

May 25, 2025  
6th Sunday of Easter



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 66:1-4

Shout with joy to God, all the earth!

**Sing the glory of his name; make his praise glorious!**

Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! So great is your power that your enemies cringe before you.

**All the earth bows down to you; they sing praise to you, they sing praise to your name.**

HYMN "My Faith Has Found a Resting Place" see insert

CALL TO CONFESSION

SILENT CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Loving God, we confess that we are an anxious people who deny your blessing and fail to keep your word. We forget your goodness and revert to living for ourselves. Forgive us, we pray, for these and all our sins, that we might live in peace and reflect your love in the world; through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.**

\*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Beloved, let our hearts be still, for God loves us and forgives all our wrongdoing. Let us receive the peace of Christ and live as those who are forgiven.

**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.***

A MOMENT FOR ILLUMINATION

*Thy Word is a Lamp unto my feet, and a Light unto my path.*

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EPISTLE READING Acts 16:9-15

A TIME FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN Tina Puntigam

SPECIAL MUSIC "Light Of The World" (Sing Hallelujah)

We the Kingdom

GOSPEL READING John 14:23-29

SERMON Pastor Joel Puntigam  
"A Growing Faith"

HYMN "Peace, Perfect Peace" 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 "God Bless America" Irving Berlin

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:

**Giving God, as spring bursts forth its blossoms in witness to your love, you bless us from generation to generation with the new life of Easter faith. All that we have and all that we are come from you, O God, so we gladly share this offering, that others too may be blessed, for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

CALL TO PRAYER

***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.***

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 "Battle Hymn of the Republic" 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

***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 25<sup>th</sup>**  
**Following Along in Worship**

1. Today is the sixth Sunday of Easter in which we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. What has changed in your life by knowing that Jesus died for you?
  
2. What happened in worship today?
  - a. We had a nacho bar
  - b. We praised the Lord and he met us here!
  - c. We played putt-putt golf
  
3. What was the Time for All God's Children about today?
  - a. Flintstones, meet the Flintstones!
  - b. The promise of One like Jesus
  - c. Which bread is better: wheat, rye, or white?
  
4. What area in your life needs peace? Offer it up to Jesus!
  
5. In the sermon, Pastor Joel will teach from John 14:23-29. Circle all that are true about this passage:
  - a. If we love Jesus he will leave us alone
  - b. If we love Jesus he will make a home in us.
  - c. When Jesus left this world, he left us alone
  - d. When Jesus left this world, he promised a replacement
  - e. Jesus brings us everlasting peace
  - f. Jesus brings us candy
  - g. Jesus wants us to be afraid and lonely
  - h. Jesus is with us in Spirit so that we don't have to be troubled or afraid

**Serving in Worship**

Greeter: Mary Baum  
 Ushers: Chris Korne, Lou Suveg  
 Worship Assistant: Linda Houghtby  
 Keyboard: Linda Delezenne  
 Technology: Tim Chanko  
 Safety Officer: Karlane Belaire  
 Tellers: TBD  
 Fellowship Hour: Boegner/Prevost

**Weekly Bible Studies**

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

Question for this study: *Is there anywhere in the bible that says God causes pain and suffering?* All are welcome in Fellowship Hall.

**Zoom Bible Study – See you on Monday, June 2 at 12:00 pm**

We will begin a new study on Psalm 23<sup>rd</sup>.

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 Numbers.

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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 June 1 – John 17:20-26.



Chancel Flowers



Happy Heavenly Birthday to my beloved Mother,  
 Edna Lawson  
 Patty Kreitmeyer



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:**

May 22

Scott & Kim Gaines  
(32 years)

May 26

Rick & Joni Dunn  
(25 years)



### **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

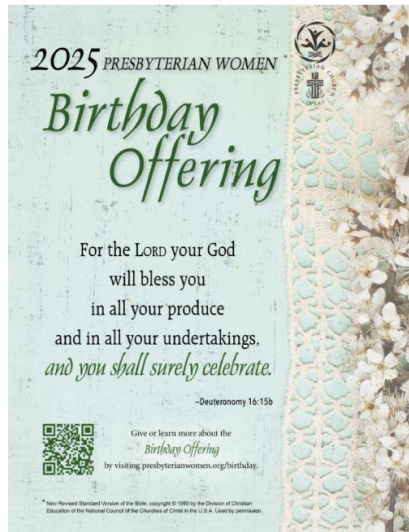


**Sunday, June 8 – Teacher Appreciation Day**

**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 Muriel Martin**

### My favorite memory

Our grandchildren went to VBS and that is how we came to St. Timothy. We met pastor Janet and we were looking for a new church. We came one Sunday and happened to sit next to Evelyn and she said if you want to join the church we will sponsor you.

