

May 18, 2025
5th Sunday of Easter



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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 “Praise the Lord From the Heavens (Psalm 148)
Robert Becker

PASTORAL WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 95:1-3
Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD;
Let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.
For the LORD is the great God, the great King above all gods.

HYMN “He Has Made Me Glad” see insert

CALL TO CONFESSION

SILENT CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION
God of mercy, your command to love one another as you have loved us sounds so good, and yet it is so difficult for us! All too often we respond with fear and judgment that hinders our ability to live out this calling. Forgive our sins, we pray, and give us a true repentance that leads us to love others in your name. Amen.

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Beloved, know and believe that God’s promises are trustworthy and true; our sins are forgiven. Be at peace to serve the Lord, and may we always be known by our love.

Amen and Alleluia!

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.

Thy Word is a Lamp unto my feet, and a Light unto my path.
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A TIME FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN Matt Johnson

NEW TESTAMENT READING John 13:31-35

HYMN “The Servant Song” see insert
 (Verses 1 - 5)

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS
 Offertory "I Know That My Redeemer Lives"
 ARR: Susan Berry and Janet Van Valey

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION:**

Loving God, we give you thanks for the ministry of reconciliation to which you call us in the name of Jesus Christ and his resurrection. Accept these gifts for your mission to heal all creation. May they be a testament to your love for us as we share them in love for you; through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please step up to the microphone to make your announcement so everyone (including online guests) can hear what is being said.

HYMN “In His Time” see insert

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Alleluia, alleluia!
Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Give praise to his name.

POSTLUDE

**Feasting on the Word Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year C, Volume 1: Advent through Pentecost*

Sunday, May 18th
Following Along in Worship

1. Today we celebrate the fifth Sunday of Easter in which we celebrate love. How does God show us that he loves us?
2. Who can take us away from Jesus?
 - a. No one
 - b. Nothing
 - c. Nada
3. What was the Time for All God's Children about today?
 - a. Little Children, love one another
 - b. The love of summer
 - c. Best setting: Water vs Mountains
4. What is a way that we can show God's love to others?
5. In the sermon, Pastor Joel will teach from John 13:31-35.
Circle all that are true about this passage:
 - a. God has glorified Jesus
 - b. Jesus loves us by giving us black licorice
 - c. Jesus loves us by giving us his life
 - d. Jesus asks us to love:
 - i. Like we love ourselves
 - ii. Like we love tacos
 - iii. Like he loves us
 - e. The world will know we are his disciples if:
 - i. We have dinner parties
 - ii. We love one another

Serving in Worship

Greeter: Margaret Barsch
Ushers: Youth
Worship Assistant: Mitch Sautter
Soloist: Lexi Barsch
Keyboard: Linda Delezenne
Technology: Tina Puntigam
Safety Officer: Rich Belaire
Tellers: Paula Boegner, Kim Gaines
Fellowship Hour: Bring Your Favorite Brunch Dish

Weekly Bible Studies

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

Question for this study: *What would it look like for us to be on watch for the return of Christ?* 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.sttimothycusa.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 9:30 am

Our study is on the passage that Pastor Joel will be preaching on May 25 – John 14:23-29.



Chancel Flowers



Thanks to Faith Circle for the
STARS/Gardening lunch this past week!
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:

No birthdays this week

Anniversaries:

No anniversaries this week



SESSION HAPPENINGS – MAY 2025

The Session met on May 6 at our regular time and after sharing a meal and some discussion about the chosen scripture and prayer we discussed some interesting information about the successful approval of licensing at last by the state boards necessary to permit operation of Brilliant Butterflies, our new preschool and childcare operation being received. Hopefully the operator will be able to get things organized and opened in Rooms 15, 17 and 18 in mid-June or early July. We hope that after getting the approval that all will proceed smoothly. We approved the daycare website link to be added to the St. Timothy web site.

Chris Korne told us about upcoming and continuing painting projects in some of the inside areas and outside around the building. You may have noticed some changes already.

Mary Baum and Linda Houghtby both expressed pleasure and thankfulness about success of events their committees sponsored and the help of members of the congregation who helped out and enjoyed them.

The Deacons have been able to support several of our members in need of special care and attention and thank others who helped with these needs.

Pastor Joel raised some concerns and questions from the congregation about understanding the Year of Discernment. Please expect more information encouraging your involvement in the prayerful growth in concepts of “Building Use” this year and expanding other ideas to be explored in the future. Prayerful involvement will aid growth of our following the Lord.

As always, we trust in God’s guidance in all we do and pray for blessings for all believers.

