

January 19, 2025
2nd Sunday after Epiphany



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 “I Love You, Lord” Klein

PASTORAL WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

How precious is the steadfast love of God.

All people may take refuge in the shadow of God’s embrace.

Christ is the fountain of life.

In Christ we behold the Light of God.

HYMN “Glorify Thy Name” see insert

CALL TO CONFESSION

SILENT CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, we confess that we have been led astray by the idols of our world. We have depended on our possessions and have not placed our trust in your grace. We have carelessly consumed the gifts you offer and have failed to be faithful stewards of the earth’s resources. Forgive us, we pray. Lead us to true repentance that we may serve you faithfully. Through Christ we pray. Amen.

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Hear the good news: Christ unmask the idols of our world and frees us from slavery to all that would oppress us. In the name of 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 Psalm 40:1-4

A TIME FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN Karlane Belaire

**SPECIAL MUSIC "Rivers of Babylon"
Brent Dowe/Trevor McNaughton

OLD TESTAMENT READING Exodus 1:1-22

INTERACTIVE SERMON Pastor Joel Puntigam
"The Fear of God"

HYMN "There Is a Balm in Gilead" 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:

At the wedding feast at Cana you gladdened the guests with divine generosity, filled to the brim and flowing over. We offer our gifts with grateful hearts. Bless them and our lives to your service, that they may reveal your glory, nurture faith, and manifest the common good. In Jesus' 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 "We Will Glorify the King of Kings" 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

*Lord, dismiss us with Thy blessing,
Fill our hearts with joy and peace;
Let us each, Thy love possessing,
Triumph in redeeming grace.
O refresh us, O refresh us,
Traveling through this wilderness.
Amen.*

POSTLUDE

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

***Our special music today is Rivers of Babylon, a song that was originally written as a reggae song and later recorded by Linda Ronstadt. It is sung from the perspective of the Israelites who were conquered by the Babylon empire in Old Testament times and exiled to Babylon as slaves.*

The inspiration for song comes from Psalm 137: "By the rivers of Babylon, there we sat down, yea, we wept, when we remembered Zion... For there they that carried us away captive required of us a song...How shall we sing the Lord's song, in a strange land?"

Sunday, January 19th
Following Along in Worship

1. The best part of going to church is:
 - a. All the good food
 - b. All the people
 - c. The worship
 - d. The studies

2. What was the topic of today's time with the children?
 - a. How important it is to remember
 - b. How to fear God
 - c. How to make bagels

3. What are your take-aways from the children's message?

4. Today Pastor Joel is preaching from Exodus 1:1-22. Mark everything that is correct from the message:
 - a. A new king came into power in Egypt.
 - i. He remembered Joseph and honored his family
 - ii. He forgot about Joseph
 - b. And so the new king:
 - i. Treated the Israelites well
 - ii. Forced the Israelites into slavery
 - c. Being a slave was hard and bitter
 - d. Even the midwives were told to kill any baby boys
 - e. But the midwives
 - i. Sent the baby boys to the circus
 - ii. Let the baby boys live
 - f. Therefore God was kind to the midwives

Serving in Worship

Greeter: Lexi Barsch
Ushers: Youth
Worship Assistant: Lexi Barsch
Soloist: David Olko Jr.
Keyboard: Linda Delezenne
Technology: Tina Puntigam
Safety Officer: Scott Gaines
Tellers: Paula Boegner, Kim Gaines
Fellowship Hour: Bring your best chili!

Weekly Bible Studies

The Big “?” Bible Study – Sunday at 12:30 pm Question for this study: *Can someone be a Christian and believe in evolution?* All are welcome in Fellowship Hall.

Zoom Bible Study – Monday at 12:00 pm

We will be rotating between Psalms and the minor Prophets.

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

Zoom Bible Study – Tuesday at 1:00 pm

We will begin a study of Leviticus.

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 January 26 – Exodus 2:1-10.



Chancel Flowers



Thankful for our leadership at St. Timothy!

Carol Prevost



The 2025 Flower Chart is up on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. Lots of space is available for those special dates!

Celebrating



Birthdays:

No birthdays this week

Anniversaries:

No anniversaries this month



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

- 1. COC has a craft day in February and they are looking for folks to help. Wednesday, February 5 at 10:00 am. (All craft days are on the first Wednesday of each month.)

Questions? Please reach out to Mary.



St. Timothy is blessed to have two gals selling cookies! Jillian and Ava would love to help you take care of that Girl Scout cookie craving that we have every winter.

From Jillian: It's Girl Scout cookie time! Jillian and her troop are still planning their travel adventure, and her digital cookie site is up and ready for pre-orders at <https://DigitalCookie.GirlScouts.org/scout/jillian7392>. Order now to receive personal delivery around Valentine's Day. Please see Jillian for more details.

From Ava: I am in my third year of selling cookies and we earn field trips and badges. If I am not here, reach out to my “Mimi” aka Mary Baum, she has an order form. Thank you!



