

January 26, 2025  
3rd Sunday after Epiphany



St. Timothy Presbyterian Church  
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Office Hours:  
Monday-Thursday: 9:30 am to 2:30 pm  
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Staff

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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 “Trust and Obey” Daniel B. Towne

PASTORAL WELCOME

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 19:1-4

The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

**Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge.**

They have no speech, they use no words; no sound is heard from them. **Yet their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world.**

HYMN “They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love” see insert

CALL TO CONFESSION

SILENT CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of our Restoration, whenever we come home to you, we realize how far we have strayed and how much we have forgotten of your law and your love. We have not loved you with our whole hearts or loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us, heal us, and restore us to our relationship with you; through Jesus Christ, in whom we trust. Amen.**

\*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Jesus did not come into the world to condemn us, but to save us from sin and from ourselves. He is the Living Word who sets us free to live with great joy. 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. Allelu. Amen.***

A MOMENT FOR ILLUMINATION

*Thy Word is a Lamp unto my feet, and a Light unto my path.  
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NEW TESTAMENT READING Acts 7:17-22

A TIME FOR ALL GOD’S CHILDREN Matt Johnson

SPECIAL MUSIC “The Journey” Joseph Martin

OLD TESTAMENT READING Exodus 2:1-10

SERMON Pastor Joel Puntigam  
“Ironic Providence”

HYMN “There Is a Redeemer” 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:

**God of life and of new life, bless these gifts that we have given that they may further your reign in this world. 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 “Pass It On” see insert

SENDING AND BLESSING

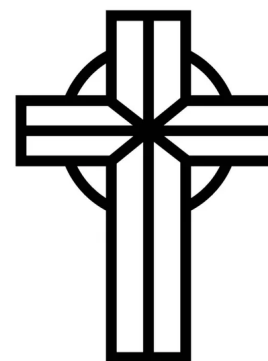
**Empowered by the Holy Spirit, our mission is to: seek God, follow Christ, serve and love our neighbor.**

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*God be with you till we meet again;  
By His counsels guide, uphold you,  
With His sheep securely fold you;  
God be with you till we meet again.*

POSTLUDE

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



**Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup>**  
**Following Along in Worship**

1. Last week we began a new sermon series on Exodus. We learned:
  - a. That the new king loved all the Israelites
  - b. That the new king feared the Israelites
  - c. That Egypt is awesome!
2. What was the topic of today's time with God's children?  
Circle the correct one:
  - a. How Moses was a killer robot from the future
  - b. How Moses was set apart to do God's work
  - c. How we can't throw out the baby with the river water
3. What are your take-aways from the All God's Children children's message?
4. Today Pastor Joel is preaching from Exodus 2:1-10. Mark everything that is correct from the message:
  - a. When Moses was born, his mom
    - i. Put him in a nice, warm room
    - ii. Hid him from the baddies
    - iii. Placed his basket in the river
  - b. When the Pharaoh's daughter discovered Moses, she:
    - i. Felt angry
    - ii. Felt sorry for him.
  - c. She named him Moses because:
    - i. She drew him a bath
    - ii. She drew him a picture
    - iii. She drew him out of the river

**Serving in Worship**

- Greeter: Dorothy Sanchez  
Ushers: Kathey Turnbull, Mary Baum  
Worship Assistant: Tim Chanko  
Keyboard: Linda Delezenne  
Technology: Scott Gaines  
Safety Officer: Dennis Delezenne  
Tellers: Paula Boegner, TBD  
Fellowship Hour: Bring your favorite comfort food.

**Weekly Bible Studies**

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

Question for this study: *How can we share the gospel with strangers?*  
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.

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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 February 2 – Exodus 2:11-22.



Chancel Flowers



Thankful for our grandson Ezra James  
and celebrating his birthday too!

Linda Houghtby



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

## Celebrating



### **Birthdays:**

January 28

February 1

### **Anniversaries:**

Brandon Gaines

Ali Burkart

No anniversaries this week



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**

**Sunday, February 2 – Deacon Installation**

**Annual Reports Due**

**Monday, February 17 – Life Line Screening**

**Sunday, February 23 – Annual Meeting**

**Saturday, March 8 – Friendship Club Event**

**Saturday, April 5 – Lunch Packing for Hope Clinic**

**Sunday, February 13 – Easter Egg Hunt**

**Sunday, February 23 – Annual Meeting**

**Saturday, May 3 – St. Timothy 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Celebration**

**Monday, May 12 – Life Line Screening**



Did you know that this is St. Timothy's 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary year? We will be celebrating 60 years of our spiritual journey on Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> from 3pm-6pm. Mark your calendars. More info to come soon.

