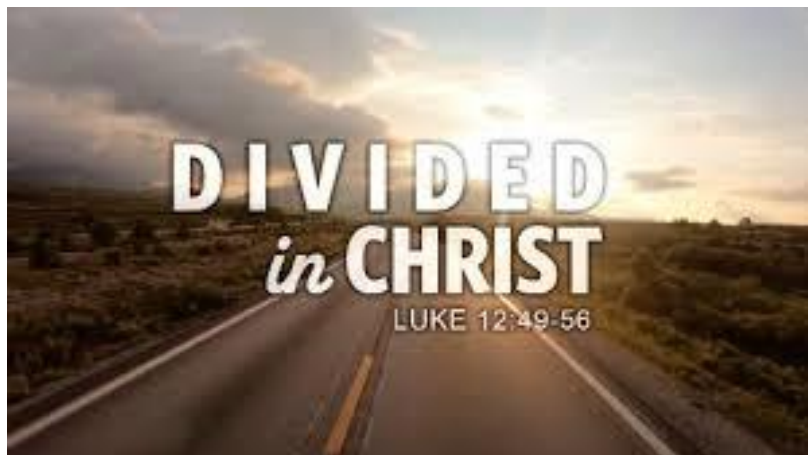


August 17, 2025  
10th Sunday after Pentecost



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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 “Come Bless the Lord” Paul Ruehl

PASTORAL WELCOME

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Hebrews 12:1

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,  
**Let us lay aside everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles,**  
And let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us.  
**Mindful of the gifts we receive and confident of the sustenance the Lord provides, let us worship God.**

HYMN “As the Deer” see insert

CALL TO CONFESSION

SILENT CONFESSION

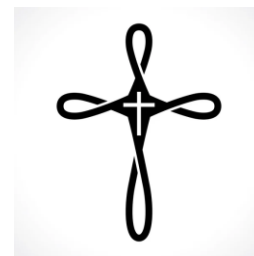
\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of goodness and truth, we have failed to seek after your wisdom and have followed paths that have led away from you. Forgive our foolish ways, and lead us in your truth, that we may live in the fullness of life as you intend through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Beloved, our sins are forgiven, for God is merciful and just. Therefore, let us be reconciled to the Lord and to one another, walking in the light of Christ.

**Amen and Alleluia!**





**Sunday, August 17<sup>th</sup>**  
**Following Along in Worship**

1. What happens to the stuff we have when we die?
  - a. Everything goes with us
  - b. Nothing goes with us
  - c. It gets destroyed with fire and brimstone
2. Draw a picture of yourself being thankful towards God.
3. What was the Time for All God's Children about today?
  - a. A wake-up call
  - b. A tribute to Robert: the tallest man who ever lived
  - c. Power to the people!
4. List some reasons is it hard to follow Jesus?
5. In the sermon, Pastor Joel will teach from Luke 12:49-56.  
 Circle all that are true about this passage:
  - a. Jesus came:
    - i. To make our lives super cool
    - ii. To bring fire on earth
  - b. Though Jesus is the Prince of Peace:
    - i. He doesn't really care
    - ii. He brings peace through conflict
  - c. In order to interpret the signs of the time:
    - i. We need to watch a sunset
    - ii. We need to turn to Christ
  - d. Though following Jesus will be hard, it is always worth it!

## Serving in Worship

Greeter: Jean Suveg  
 Ushers: Youth  
 Worship Assistant: Linda Houghtby  
 Special Music: Greg Kateff and Friends  
 Keyboard: Paula Boegner  
 Technology: Tina Puntigam  
 Safety Officer: Dennis Delezenne  
 Tellers: Paula Boegner, Kim Gaines  
 Fellowship Hour: Mission & Outreach

## Weekly Bible Studies

### Sunday Bible Study – at 12:00 pm

In Room 17/18. Study will be an after-service sermon recap.

### Zoom Bible Study – Monday at 12:00 pm

We are studying one of the minor prophets - Habakkuk.

