

February 23, 2025
7th Sunday after Epiphany



St. Timothy Presbyterian Church
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Monday-Thursday: 9:30 am to 2:30 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.sttimothycusa.org>

Welcome!

PRELUDE “All Honour” Chris Falson

INTROIT “Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove”
Isaac Watts/John Bacchus Dykes

PASTORAL WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 37:4-5, 39
Take delight in the Lord who satisfies the desires of your heart.
Commit your way to the Lord and trust in his actions.
Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him.
The Lord is our salvation and our refuge in times of trouble.

HYMN “Sweet Hour of Prayer” see insert

CALL TO CONFESSION

SILENT CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed your ways or trusted your promises. We love only those who love us; we show kindness only to those who are kind to us; we give only when we expect to receive. Forgive us, Lord. Fill our hearts with your selfless love. Change our lives by your matchless grace. These things we pray through Christ our Savior. Amen.

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Children of the Most High God, through Jesus Christ our Lord we have received grace in good measure— spilling out and running over.

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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OLD TESTAMENT READING Exodus 5:1-19

A TIME FOR ALL GOD’S CHILDREN Karlane Belaire

SPECIAL MUSIC “Going Home” Anthony Dvorak

OLD TESTAMENT READING Exodus 5:20-6:7

SERMON Pastor Joel Puntigam
“The Lord is Faithful”

HYMN “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” 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 “Come Thou Fount
John Wyeth/Robert Robinson

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:

Holy God, you have given us land in which to grow and thrive, food for survival and pleasure, air and water, fire and cold. Make our thanksgiving bloom forth into the lives of others in the name of Jesus, who gave everything for us. 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 “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;
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, February 23rd
Following Along in Worship

1. Last week we learned Moses was to convince the people he was from God by:
 - a. Walking and chewing gum at the same time
 - b. Winning a watermelon seed spitting contest
 - c. Showing signs and miracles.
2. What was the topic of today's time with All God's children?
Circle the correct one:
 - a. What would a world without ice cream be like?
 - b. Puppies are so cute!
 - c. Sometimes things get worse before they get better
3. What do you want to remember about this message?
4. Today Pastor Joel will be teaching from Exodus 5:1-6:7
Circle everything that is correct from the message:
 - a. Moses said to Pharaoh:
 - i. Would you like to build a snowman?
 - ii. Let my people go!
 - b. Pharaoh said to Moses:
 - i. Would you like some cheese with that whine?
 - ii. No! And get back to work!
 - iii. And you're all lazy
 - c. So the Lord said to Moses:
 - i. Oh well, at least we tried!
 - ii. Time to call Zeus
 - iii. Whatever! My people will be set free!

Serving in Worship

Greeter: Patty Kreitmeyer
Ushers: Chris Korne, Lou Suveg
Worship Assistant: Sue Zabell
Keyboard: Linda Delezenne
Technology: Tim Chanko
Safety Officer: Dennis Delezenne
Tellers: Paula Boegner, TBD
Fellowship Hour: Suveg

Weekly Bible Studies

The Big “?” Bible Study – See you Sunday, **March 2 at 12:30 pm**

Question for this study: *God knows us and knows all of the things we have done, but does God know what we will do?* 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.sttimothypcusa.org>

Zoom Bible Study – Tuesday at 1:00 pm

We are studying the book of Leviticus.

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

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

Our study is on the passage that Pastor Joel will be preaching on March 2 – Exodus 7:1-22.



Chancel Flowers



In thanksgiving for family,
Karlane and Rich Belaire



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

Celebrating



Birthdays:

February 26

February 28

February 29

Anniversaries:

February 27

Jillian Sautter

Marlene Korne

Scott Sautter

Bob & Kimmy Taylor

(37 years)



Time to celebrate! St. Timothy will be having a 60th anniversary party on Saturday, May 3rd from 3pm - 6pm. We will gather together to reminisce, share stories and have a great time. There will be entertainment and food will be provided. We are asking for any photos, memorabilia or newspaper articles that you may have. Write your name on them and put in Kim Gaines mailbox.

Housekeeping items:

- **For bulletin communication, please submit information for the bulletin on Monday for the next Sunday.**
- **For the Friday email please submit information on Monday or Tuesday morning of that week.**
- **If you see something that STARS needs to address, please write it on the whiteboard near the office door. This really helps the guys get things done.**
- **If you are not feeling well, please stay home!**
- **Thanks to all – you make this a GREAT church.**



Sunday, February 23 – Annual Meeting

March 5 – Ash Wednesday

Saturday, March 8 – Friendship Club Event

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

Sunday, April 13 – Palm Sunday/Easter Egg Hunt

Friday, April 18 – Good Friday Service

Sunday, April 20 – Easter

**Saturday, May 3 – St. Timothy 60th Anniversary
Celebration**



Community Opportunity Center “Friendship Club Opportunities to Serve”

The Mission and Outreach Committee is hosting a party for our Friendship Club friends. It will be on Saturday, March 8th from 4:30-6:30 pm. Come enjoy dinner along with music from the duo, Greg and Mike. Have some fun playing bingo. There is a sign up in the Fellowship Hall.

