

March 16, 2025  
2nd Sunday in Lent



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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Staff  
Pastor - Joel Puntigam  
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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 “Londonderry Air” Anonymous

INTROIT

PASTORAL WELCOME

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 27:4

The psalmist sings: One thing I asked of the LORD, this is what I seek:

**To dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life,  
To gaze upon the beauty of the LORD,  
And to seek his temple.**

Let us worship the Lord our God!

HYMN “Be Thou My Vision” see insert

CALL TO CONFESSION

SILENT CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, you have made us citizens of heaven, but we confess that we have set our minds on earthly things. We have let our love of things dull our generosity to the needy. Yet, you know the desires of our hearts and nothing is hidden from you. By the power of the Holy Spirit, strengthen our weakness so that we may be the body of Christ for the world. Amen.**

\*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

The LORD God, our light and our salvation, does not forsake us or leave us with our sin. In Christ we are forgiven and offered the gift of healing repentance.

**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. Amen. 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 Deuteronomy 4:32-35

A TIME FOR ALL GOD’S CHILDREN Linda Houghtby

SPECIAL MUSIC “Rivers of Babylon”  
Brent Dowe/Trevor McNaughton

OLD TESTAMENT READING Exodus 12:1-20

INTERACTIVE SERMON Pastor Joel Puntigam  
“Remembrance”

HYMN “I to the Hills Will Lift My Eyes” 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:

**O God, we have beheld your goodness to us. Accept the offering of the work of our hands, and use us for the sake of Christ, in whose 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 “Give Thanks” see insert

SENDING AND BENEDICTION

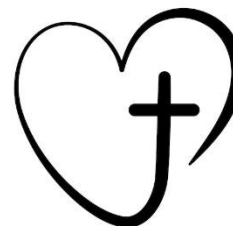
**Empowered by the Holy Spirit, our mission is to: seek God, follow Christ, serve and love our neighbor.**

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*God beside me, Christ before me,  
Christ behind me, King of my heart;  
Christ within me, Christ below me,  
Christ above me, never to part.*

POSTLUDE

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



**Sunday, March 16<sup>th</sup>**  
**Following Along in Worship**

1. Last week we learned from Exodus 8:1-11:8
  - a. You call those signs and wonders? Holy cow!
  - b. God's plan came together at the perfect time
  - c. Apple Cinnamon is the best smell in the world
  
2. What was the topic of today's time with All God's children?  
Circle the correct one:
  - a. Who invented the Hula Hoop
  - b. Red sky at night, sailors delight
  - c. What God wants his people to remember
  
3. What do you want to remember about this message?
  
4. Today Pastor Joel will be teaching from Exodus 12:1-20.  
Circle everything that is correct from the message:
  - a. On the 10<sup>th</sup> day of the first month, each family was to take:
    - i. A vacation
    - ii. A lamb
  - b. After they slaughter the lamb, they were instructed:
    - i. To strike a pose
    - ii. Put blood on the doorframe
  - c. Were they also supposed to eat the lamb?
    - i. Yes, with bitter herbs and bread without yeast
    - ii. No!
  - d. After the blood and the lamb
    - i. Nothing happens. Nothing at all.
    - ii. The LORD comes through and kills all the firstborn sons
  - e. In order to remember night of God's judgement, the Hebrew people:
    - i. Had to play pickleball
    - ii. Had to eat bread without yeast for 7 days every year

**Serving in Worship**

- Greeter: Carol Prevost  
Ushers: Youth  
Worship Assistant: Karlene  
Soloist: David Olko, Jr  
Keyboard: Linda Delezenne  
Technology: Tina Puntigam  
Safety Officer: Scott Gaines  
Tellers: Paula Boegner, Kim Gaines  
Fellowship Hour: Bring an Irish dish

**Weekly Bible Studies**

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

Question for this study: *How do we reconcile the Biblical position of the role of women in the church with the role women play in our church? PS We would be lost without them* 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.sttimothyusa.org>

**Zoom Bible Study – Tuesday at 1:00 pm**

We are studying the book of Mark.

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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 March 23– Exodus 12:29-42, 13:11-22.



Chancel Flowers



In memory of our parents – Karl and Jane, Ruth and Alex,  
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:

March 20

Max Gulyas

### Anniversaries:

No anniversaries this month



The Mission & Outreach Committee will be packing 200 lunches for Hope Clinic on Saturday, April 5, 2025, from 10 am -12 pm. Hope Clinic hands out about 500 lunches weekly. This is another opportunity for us to help those in need. Coffee and bagels will be served to the volunteers. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall if you are able to help.

### Individual package lunch items needed:

- Trail mix, pretzels, chips, fruit snacks, cheez-its, crackers with peanut butter or cheese
- Fruit cups or applesauce
- Tuna in small cans (also with crackers) with pop tops
- Can soup, ravioli, spaghetti with pop tops
- Bottled water.

There will be a card table in the narthex for food donations. Monetary donations are also greatly accepted. Checks are accepted made out to St. Timothy with Hope Clinic on the memo line. If donating cash, please use an envelope and write Hope Clinic on the outside. All donations go in the weekly offering. Please see any member of the Mission and Outreach committee with any questions.



**Weekend, April 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> – St. Timothy Fast Event**  
**Saturday, April 5 – Lunch Packing for Hope Clinic**  
**Sunday, April 13 – Palm Sunday/Easter Egg Hunt**  
**Friday, April 18 – Good Friday Service**  
**Sunday, April 20 – Easter**  
**Saturday, May 3 – St. Timothy 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**  
**Saturday, May 12 – Life Line Screening**



Time to celebrate! St. Timothy will be having a 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary party on Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.



