

August 31, 2025
12th Sunday after Pentecost



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Monday-Thursday: 9:30 am to 2:30 pm
Friday: 9:30 am to 12:00 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.sttimothypcusa.org>

Welcome!

PRELUDE

INTROIT "Now Let Us Sing"

PASTORAL WELCOME

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

In you, O LORD, I have taken refuge;

Let me never be put to shame.

Rescue me and deliver me in your righteousness;

Turn your ear to me and save me.

Be my rock of refuge, to which I can always go;

Give the command to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.

O LORD, we worship you with joy!

HYMN "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" see insert

CALL TO CONFESSION

SILENT CONFESSION

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Merciful God, forgive us for when we exalt ourselves and mock the humble. Forgive us for when we choose to believe we are self-sufficient rather than trust in your strength. Open us to your spirit, that we might serve all people without regard to the outcome, devoting ourselves to your honor alone. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

***DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

God rejoices when we repent and return, offering us finest wheat and honey from the rock to sustain us in new life. Rejoice! For we have been reconciled to God and to one another. With joy, seek the honor of God's service.

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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NEW TESTAMENT READING Hebrews 13:1-8

A TIME FOR ALL GOD’S CHILDREN Linda Houghtby

SPECIAL MUSIC “In Christ Alone”
Keith Getty/Steward Townsend

GOSPEL READING Luke 14:1, 7-14

SERMON Pastor Joel Puntigam
 “The Heart of Humility”

HYMN ”I Have Decided to Follow Jesus” 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 “Uncloudy Day”

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:

God of grace, we give thanks for your faithfulness to us, we give thanks for your hope in us, we rejoice in the knowledge of your unending grace. In the light of your mercy, and confident in your love, we dedicate these offerings, and ourselves, to you. 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 “Peace Like a River” see insert

SENDING AND BENEDICTION

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CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

May the Lord, Mighty God, Bless and Keep you Forever.
Grant you Peace, Perfect Peace, Courage in every endeavor.
Lift up your eyes and see God’s face and God’s grace Forever,
May the Lord, Mighty God, Bless and Keep you Forever.

POSTLUDE

**Feasting on the Word Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year C, Volume 2: Trinity Sunday through Reign of Christ*

Sunday, August 31st
Following Along in Worship

1. What did we learn last week from Luke 13:10-17?
 - a. Jesus healed a woman who had a spirit that disabled her
 - b. Everyone was super happy about the healing
 - c. Some were unhappy because Jesus healed on the Sabbath
 - d. Jesus said the Sabbath was the perfect day for the woman to be set free

2. Why is being set free so important to Jesus?

3. What was the Time for all God's Children about today?
 - a. The beauty of late summer
 - b. Sabbath is not for healing
 - c. We are meant to live humble lives

4. Why is it so important to be humble before God?

5. In the sermon, Pastor Joel will teach from Luke 14:1, 7-14.
 Circle all that are true about this passage:
 - a. It's ok to think you're the best. Sports are king!
 - b. It's better to be humble and lift others up
 - c. Jesus honors those who think too highly of themselves
 - d. Jesus honors those who humble themselves
 - e. It's better to help only those who can help you
 - f. It's better to help those who can't help themselves.
Go Jesus!

Serving in Worship

Greeter: Margaret Barsch
 Ushers: Patty Kreitmeyer
 Dorothy Sanchez
 Worship Assistant: Linda Houghtby
 Worship Music: Campfire Singers
 Keyboard: Linda Delezenne
 Technology: Tim Chanko
 Safety Officer: Dennis Delezenne
 Tellers: Paula Boegner, TBD
 Fellowship Hour: Boegner/Prevost

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 – Tuesday at 1:00 pm

We are studying the book of Matthew.

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

Zoom Bible Study – 2nd & 4th Wednesdays at 6:00 pm beginning September 10

We will be studying one of the minor prophets - Haggai

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 September 7 – Luke 14:25-33.



Chancel Flowers



Celebrating our 71st anniversary on September 4th!

Ron and Muriel Martín



The 2025 Flower Chart is up on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall.
 Lots of space is available in September and October!

Celebrating



Birthdays:

September 1

September 1

Belated Anniversaries:

September 4

Jean Chapp

Randy Wright

Ron and Muriel Martin (71 years)



Sunday, September 14 – Rally Day

Sunday, October 12 – Crop Walk



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.



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!



COC has a craft day in September and they are looking for folks to help. Wednesday, September 3 at 10 am. (All craft days are on the first Wednesday of each month.) Questions? