

March 23, 2025  
3rd Sunday in Lent



St. Timothy Presbyterian Church  
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Office Hours:  
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

INTROIT

PASTORAL WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 63:1-4

You, God, are my God, earnestly I seek you; I thirst for you, my whole being longs for you, in a dry and parched land where there is no water.  
**I have seen you in the sanctuary and beheld your power and your glory.**

Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you.

**I will praise you as long as I live, and in your name I will lift up my hands.**

HYMN

“Create in me a Clean Heart”

see insert

CALL TO CONFESSION

SILENT CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God, we confess that we have grown complacent in our response to you. You set before us a rich feast of blessing, but we are drawn to lesser things that cannot satisfy. Our ways are not your ways; our thoughts do not ascend to your thoughts. Forgive us when we fall short of your claim upon our lives. Disturb our complacency and quicken our desire for a more fruitful life. We ask this in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

\*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

God’s love is sure and steadfast, always providing a way out, a way through, a way back to God. Through the waters of baptism, we have died with Christ and are raised with him.

**With gratitude and faith we will walk the way of Christ. Amen!**

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 Exodus 12:29-42

A TIME FOR ALL GOD’S CHILDREN Kathey Turnbull

SPECIAL MUSIC “10,000 Reasons”  
Jonas Murin & Matt Redman/arr:Lloyd Larson

OLD TESTAMENT READING Exodus 13:14-22

SERMON Pastor Joel Puntigam  
“The Grand Exit”

HYMN “Amazing Grace” 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 “A Humble Prayer” Jason W. Krug

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 wilderness and Promised Land, in days of want and in days of plenty you have been with us. By these gifts we now share, may others know of your providence and care. Send us to console and comfort, to lift up and reach out, to listen and sit beside your children everywhere at the one Table you have set; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 “Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days” see insert

SENDING AND BENEDICTION

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CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*Grant us Thy peace upon our homeward way;  
With Thee began, with Thee shall end the day;  
Guard Thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,  
That in this house have called upon Thy name.*

POSTLUDE

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



**Sunday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**Following Along in Worship**

1. Last week we learned from Exodus 12:1-20
  - a. Oh the warmth of Spring is awesome!
  - b. Lamb was eaten, blood was put on the doorframe, and the LORD passed over those homes
  - c. Why Christmas every day would be awful
  
2. What was the topic of today's time with All God's children?  
Circle the correct one:
  - a. Giving bacon ice cream its due
  - b. God was with his people as they left Egypt
  - c. Which lake is the best in Michigan?
  
3. What do you want to remember about this message?
  
4. Today Pastor Joel will be teaching from Exodus 12:29-42 & 13:14-22. Circle everything that is correct from the message:
  - a. The length of time the Israelites were in Egypt was:
    - i. 43 days
    - ii. 430 years
    - iii. 4,300 seconds
  - b. At midnight of the Passover, the Lord:
    - i. Welcomed everyone to opening day of baseball
    - ii. Struck down all the firstborn in Egypt
  - c. As the Israelites were leaving:
    - i. The Egyptians challenged them to a burping contest
    - ii. Urged them to leave – even giving them clothing and jewelry!
  - d. After the Passover, the Lord told Moses:
    - i. That every first born son belongs to him
    - ii. That it was party time!
  - e. When they left Egypt,
    - i. The Lord gave them his credit card so they could travel easily
    - ii. The Lord guided them by fire at night and a cloud at day

**Serving in Worship**

- Greeter: Marlene Korne  
Ushers: Karlane Belaire, Chris Korne,  
Worship Assistant: Max Gulyas  
Keyboard: Linda Delezenne  
Technology: Tim Chanko  
Safety Officer: Dennis Delezenne  
Tellers: Paula Boegner, TBD  
Fellowship Hour: Deacons

**Weekly Bible Studies**

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

Question for this study: *What does Apostle Paul mean when he says after accepting Christ we are no longer a slave to sin? And after coming to Christ why do we keep sinning? Shouldn't our sinful human nature be changed from bad to good?* 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 Mark.  
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 30– Exodus 14:1-31.



Chancel Flowers



Grateful for my St. Timothy Family

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:

March 27

Kimmy Taylor

### 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**  
**Saturday, April 26 – Church Clean Up Day**  
**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.

## Easter EGG HUNT JUST Ahead

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.



Ladies! On Wednesday, April 30<sup>th</sup> we are taking a trip to Belle Isle to visit the aquarium and the newly renovated conservatory. Meet at church at 9:30. We will find a place to eat lunch afterwards. There is a sign up in the fellowship hall.



### **Matt Johnson... sings**

- Saturday, April 5 at 7:00 pm, Faith Covenant Church  
35415 W. 14 Mile, Farmington Hills
- Sunday, April 6 at 3:00 pm, St. Peter Lutheran Church  
17051 24 Mile Road, Macomb
- Saturday, April 12 at 7:00 pm, St. Paul Lutheran Church  
202 E. Fifth Street, Royal Oak
- Sunday, April 13 at 3:00 pm, Cherry Hill Presbyterian  
24110 Cherry Hill Rd, Dearborn

*More details on the poster hanging on the  
Fellowship Hall bulletin board.*



### Properties Update

Another month has gone by and March brought us Daylight Saving Time which means we changed the clocks and replaced the batteries in thermostats, smoke detectors and carbon dioxide detectors. This practice is something that should be done at home too.