Fasting signifies a deliberate act of abstaining from food for a period of time primarily to deepen our connection with God. It is a time of spiritual growth, prayer, and humility. Fasting can clear our mind so we can be more receptive to God’s word and guidance.

Starting on Friday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm and going through Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup> you will have the opportunity to participate in a weekend of fasting and giving back to our community. You may choose how fasting works best for you. Skip a meal, fast for 12 hours, 24 hours or 40 hours.

On Saturday morning from 10 am-12 pm we will meet to pack 200 lunches for Hope Clinic.

On Sunday morning we will gather for worship and communion. Afterwards, we will celebrate with a wonderful fellowship meal.

Guidelines will be given to you and throughout the weekend you will receive texts/emails of support and encouragement. Also, you will receive a packet of Scriptures, prayers and devotions. This is an opportune time to be in prayer for our church.

If you have any questions, please see Pastor Joel or Mary. Look for the sign up in the fellowship hall.



To St. Timothy members,

**What is per capita?**

Per capita is a fundamental way in which the nearly 11,000 congregations and councils of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) are connected in covenantal relationship and faithfully participate in the work of the wider church.

Per capita is “the tie that binds” — annual support that unites the entire church in the ongoing and essential work that guides the Office of the General Assembly, the life of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and benefits every congregation and every mid council ministry. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, the Office of the General Assembly encourages the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to be a people of hope: Seeking together the mind of Christ; Working for justice and mercy in the world; and Participating in God’s continual reformation of the church.

Our 2025 annual commitment to the Presbytery is \$2,373.76, which is **\$37.09 per member** (based on 64members). This total is assessed to us whether or not we obtain donations to cover the assessment, so we are asking for your assistance in ensuring that we support our governing bodies. You do not need to be a member of St Timothy to help us cover this expense. You may use one of the generic envelopes and write “Per Capita” on it. So far, we have collected \$701.63 for 2025, which is 30% toward our goal (a good start!). Progress to our goal will be monitored in the narthex by the wonderful display created by Karen Kateff. Check it out throughout the year.

The breakdown of the money is as follows:

Presbytery	61.6%
Synod	9.2%
General Assembly	29.2%

For more information on the money usage, you may visit <http://oga.pcusa.org/section/departments/per-capita/> Questions? See Paula Boegner, Tim Chanko, Linda Delezenne, Melanie Gumz and Chris Korne.



On Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, the Mission and Outreach Committee is having a community wide Easter Egg hunt. The fun starts at 1:00 pm. We are asking for donations of candy to fill the eggs. There is a sign up in the fellowship hall if you can help with this event.

**SESSION HAPPENINGS for March**

During our March meeting the Moderator and Session Members started with a bit of help from other members of the congregation to begin our evening with an emphasis on personal prayer by reviewing the first week’s notes about prayer during Lent which has been made available to the congregation on Sunday March 2. Prayers are individual communication with the Lord about ways in which the property here at St. Tim can be best utilized. Reality is that we are all encouraged to make prayer a significant part of our personal lives in relationship with God.

Each of our committees are working to keep activities and growth in mind as we proceed through this year. The most significant needs with requests for help and support from the congregation are involved with the Mission and Outreach Committee activities which include Friendship Club events (serving group home residents in our area), Lunch Packing (200 lunches) for Hope Clinic and other needs.

Continuing work on budgeting and responsible expenditures are always reviewed and Session is kept aware as all the committees continue to meet their responsibilities to our church. Please consider joining one of the committees. If you have any questions please approach one of the Session members to request an answer or offer a suggestion.

May God continue to guide and bless us all.

Bob Taylor, Clerk of Session

**Church Weekly Schedule**

Sunday 3/16	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
Monday 3/17	12:00 PM	Zoom Adult Bible Study
		<a href="https://study.sttimothyusa.org">https://study.sttimothyusa.org</a>
	6:00 PM	Deacons
Tuesday 3/18	7:30 AM	Prayer and Praise Call
		202-926-1029 - access code 235645
	9:00 AM	STARS
	1:00 PM	Zoom Adult Bible Study
		<a href="https://study.sttimothyusa.org">https://study.sttimothyusa.org</a>
	6:30 PM	Nominating and Personnel
Wednesday 3/19		
Thursday 3/20	9:30 AM	Thursday Morning Bible Study
	5:55 PM	Handbell Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Friday 3/21		
Saturday 3/22		
Sunday 3/23	9:20 AM	Handbell Choir Rehearsal
	9:45 AM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	10:30 AM	Family Worship
		<a href="https://video.sttimothyusa.org">https://video.sttimothyusa.org</a>
	After Service	Fellowship Hour
	12:30 PM	Big "?" Bible Study



## **Be Thou My Vision**

*Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art—  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.*

*Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;  
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son.  
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.*

*Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,  
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;  
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,  
High King of heaven, my Treasure Thou art.*

*High King of heaven, my victory won,  
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.  
Amen.*

## **I to the Hills Will Lift My Eyes**

*I to the hills will lift my eyes;  
from whence shall come my aid?  
My help is from the Lord alone,  
who heaven and earth has made.*

*God will not let your foot be moved;  
your guardian never sleeps;  
God's watchful and un-slumbering care  
protects and safely keeps.*

*Your faithful keeper is the Lord,  
your shelter and your shade.  
'Neath sun or moon, by day or night,  
you shall not be afraid.  
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*From evil God will keep you safe,  
provide for all you need.  
Your going out, your coming in,  
God will forever lead.*

## **Give Thanks**

*Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One;  
give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son.  
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*And now let the weak say, "We are strong"; let the poor say,  
"We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us!"  
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"We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us!"  
Give thanks. Give thanks.*