Sunday, January 26 – Congregational Meeting
February 2 – Deacon Installation
Annual Reports Due
February 17 – Life Line Screening
February 23 – Annual Meeting
March 8 – Friendship Club



Thanking our St. Timothy family for the calls, texts, cards, emails and hugs which supported us through losing Norm's mom Diane. It was a rough start to our New Year made better through the loving support we received. We can't thank everyone enough - Norm & Paula Boegner



The butterfly net will be in the Narthex this Sunday. All contributions go to help support our Faith Education Committee!



The 2025 Per capita is \$37.09 per member. The per capita assessment exists as a way for all Presbyterians to share costs that belong to the whole church, to give meaning to the interdependent nature of Presbyterian polity. This is a set amount of money (apportionment) per member that congregations pay to the larger Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Every Presbyterian shares in the benefit of the PC(USA)'s system of government, so every Presbyterian is asked to share the expenses associated with coordinating and performing the functions of that system. The assessment is divided by the Detroit Presbytery, the Synod, and the General Assembly. We will provide the specific breakdown once it has been published.

The 2025 Initial Offering Envelope is designed to allow every member the opportunity to donate funds to help defray the cost of our 2025 weekly envelopes. Regular use of these envelopes is important for the support St. Timothy's programs and mission.

Thank you for helping us with these financial commitments.

The Finance and Stewardship Committee

Properties Update

Hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season.

We are in the middle of winter and the ice age and it's only a mere 64 days till spring. I'm sure we all hope it comes sooner than later.

Things have been moving along without any major hiccups to the building or property. The STARS have been working on some small odds and ends.

- installed the other railing in the sanctuary
- replaced the pump in the fountain behind the pulpit after it quit working
- upgraded the safety tape on the floor in the workroom after removing the old tape and thoroughly cleaning the tiles
- we'll be patching a few ceilings tile and dry wall in the east vestibule
- we will be organizing areas around the church to improve function

The new camera was installed in the sanctuary this past Monday. It will be an improvement in the quality of the videos for the streaming of services that are viewed from home.

Please be safe during this cold spell. I pray that everyone also keeps healthy! Have a great week...

Take care everyone.

Regards,
Chris Korne



My family and I are so grateful for the wonderful gift that all of you gave to us this Christmas. I was overwhelmed by your generosity! This year, instead of squirreling it away to use throughout the year, we went all in and used it to help us lease a new car! And so now, every time I get in the car I am reminded of how you helped to make it happen and I get thankful all over again. May God bless you!

Pastor Joel

To all the wonderful people at St Timothy, Thank you so much for the amazing Christmas bonus, and also for your support and friendship throughout the year.

To receive so much is greatly appreciated. I am blessed and fortunate to have this job.

God bless you all, looking forward to a great 2025 together!

Tim

St. Timothy, thank you so much for your generosity – it is appreciated! I enjoy the busy days, the quiet days and feel grateful to work in an environment where Prayer, Mission and teamwork are important. Thank you for your kindness as well. Prayers that 2025 will be good for all of you and this church.

Shelly

Church Weekly Schedule

Sunday 1/19	9:45 AM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	10:30 AM	Family Worship
		https://video.sttimothypcusa.org
	After Worship	Fellowship Hour
	12:30 PM	Big "?" Bible Study
Monday 1/20	12:00 PM	Zoom Adult Bible Study
		https://study.sttimothypcusa.org
	6:00 PM	Deacons
	6:00 PM	TOPS
Tuesday 1/21	9:00 AM	STARS
	1:00 PM	Zoom Adult Bible Study
		https://study.sttimothypcusa.org
	6:30 PM	Nominating & Personnel
Wednesday 1/22		
Thursday 1/23	9:30 AM	Thursday Morning Bible Study
	5:55 PM	Handbell Rehearsal
	7:00 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Friday 1/24		
Saturday 1/25		
Sunday 1/26	9:20 AM	Handbell Rehearsal
	9:45 AM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	10:30 AM	Family Worship
		https://video.sttimothypcusa.org
	After Worship	Fellowship Hour
	12:30 PM	Big "?" Bible Study



Glorify Thy Name

*Father, we love you, we worship and adore you,
glorify thy name in all the earth.
Glorify thy name, glorify thy name,
glorify thy name in all the earth.*

*Jesus, we love you, we worship and adore you,
glorify thy name in all the earth.
Glorify thy name, glorify thy name,
glorify thy name in all the earth.*

*Spirit, we love you, we worship and adore you,
glorify thy name in all the earth.
Glorify thy name, glorify thy name,
glorify thy name in all the earth.*

There Is a Balm in Gilead

*There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole;
There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.*

*Sometimes I feel discouraged,
And think my work's in vain,
But then the Holy Spirit
Revives my soul again.
There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole;
There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.*

*If you cannot preach like Peter,
If you cannot pray like Paul,
You can tell the love of Jesus,
And say, "He died for all."
There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole;
There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.*

We Will Glorify the King of Kings

*We will glorify the King of kings,
we will glorify the Lamb;
we will glorify the Lord of lords,
who is the great I AM.*

*Lord Jehovah reigns in majesty,
we will bow before his throne;
we will worship him in righteousness,
we will worship him alone.*

*He is Lord of heaven, Lord of earth,
he is Lord of all who live;
he is Lord above the universe,
all praise to him we give.*

*Hallelujah to the King of kings,
hallelujah to the Lamb;
hallelujah to the Lord of lords,
who is the great I am.*