We will stop for lunch after. Hope you can join us.



**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 10/6	9:20 AM	Handbell Rehearsal
	9:45 AM	<i>Chancel Choir Rehearsal</i>
	10:30 AM	Family Worship
		<a href="https://video.sttimothypcusa.org">https://video.sttimothypcusa.org</a>
	After Worship	<i>Fellowship Hour</i>
	12:30 PM	The Big "?" Bible Study
Monday 10/7	12:00 PM	Zoom Adult Bible Study
		<a href="https://study.sttimothypcusa.org">https://study.sttimothypcusa.org</a>
	6:00 PM	<i>TOPS</i>
	6:30 PM	Finance Committee
Tuesday 10/8	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>
	4:15 PM	<i>Worship Committee</i>
	5:30 PM	Faith Education
Wednesday 10/9		
Thursday 10/10	9:30 AM	Thursday Morning Bible Study
Friday 10/11		
Saturday 10/12		
Sunday 10/13	9:20 AM	Handbell Rehearsal
	10:30 AM	<i>Family Worship</i>
		<a href="https://video.sttimothypcusa.org">https://video.sttimothypcusa.org</a>
	After Worship	Fellowship Hour
	1:00 PM	<i>Crop Walk</i>

*Hymns reprinted with permission under  
CCLI license # 164491*

## **Lord, I Want to Be a Christian**

*Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart;  
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.  
In my heart, in my heart,  
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.*

*Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart, in my heart;  
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.  
In my heart, in my heart,  
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.*

*Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart, in my heart;  
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.  
In my heart, in my heart,  
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.*

*Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my heart;  
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.  
In my heart, in my heart,  
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.*

## **In Remembrance**

*In remembrance of Me, eat this bread.  
In remembrance of Me, drink this wine.  
In remembrance of Me, pray for the time  
when God's own will is done.*

*In remembrance of Me, heal the sick.  
In remembrance of Me, feed the poor.  
In remembrance of Me, open the door  
and let your brother in. Let him in.*

*Take, eat, and be comforted; drink and remember too,  
That this is My body and precious blood shed for you,  
shed for you.  
(continued on next page)*

*In remembrance of Me search for truth,  
In remembrance of Me always love.  
In remembrance of Me, don't look above,  
but in your heart, look for God.*

*Do this in remembrance of Me.*

## **Pass It On**

*It only takes a spark to get a fire going,  
And soon all those around can warm up in its glowing;  
That's how it is with God's love, once you've experienced it:  
You spread His love to ev'ryone, you want to pass it on.*

*What a wondrous time is spring – when all the trees are budding,  
The birds begin to sing, the flowers start their blooming;  
That's how it is with God's love, once you've experienced it;  
You want to sing, it's fresh like spring, you want to pass it on.*

*I wish for you, my friend, this happiness that I've found-  
You can depend on Him, it matters not where you're bound'  
I'll shout it from the mountain top, I want my world to know;  
The Lord of love has come to me, I want to pass it on.*