### Why is St. Timothy so unique and special?

Our St. Timothy family. Pastor Joel has always been there for us and everyone here has helped Ron and I in some way. We really are a family and we appreciate everyone.

### My Spiritual growth

Ron and I both have learned a lot going to Bible study. Pastor Joel is a great teacher and can explain so much to all of us. Our faith has become stronger over the years at St. Timothy.

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## \*Thoughts from Ron Martin

### My favorite memory

When our grandchildren started to come to St. Timothy for VBS, we attended service one Sunday and found Pastor Janet to be very outgoing and welcoming. Don and Evelyn were our sponsors.

### Why is St. Timothy unique and special?

The attitude of the membership. Everyone is so outgoing and welcoming. Also, the goals the membership set for themselves.

### My Spiritual growth

Muriel and I have been married a long time and I find the Thursday morning Bible study to support my way of thanking God for what he has given to us.

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## Church Weekly Schedule

Sunday 5/25	9:20 AM	Handbell Choir Rehearsal
	9:45 AM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	10:30 AM	Family Worship
		<a href="https://video.sttimothypcusa.org">https://video.sttimothypcusa.org</a>
	after worship	Fellowship Hour
	12:30 PM	Big ? Bible Study
Monday 5/26		Memorial Day
		Office Closed
Tuesday 5/27	9:00 AM	STARS
	1:00 PM	Zoom Adult Bible Study
		<a href="https://study.sttimothyPCUSA.org">https://study.sttimothyPCUSA.org</a>
	6:00 PM	Quilting Guild
Wednesday 5/28		
Thursday 5/29	9:30 AM	Thursday morning Bible Study
	5:55 PM	Handbell Rehearsal
	7:00 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Friday 5/30		
Saturday 5/31		
Sunday 6/1	9:45 AM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	10:30 AM	Family Worship
		<a href="https://video.sttimothypcusa.org">https://video.sttimothypcusa.org</a>
	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.***

### **My Faith Has Found a Resting Place**

*My faith has found a resting place – Not in device or creed:  
I trust the Ever living One – His wounds for me shall please.  
I need no other argument, I need no other plead;  
It is enough that Jesus died, And that He died for me.*

*Enough for me that Jesus saves – This ends my fear and doubt;  
A sinful soul I come to Him – He'll never cast me out.  
I need no other argument, I need no other plea;  
It is enough that Jesus died, And that He died for me.*

*My heart is leaning on the Word – The written Word of God;  
Salvation by my Savior's name – Salvation thru His blood.  
I need no other argument, I need no other plea;  
It is enough that Jesus died, And that He died for me.*

*My great Physician heals the sick – The lost He came to save;  
For me His precious blood He shed – For me His life He gave.  
I need no other argument, I need no other plea;  
It is enough that Jesus died, And that He died for me.*

### **Peace, Perfect Peace**

*Peace, perfect peace, in this dark world of sin?  
The blood of Jesus whispers peace within.*

*Peace, perfect peace, by thronging duties pressed?  
To do the will of Jesus, this is rest.*

*Peace, perfect peace, with sorrows surging round?  
On Jesus' bosom naught but calm is found.*

*Peace, perfect peace, our future all unknown?  
Jesus we know, and He is on the throne.*

*Peace, perfect peace, death shadowing us and ours?  
Jesus has vanquished death and all its powers.*

*It is enough: earth's struggles soon shall cease,  
And Jesus, call us to heav'n's perfect peace.*

### **Battle Hymn of the Republic**

*Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord,  
He is trampling out the vintage  
where the grapes of wrath are stored;  
He hath loosed the fateful lightning of  
His terrible swift sword – His truth is marching on.  
Glory! glory, hallelujah! Glory! glory, hallelujah!  
Glory! glory, hallelujah! His truth is marching on.*

*I have seen Him in the watchfires of a hundred circling camps,  
They have builded Him an alter in the evening dew and damps;  
I can read His righteous sentence by the dim and flaring lamps –  
His day is marching on.  
Glory! glory, hallelujah! Glory! glory, hallelujah!  
Glory! glory, hallelujah! His truth is marching on.*

*He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never sound retreat,  
He is sifting out the hearts of men before His judgement seat;  
O be swift, my soul, to answer Him! be jubilant, my feet!  
Our God is marching on.  
Glory! glory, hallelujah! Glory! glory, hallelujah!  
Glory! glory, hallelujah! His truth is marching on.*

*In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,  
With a glory in His bosom that transfigures you and me;  
As He died to make men holy, let us live to make men free,  
While God is marching on.  
Glory! glory, hallelujah! Glory! glory, hallelujah!  
Glory! glory, hallelujah! His truth is marching on.*