Some things that were done in the building this past month:

- The boiler has been fixed and is running like normal. The toilet paper dispensers in the north bathrooms have been replaced.
- The updating and organizing of the workroom is complete.
- The STARS will be busy going through the Spring Checklist over the next couple of months to get us started on the right track.

We will be servicing the lawnmowers and other equipment to make sure everything will be ready to go.

We are working with Mission & Outreach to improve the way we advertise special events at the church like the Easter egg hunt and Trunk or Treat. Maybe improving our sign or building a new one. We have also been discussing how we may help Randy Wright by building him a ramp.

We are also planning the Spring Clean-up Day and a painting party to get the (5) wood window panels painted on the west facing side of the church which desperately needed to be done. We will be looking for a lot of volunteers for these events – remember the church belongs to all of us!

Thanks for all your support.

Regards,

Chris Korne

## Boardwalk Fundraising Campaign Update Halfway There - Join Us in Reaching Our Goal!

Dear St. Timothy Family,

We are delighted to share the progress of our “Boardwalk” fundraising campaign as we embark on the second year of this incredible journey. Our goal is to raise \$150,000 over three years to support our church improvements, including our recent flooring installation, and our roof replacement in the future. Thanks to your unwavering generosity and commitment, we have already raised an impressive \$72,000! This milestone is a testament to the collective spirit and dedication of our congregation, and we are profoundly grateful for every contribution made thus far.

As we continue into the second year, we invite you to join us in pushing forward with renewed enthusiasm and purpose. Your support is crucial in helping us reach the remaining \$78,000 needed to achieve our target. Each donation, no matter the size, brings us closer to fulfilling our vision.

You can contribute:

- By mail or by using an offering envelope (be sure to write “Boardwalk” on the check or envelope)
- By visiting our church website at [StTimothyPCUSA.org](http://StTimothyPCUSA.org) and using the secure donation portal to make your gift.

Together, we can make the "Boardwalk" campaign a resounding success and pave the way for a brighter future for our church.

Thank you for your continued prayers, support, and generosity.

In faith and gratitude,  
Your Finance & Stewardship Committee

## Church Weekly Schedule

Sunday 3/23	9:20 AM	Handbell Choir 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	Big "?" Bible Study
Monday 3/24	12:00 PM	Zoom Adult Bible Study
		<a href="https://study.sttimothypcusa.org">https://study.sttimothypcusa.org</a>
	6:30 PM	<i>Tops</i>
Tuesday 3/25	7:30 AM	Prayer and Praise Call
		202-926-1029 - access code 235645
	9:00 AM	<i>STARS</i>
	1:00 PM	Zoom Adult Bible Study
		<a href="https://study.sttimothypcusa.org">https://study.sttimothypcusa.org</a>
	6:00 PM	<i>Kindred Spirits Quilting Guild</i>
	6:30 PM	Strategic Planning
Wednesday 3/26		
Thursday 3/27	9:30 AM	Thursday Morning Bible Study
	5:55 PM	<i>Handbell Choir Rehearsal</i>
	7:00 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Friday 3/28		
Saturday 3/29		
Sunday 3/30	9:45 AM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	10:30 AM	<i>Family Worship</i>
		<a href="https://study.sttimothypcusa.org">https://study.sttimothypcusa.org</a>
	After Service	Fellowship Hour
	12:30 PM	Big "?" Bible Study

### *Create in me a Clean Heart.*

*Create in me a clean heart, oh God  
And renew a right spirit within me  
Create in me a clean heart, oh God  
And renew a right spirit within me*

*Cast me not away from Thy presence, oh Lord  
And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation  
And renew a right spirit within me*

*Create in me a clean heart, oh God,  
And renew a right spirit within me.  
Create in me a clean heart, oh God,  
And renew a right spirit within me  
And renew a right spirit within me.*

### *Amazing Grace*

*Amazing grace! how sweet the sound—  
That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost but now am found,  
Was blind but now I see.*

*'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed.*

*The Lord has promised good to me,  
His word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures.  
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*Thru many dangers, toils and snares,  
I have already come;  
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,  
And grace will lead me home.*

*When we've been there ten thousand years,  
Bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Than when we'd first begun.*

### *Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days*

*Lord, who throughout these forty days for us did fast and pray,  
teach us with you to mourn our sins and close by you to stay.*

*As you with Satan did contend and did the victory win,  
O give us strength to persevere, in you to conquer sin.*

*And through these days of penitence, and through the Passion-tide,  
yes, evermore, in life and death, O Lord, with us abide.*

*Abide with us, till when this life of suffering shall be past,  
an Easter of unending joy we may attain at last.*