This is the link address to join: <https://study.sttimothypcusa.org>

### Zoom Bible Study – See you next Tuesday, August 5 at 1:00 pm

We are studying the book of Matthew.

This is the link address to join: <https://study.sttimothypcusa.org>

### Adult Weekly Bible Study - Thursday –Thursday 9:30 am

Our study is on the passage that Pastor Joel will be preaching on August 24 – Luke 13:10-17.



Chancel Flowers



Lexi - Happy Sweet 16!

Love, your family and friends



The 2025 Flower Chart is up on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall.  
 Lots of space is available for those special dates!

## Celebrating



### **Birthdays:**

August 12  
August 14  
August 15  
August 17

Pam Harrington  
Dave Olko  
Chris Korne  
Lexi Barsch

### **Anniversaries:**

August 14 Dave and Beth Olko (27 years)



**Wednesdays, July 2 - August 27 – Campfires**  
**Sunday, September 14 – Rally Day**  
**Sunday, October 12 – Crop Walk**



2025 Wednesday Evening Campfires begin:

- July 2nd at 7:30 pm and runs through August 27.
- Keep adding dates to your calendar and plan to come join in the fun throughout the summer.
- Activities include testimonials, "stump the pastor" and singing songs!
- Bring your bag chair and invite your friends, families and neighbors.



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.



*A big thank you from the Mission/Outreach Committee for contributing to our cereal drive. They will be delivered to the Presbytery of Detroit and to the Hope Clinic to be distributed to families. Thank you for your generosity.*



Attention Gardeners,  
Do you have plants you are considering dividing? Do you have annuals or perennials that produce flowers where you could harvest the seeds? If so, please speak with Linda or Carol to see if we might be able to use them around our church grounds. We have some beds that need a refresh and divided plants among friends are free!



We have some members who have transportation needs. Please check out the sign-up sheets on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall if you can help. All the details are listed on the sheets. Thank you!



An invitation from the Faith Education Committee.

### Come one, come all to 2024 Rally Day!

September 15 is the date we kick off a new year of Faith, Fun and Fellowship at St. Timothy! Stick around right after Worship for a surprise and then join us for a potluck luncheon where the Deacons will be providing the main dish! There will be games, fellowship, and you might learn a thing or two. Sign up in Fellowship Hall to bring a side dish, salad, or something else! We hope to see you all there, and maybe bring a friend!

Rally Day Request! We'll be playing the Famous St. Tim's Guess the Baby Picture Game this year! The Faith Ed Committee needs your baby pictures. Please label each physical photo (sorry, nothing digital) with a post it or other note who is in the picture. Then put the picture or pictures in an envelope labeled with your name. Put the Envelope in Matt Johnson's mailbox by Sunday, September 7. Looking forward to getting your submissions!

## Inspiring Story: A Letter From God Inspirational Christian Story

As you got up I watched and hoped you would talk to me. Just a few words, such as thanking me for something good in your life yesterday or last week would do.

But I noticed you were busy selecting the right clothes for work. I waited again to hear from you. When you ran around the house collecting papers, I knew there would be a few minutes to stop and say hello, but you never slowed down.

I wanted to tell you that I could help you accomplish more than you ever dreamed possible if you would just spend some of each day with me. At one point, you waited fifteen minutes in a chair with nothing to do. I waited to hear from you.

Then I saw you spring to your feet; I thought you wanted to talk to me, but you ran to the phone and called a friend. I watched as off to work you went and waited patiently all day long to hear from you. With all your activities you were too busy to talk with me.

I noticed at lunch you looked around; maybe you just felt embarrassed to talk to me. You glanced three tables over and noticed some of your friends talking to me before they ate, but you wouldn't.

There was still more time left, and I hoped that we would talk. You went home and had many things to do. After they were done, you turned on the TV; just about anything goes there and you spend many hours watching. I waited as you continued watching TV and ate your meal but again you wouldn't talk to me.