COC has a craft day in March and they are looking for folks to help. Wednesday, March 5 at 10 am. (All craft days are on the first Wednesday of each month.) Questions? Please reach out to Mary.



Properties Update

Here we find ourselves in an old fashion Michigan winter amidst a deep freeze and with multiple snow events. I'm sure we're all looking forward to spring.

Not sure how many people are aware that the boiler has not been working properly due to a malfunctioning temperature control module. The part was ordered but we were sent the wrong item. We are waiting on a replacement which will hopefully arrive soon.

The STARS have been busy with projects inside the building:

- One project was to replace a toilet in the women's bathroom.
- Another was to upgrade some lighting in the sanctuary.
- We have also been upgrading & organizing the workroom for more efficiency. Cleaned the floor and put down new safety tape.
- Other routine maintenance items that were tackled were replacements of batteries in all thermostats.
- Changing batteries in the cameras on a rotating basis.
- And all the other basic projects that need to be done on a regular basis.

Everyone stay safe and be in good health.

Regards,

Chris Korne



Fellowship Hour March 16 – Irish Food ideas

Irish soda bread
Irish Stew
Roasted Red Potatoes
Shepherd's Pie
Beef and cabbage
Scones
Corn beef and cabbage
Potato rolls
Potato soup
Potato pancakes
Tea cake
Apple cake
Pasties
Leek and potato soup
Mashed peas



It's a new year, a new day....

Consider joining one of the committees – a new member is always welcomed with open arms.

Committee moderators are: Matt Johnson (Faith Ed), Mary Baum (Mission & Outreach), Linda Houghtby (Worship), Lou Suveg (Nominating/Personnel), Tim Chanko (Finance), Chris Korne (STARS) and Greg Kateff (Strategic Planning).

Or, maybe you want to share your musical talent – talk to Tim Falk (when he gets back) for more information.



**Today, February 23
After Worship**

Church Weekly Schedule

Sunday 2/23	10:30 AM	Family Worship
		https://video.sttimothypcusa.org
	After Worship	Annual Congregational Meeting
	After Meeting	Fellowship Hour
Monday 2/24	12:00 PM	Zoom Adult Bible Study
		https://study.sttimothypcusa.org
	6:00 PM	TOPS
Tuesday 2/25	7:30 AM	Prayer and Praise Call
		202-926-1029 - access code 235645
	9:00 AM	STARS
	1:00 PM	Zoom Adult Bible Study
		https://study.sttimothypcusa.org
	6:30 PM	Strategic Planning
	6:30 PM	Quilting Guild
Wednesday 2/26		
Thursday 2/27	9:30 AM	Thursday Morning Bible Study
	5:55 PM	Handbell Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Friday 2/28		
Saturday 3/1	All Day	Quilting Guild
Sunday 3/2	9:45 AM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	10:30 AM	Family Worship
		https://video.sttimothypcusa.org
	After Meeting	Fellowship Hour
	12:30 PM	Big "?" Bible Study



Sweet Hour of Prayer

*Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer,
That calls me from a world of care,
And bids me at my Father's throne
Make all my wants and wishes known:
In seasons of distress and grief
My soul has often found relief,
And oft escaped the tempter's snare
By thy return, sweet hour of prayer.*

*Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer,
Thy wings shall my petition bear
To Him whose truth and faithfulness
Engage the waiting soul to bless:
And since He bids me seek His face,
Believe His Word, and trust His grace,
I'll cast on Him my ev'ry care,
And wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer.*

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

*What a Friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what need-less pain we bear,
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer!*

*Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged,
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness,
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
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*Are we weak and heavy laden,
Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our Refuge—
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer;
In His arms He'll take and shield thee,
Thou wilt find a solace there.*

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 on His Word.*



Observing Lent is so much bigger than what we “give up.” We should ask - what pulls us away from God, from loving others and ourselves?

How can we incorporate acts of love, acts of giving and acts of prayer that will help us love as God loves? During Lent, let’s challenge ourselves to “take something on.”

Please see reverse side for ideas.

Take Something On

- Spend a few minutes with Scripture daily
- Prayer for an extra 10 minutes daily
- Pray for a different person daily
- Call someone you haven't talked to in awhile
- Do an act of kindness daily
- Write a letter to someone
- Practice a new word daily: Love, Humility, Grace, Patience, Etc.
- Donate to an animal shelter
- Take on an attitude of joy
- Take a walk and pray for your neighbors
- Pick up trash in your neighborhood
- Donate to a charity
- Volunteer
- Make dinner for someone
- Thank God for something/someone new daily
- Make an earth friendly change
- Listen more intently to people
- Keep a gratitude journal
- ???????? - you choose

Refrain

- Skip a meal
- Refrain from your favorite snack/food
- Fast for 8, 24 or 40 hours
- Refrain from social media/phone for a day
- Refrain from complaining/gossiping/worry/swearing/television time/internet time