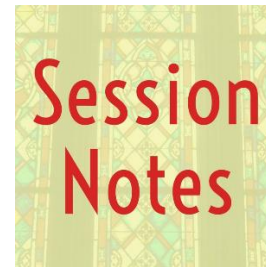


The 2025 Per capita is \$37.09 per member. The per capita assessment exists as a way for all Presbyterians to share costs that belong to the whole church, to give meaning to the interdependent nature of Presbyterian polity. This is a set amount of money (apportionment) per member that congregations pay 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



During our January Session meeting we discussed the proposed budget to be presented for congregational approval during the Annual Congregational Meeting by Finance and Stewardship committee and reached agreement. A new improved rental agreement is being developed with some adjusted details clarifying responsibilities and expectations for those wishing to utilize our facilities by outside organizations.

The Mission and Outreach committee presented information about activities that you see in each week's bulletin and in the Friday e-mail like Lunch Packing which has been done in the past and some plans for this year's Easter Egg Hunt. There will also be planned dinners for the Friendship Club during the coming year. This has always been a great experience each time.

Nominating and Personnel will be presenting nominees to fill openings for Deacons at a special Congregational Meeting this Sunday. Should you have someone you wish to nominate in addition please assure that they are ready and willing to be nominated.

The annual Congregational Meeting is scheduled for February 23. Please be available by being present or connected to the service online for that meeting.

Bob Taylor, Clerk of Session.



Faith Circle has been working with the Oakland County Foster Closet for several years. This week we delivered 60 boxes of cake mixes, frosting and candles to help them make birthday bags for kids. The bags go to foster families and others that may not have the resources to celebrate a child's birthday.

### **Found on Face Book:**

Instead of saying, "I know what it feels like", let's say "I cannot imagine your heartbreak".

Instead of saying, "You're strong, you'll get through this", let's say "You'll hurt, and I'll be here".

Instead of saying, "You look like you're doing well", Let's say, "How are you holding up today?"

Instead of saying, "Healing takes time", let's say "Healing has no timeline".

Instead of saying, "Everything happens for a reason", let's say "This must feel so terribly senseless right now".

And when there are no words to say at all, you don't need to try and find some. Love speaks in silences too.

~ 'Words' by Ullie-Kaye

~ Art by Jennifer Yoswa



### **Church Weekly Schedule**

Sunday 1/26	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 AM	Congregational Meeting
	After Meeting	Fellowship Hour
	12:30 PM	Big "?" Bible Study
Monday 1/27	12:00 PM	Zoom Adult Bible Study
		<a href="https://study.sttimothyusa.org">https://study.sttimothyusa.org</a>
	6:00 PM	TOPS
Tuesday 1/28	9:00 AM	STARS
	1:00 PM	Zoom Adult Bible Study
		<a href="https://study.sttimothyusa.org">https://study.sttimothyusa.org</a>
	6:00 PM	Quilting Guild
	6:30 PM	Strategic Planning
Wednesday 1/29		
Thursday 1/30	9:30 AM	Thursday Morning Bible Study
Friday 1/31		
Saturday 2/1	All Day	Quilting Guild
Sunday 2/2	9:45 AM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	10:30 AM	Family Worship
		<a href="https://video.sttimothyusa.org">https://video.sttimothyusa.org</a>
	After Worship	Fellowship Hour
	12:30 PM	Big "?" Bible Study



## *They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love*

*We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,  
we are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,  
and we pray that all unity may one day be restored:  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,  
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

*We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,  
we will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,  
and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land:  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,  
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

*We will work with each other, we will work side by side,  
we will work with each other, we will work side by side,  
and we'll guard human dignity and save human pride  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,  
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

*All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,  
and all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only son,  
and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one:  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,  
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

## *There Is a Redeemer*

*There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son;  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.  
Thank You, oh, my Father, for giving us Your Son,  
and leaving Your Spirit 'til the work on earth is done.*

*Jesus, my Redeemer, name above all names;  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, O for sinners slain.  
Thank You, oh, my Father, for giving us Your Son,  
and leaving Your Spirit 'til the work on earth is done.*

*When I stand in Glory, I will see His face,  
There I'll serve my King forever In that holy place.  
Thank You, oh, my Father, for giving us Your Son,  
and leaving Your Spirit 'til the work on earth is done.*

## *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 everyone, 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.*