At bedtime you were totally tired. After you said good night to your family you plopped into bed and fell asleep. I had so much wanted to be part of your day. We could have had so much fun and accomplished so much together.

I love you so much that I wait every day for a thought, prayer or thanks. Well, maybe tomorrow! I'll be waiting.

Your Friend,

God – (Author Unknown)



## The Demon Barber of Fleet Street

Tim Chanko is in another play at Canton Village and has been cast as the judge in Sweeney Todd. *Note from Tim: It is a dark musical (there is killing in it), so not for everyone.*

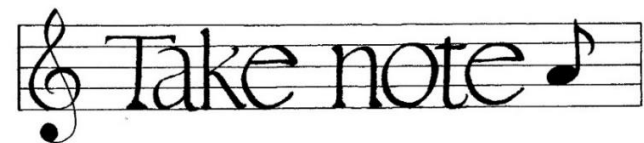
An infamous tale, Sweeney Todd, an unjustly exiled barber, returns to nineteenth century London, seeking vengeance against the lecherous judge who framed him and ravaged his young wife. The road to revenge leads Todd to Mrs. Lovett, a resourceful proprietress of a failing pie shop, above which, he opens a new barber practice. Mrs. Lovett's luck sharply shifts when Todd's thirst for blood inspires the integration of an ingredient into her meat pies that has the people of London lining up... and the carnage has only just begun!

September 12,13,19,20 at 7:30 PM  
September 14,21 at 3:00 PM

<https://www.spotlightplayersmi.org/#/show/sweeney-todd>

## Church Weekly Schedule

Sunday 8/17	10:30 AM	Family Worship
		<a href="https://video.sttimothypcusa.org">https://video.sttimothypcusa.org</a>
	after worship	Fellowship Hour
	12:00 PM	Bible Study
Monday 8/18	12:00 PM	Zoom Adult Bible Study
		<a href="https://study.sttimothyPCUSA.org">https://study.sttimothyPCUSA.org</a>
	6:00 PM	TOPS
	6:30 PM	Deacons
Tuesday 8/19	7:30 AM	Prayer and Praise Call
		202-926-1029 - access code 235645
	9:00 AM	STARS
	1:00 PM	Zoom Adult Bible Study
		<a href="https://study.sttimothyPCUSA.org">https://study.sttimothyPCUSA.org</a>
	6:30 PM	Nominating & Personnel
Wednesday 8/20	7:30 PM	Campfire Worship
Thursday 8/21	9:30 PM	Thursday Morning Bible Study
Friday 8/22		
Saturday 8/23	8:30 AM	Reading Institute
Sunday 8/24	10:30 AM	Family Worship
		<a href="https://video.sttimothypcusa.org">https://video.sttimothypcusa.org</a>
	after worship	Fellowship Hour
	12:00 PM	Bible Study



Music note - The St Timothy Handbell and Chancel choirs will officially be starting the upcoming choir music season on Thursday, September 4th. If you are interested in joining one or both of the choirs, come and try it out to see if it is a good fit.

Please contact Tim Falk  
or any of the current choir members for more information.

### *As The Deer*

*As the deer panteth for the water,  
so my soul longeth after Thee.  
You alone are my heart's desire,  
and I long to worship Thee.  
You alone are my strength, my shield;  
to You alone may my spirit yield.  
You alone are my heart's desire,  
and I long to worship Thee.*

*You're my friend and You are my brother  
even though You are a King.  
I love You more than any other,  
so much more than anything.  
You alone are my strength, my shield;  
to You alone may my spirit yield.  
You alone are my heart's desire,  
and I long to worship Thee.*

*I want You more than gold or silver.  
Only You can satisfy.  
You alone are the real joy giver and  
the apple of my eye.  
You alone are my strength, my shield;  
to You alone may my spirit yield.  
You alone are my heart's desire,  
and I long to worship Thee.*

### *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.  
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### *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.*