

March 30, 2025
4th 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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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

INTROIT

PASTORAL WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 32:7,10-11

You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance.

Many are the woes of the wicked, but the LORD's unfailing love surrounds the one who trusts in him.

Rejoice in the LORD and be glad, you righteous; sing, all you who are upright in heart!

Together, let us worship the LORD with joy and thanksgiving!

HYMN

“The Glory of These Forty Days”

see insert

CALL TO CONFESSION

SILENT CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have strayed from your ways. Like the Prodigal Son, we have wasted our inheritance. You gave us neighbors to love, but we pursue selfish ambitions. You gave us the commandments that lead to human flourishing, but we break your law and forsake your love. Forgive us our sin and bring us to repentance. Draw our wandering hearts back to you that we may find freedom in obedience to your love. Through Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Like a father who welcomes home a wayward child, so God embraces all who return in true repentance. Once more believe in the good news: In the name of 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. 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 14:1-14

A TIME FOR ALL GOD’S CHILDREN Karlane Belaire

SPECIAL MUSIC “Be Thou My Vision”
Irish Folk Melody/arr: John Behnke

OLD TESTAMENT READING Exodus 14:15-31

SERMON Pastor Joel Puntigam
“The Crossing”

HYMN “Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain” 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, all that we have comes from you. Receive this offering and with it the offering of our lives, for we return to you only what you have so graciously given. 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 “Abide with Me” see insert

SENDING AND BENEDICTION

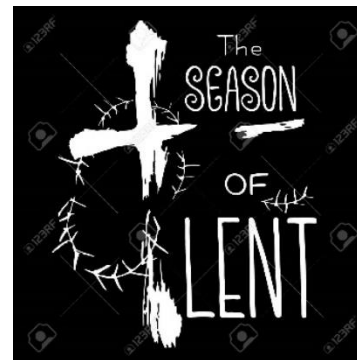
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CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*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 30th
Following Along in Worship

1. Last week we learned from Exodus 12:29-42 & 13:11-22:
 - a. At midnight, the Lord:
 - i. Went on vacation
 - ii. Struck down all the firstborn in Egypt
 - b. In response, Pharaoh:
 - i. Let the people of Israel go
 - ii. Ordered tacos and orange soda
 - c. The length of time the people of Israel were in Egypt was
 - i. 43 years
 - ii. 430 years
 - d. When everyone finally left Egypt,
 - i. The Lord guided them to the sea
 - ii. The Lord left them to wander alone
 - iii. Everything was peachy-keen
2. What was the topic of today's time with All God's children? Circle the correct one:
 - a. Hardness of heart = foolish behavior
 - b. Does anyone actually like brown tootsie pops?
 - c. The deliverance of God
3. What do you want to remember about this message?
4. Today Pastor Joel will be teaching from Exodus 14:1-31. Circle everything that is correct from the message:
 - a. After the Israelites left Egypt,
 - i. The Pharaoh did nothing
 - ii. The Pharaoh pursued the Israelites with his full army
 - b. The Israelites
 - i. Were not afraid – they trusted Moses and the LORD
 - ii. Uh, no. Everyone was terrified and cried out in fear
 - c. So Moses told the people:
 - i. To run far, far away to Never Never Land
 - ii. To not be afraid, for God was going to deliver them
 - d. Moses was right! And this is how God did it:
 - i. He sent a cloud to guard the Israelites
 - ii. He opened the sea so they could walk through

Serving in Worship

- Greeter: Kathey Turnbull
Ushers: Liana Olko, Dave Olko
Worship Assistant: Tim Chanko
Keyboard: Paula Boegner
Technology: Scott Gaines
Safety Officer: Rich Belaire
Tellers: Paula Boegner, TBD
Fellowship Hour: Barsch and Baum

Weekly Bible Studies

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

Question for this study: *Why don't we take Lent more seriously?* 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 April 6– Exodus 15:1-21.



Chancel Flowers



Celebrating our anniversary and Kimmy's birthday,
thanking God for bringing us together and providing
her as a blessing in my life.

Bob Taylor



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 31

Trish Abela

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 4th – 6th – 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, April 26 – Church Clean Up Day
Sunday, April 27 – Easter Caroling
Saturday, May 3 – St. Timothy 60th Anniversary Celebration
Saturday, May 12 – Life Line Screening



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.

Easter
EGG HUNT
JUST 
Ahead

On Sunday, April 13th, 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 30th 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.

Church Weekly Schedule

Sunday 3/30	9:45 AM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	10:30 AM	<i>Family Worship</i>
		https://video.sttimothycusa.org
	After Worship	Fellowship Hour
	12:30 PM	<i>Big "?" Bible Study</i>
Monday 3/31	12:00 PM	Zoom Adult Bible Study
		https://study.sttimothycusa.org
	6:30 PM	<i>Tops</i>
Tuesday 4/1	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
		https://study.sttimothycusa.org
	5:00 PM	<i>Mission & Outreach</i>
	6:30 PM	Session
Wednesday 4/2		
Thursday 4/3	9:30 AM	Thursday Morning Bible Study
	5:55 PM	<i>Handbell Choir Rehearsal</i>
	7:00 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Friday 4/4	7:00 PM	Lenten Fast begins
Saturday 4/5	All Day	Quilting Guild in Fellowship Hall
	9:00 AM	<i>Lunch Packing in narthex</i>
Sunday 4/6	9:45 AM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	10:30 AM	<i>Family Worship</i>
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The Glory of These Forty Days

*The glory of these forty days
we celebrate with songs of praise;
for Christ, by whom all things were made,
himself has fasted and has prayed.*

*Alone and fasting
Moses saw the loving God who gave the law;
and to Elijah, fasting,
came the steeds and chariots of flame.*

*So Daniel trained his mystic sight,
delivered from the lions' might;
and John, the Bridegroom's friend,
became the herald of Messiah's name.*

*Then grant that we like them be true,
consumed in fast and prayer with you;
our spirits strengthen with your grace,
and give us joy to see your face.*

Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain

*Come, you faithful, raise the strain of triumphant gladness!
God has brought forth Israel into joy from sadness,
loosed from Pharoh's bitter yoke Jacob's sons and daughters;
led them with unmoistened foot through the Red Sea waters*

*So the Lord did on that day, Made the waters to part and stay,
And his people did safely flee, On dry land right thru the sea.
Pharaoh's men followed bold and brave,
Only to find a water's grave.
Sing we now of God's great power, As the Pharaoh saw that hour.*

Abide with Me

*Abide with Me! Fast falls the even tide.
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide!
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, oh, abide with me!*

*Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day.
Earth's joys grow dim; its glories pass away.
Change and decay in all around I see;
O Thou who changes not, abide with me!*

*I need Thy presence ev'ry passing hour.
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r?
Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be?
Thro' clouds and sunshine, oh, abide with me!*

*I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless;
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still if Thou abide with me!*

*Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;
Shine thro' the gloom, and point me to the skies.
Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee!
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me!
Amen.*