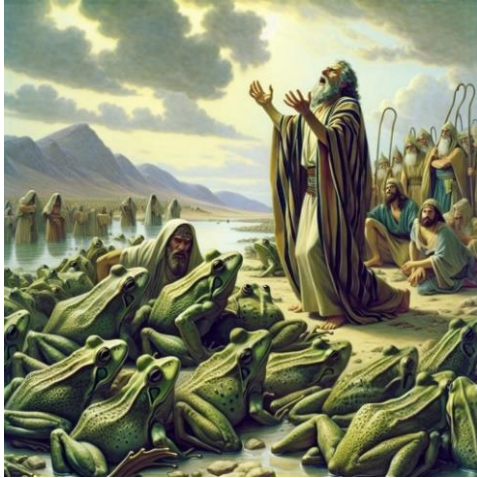


March 9, 2025
1st Sunday in Lent



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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

The God of our ancestors heard our cries and saw our oppression when we were slaves in Egypt.

God brought us out with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with signs and wonders he brought us through the wilderness.

The Lord, our shelter, our refuge, our dwelling place, says,

“When my people call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble; I will show them my salvation.”

HYMN “Change My Heart, O God” see insert

CALL TO CONFESSION

SILENT CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, our refuge and fortress, forgive us when we fail to trust in you. We fall to temptation; we are swayed by false words; we speak false words of our own. We choose our ease and comfort over your demanding claims upon us and upon the world. Forgive us, we pray. Do not let us be put to shame, O God. Hear us as we call to you and show us your salvation. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Scripture declares the Lord is generous to all who call on God’s name. Friends, believe the good news: God does not turn away from us, but desires to bring us into the glorious freedom offered in Jesus Christ. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

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 Jeremiah 32:17-20

A TIME FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN Tina Puntigam

SPECIAL MUSIC "Speak to Us in Ashes"

Douglas Nolan

OLD TESTAMENT READING Exodus 8:1-11:8

SERMON Pastor Joel Puntigam

"An Abundance of Wonders"

HYMN "Be Still, My Soul" 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:

Gracious and Generous God, we are amazed by the good gifts you bestow in abundance. Thank you for food that sustains us on our journey. Thank you for the company of saints to whom we are joined. Thank you for giving us your work to do on earth. We celebrate your greatest gift, Jesus 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 "I Surrender All" (vs. 1 & 4) 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, March 9th
Following Along in Worship

1. Last week we learned from Exodus 7:1-22
 - a. That the Pharaoh is scared of water
 - b. That the Pharaoh was not impressed by the first signs
 - c. That the Pharaoh liked being called Bill

2. What was the topic of today's time with All God's children?
Circle the correct one:
 - a. Wow, that's a whole lotta signs and wonders!
 - b. How God breaks Pharaoh's resolve
 - c. I feel like chicken tonight!

3. What do you want to remember about this message?

4. Today Pastor Joel will be teaching from Exodus 8:1-11:8.
Circle everything that is correct from the message. The Lord performed 9 signs and wonders before Pharaoh finally decided to let the Israelites go. They are:
 - a. Frogs
 - b. Searing gas pain
 - c. Gnats
 - d. Flies
 - e. No more grain alcohol
 - f. Migraine headaches
 - g. Plague on livestock
 - h. Boils
 - i. Leprosy
 - j. Hailstorm
 - k. Snowstorm
 - l. Locusts
 - m. Darkness
 - n. Baldness
 - o. Politicians
 - p. Death of firstborn son

Serving in Worship

Greeter: Karlane Belaire
Ushers: Mary Baum, Patty Kreitmeyer
Worship Assistant: Kathy Turnbull
Keyboard: Linda Delezenne
Technology: Melanie Gumz
Safety Officer: Dennis Delezenne
Tellers: TBD
Fellowship Hour: Choirs

Weekly Bible Studies

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

Question for this study: *A question about the 10 plagues.* 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 16– Exodus 12:1-20.



Chancel Flowers



Prayers for a thoughtful and prayerful Lent Season,
Carol



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 11

March 13

Mary Baum

Dorothy Sanchez

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.

COC has a craft day in April and they are looking for folks to help. Wednesday, April 2 at 10 am. (All craft days are on the first Wednesday of each month.) Questions? Please reach out to Mary.



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, 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.



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 4th at 9:00 pm and going through Sunday, April 6th 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.



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

Church Weekly Schedule

Sunday 3/9	9:20 AM	Handbell Choir Rehearsal
	9:45 AM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	10:30 AM	Family Worship
		https://video.sttimothypcusa.org
	After Worship	Fellowship Hour
	12:30 PM	Big "?" Bible Study
Monday 3/10	12:00 PM	Zoom Adult Bible Study
		https://study.sttimothypcusa.org
	5:30 PM	Men's Association Dinner
	6:00 PM	TOPS
Tuesday 3/11	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
	4:15 PM	Worship Committee
	5:30 PM	Faith Ed Committee
Wednesday 3/12	12:30 PM	Faith Circle
	6:00 PM	Finance Committee
Thursday 3/13	9:30 AM	Thursday Morning Bible Study
	11:00 AM	Ladies Lunch
	5:55 PM	Handbell Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Friday 3/14		
Saturday 3/15	8:00 AM	Men's Breakfast
Sunday 3/16	9:45 AM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	10:30 AM	Family Worship
		https://video.sttimothypcusa.org
	After Service	Fellowship Hour
	12:30 PM	Big "?" Bible Study

Change My Heart, O God

*Change my heart, O God, make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.
You are the Potter, I am the clay.
Mold me and make me, this is what I pray.
Change my heart, O God, make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.*

Be Still, My Soul

*Be still, my soul! the Lord is on thy side;
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
Leave to thy God to order and provide;
In every change He faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul! thy best, thy heavenly Friend
Thro' thorny ways leads to a joyful end.*

*Be still, my soul! thy God doth undertake
To guide the future as He has the past.
Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake;
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still my soul! the waves and winds still know
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.*

*Be still, my soul! the hour is hastening on
When we shall be forever with the Lord,
When disappointment, grief and fear are gone,
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul! when change and tears are past,
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.*

I Surrender All

*All to Jesus I surrender,
All to Him I freely give;
I will ever love and trust Him,
In His presence daily live.
I surrender all, I surrender all.
All to Thee, my blessed Savior,
I surrender all.*

*All to Jesus I surrender,
Lord, I give myself to Thee;
Fill me with Thy love and power,
Let Thy blessing fall on me.
I surrender all, I surrender all.
All to Thee, my blessed Savior,
I surrender all.*