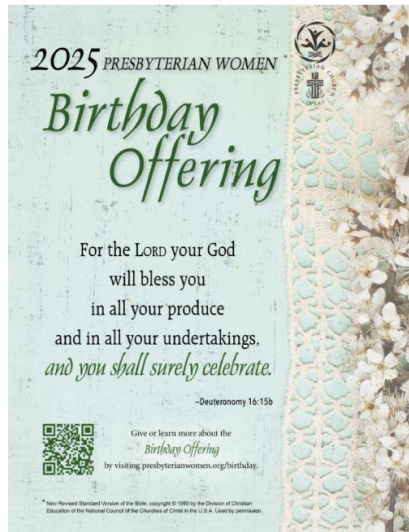
Bob Taylor, Clerk of Session



Sunday, June 8 – Teacher’s Appreciation Day
Sunday, June 29 – Wholeness & Healing Service



Are you in need of prayer? Do you know someone that is in need of prayer? Maybe you want to give thanks for answered prayer. Sometimes it is helpful and meaningful to put these things in writing. Take a ribbon from the basket in the vestibule and write your prayers, praises and thanks on as many as you need. Hang them on the fences. It is beautiful and symbolic to watch our prayers being lifted up.



Each year, the Birthday Offering awards grants to up to five programs. Primarily making possible capital improvement projects, the Birthday Offering supports domestic and international ministries, focusing on areas such as agricultural development, childcare, community organization, criminal justice, drug counseling, economic justice, elderly care, employment training, homelessness, literacy, violence or women's concerns.

The Presbyterian Women Birthday offering will be collected June 1.



***Thoughts from Bob Taylor**

My favorite memory

When I was hired as music director, I met some folks who had been original members. All were very welcoming, but it seemed to be a standard characteristic developed and special to all the members.

Why is St. Timothy so unique and special?

Interesting individuality but fellowship so strongly supportive.

My Spiritual growth

I have found so many examples of others sharing their experiences of growth, of understanding of Christian faith that can confirm for me a feeling of comfort with belief in the Gospel truths.

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*Thoughts from Mike Baum

My favorite memory

“The St. Timothy Christmas Day Waterpipe Massacre.” If you were involved, no explanation needed. If you weren’t, words will not describe.

Why is St. Timothy unique and special

I feel like I belong here. I believe I have something to offer others and I’m getting fed as well.

My Spiritual growth

Difficult to measure your own spiritual growth but I think I’m learning the importance of loving others at a deeper level. That has to be a big part of why we are walking on this planet. Some people don’t make it easy. Guess if it was easy, everybody would be doing it!

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Church Weekly Schedule

Sunday 5/18	9:45 AM	Handbell Choir Rehearsal
	10:30 AM	Family Worship
		https://video.sttimothyPCUSA.org
	after worship	Fellowship Hour
	12:30 PM	Big ? Bible Study
Monday 5/19	12:00 PM	Zoom Adult Bible Study
		https://study.sttimothyPCUSA.org
	6:00 PM	Deacons
	6:00 PM	TOPS
Tuesday 5/20	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
Wednesday 5/21		
Thursday 5/22	9:30 AM	Thursday morning Bible Study
	5:55 PM	Handbell Rehearsal
	7:00 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Friday 5/23		
Saturday 5/24		
Sunday 5/25	9:20 AM	Handbell Rehearsal
	9:45 AM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	10:30 AM	Family Worship
		https://video.sttimothyPCUSA.org
	after worship	Fellowship Hour
	12:30 PM	The Big ? Bible Study

Check out the Mission & Outreach Board in the office hall and read the thank you notes from the Friendship Club Craft morning.

He Has Made Me Glad

*I will enter his gates with thanksgiving in my heart,
I will enter his courts with praise.,
I will say, "This is the day that the Lord has made."
I will rejoice, for he has made me glad.
He has made me glad, he has made me glad.
I will rejoice, for he has made me glad.
He has made me glad, he has made me glad.
I will rejoice, for he has made me glad.*

The Servant Song

*Brother, sister, let me serve you, let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.*

*We are pilgrims on a journey; we're together on this road.
We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.*

*I will hold the Christ light for you in the night time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.*

*I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh,
I'll laugh with you. I will share your joy and sorrow
till we've seen this journey through.*

*When we sing to God in heaven, we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together of Christ's love and agony.*

In His Time

*In his time, in his time;
he makes all things beautiful in his time.
Lord, please show me every day as you're teaching me your way,
that you do just what you say in your time.*

*In your time, in your time;
you make all things beautiful in your time.
Lord, my life to you I bring; may each song I have to sing be to you
a lovely thing in your time.*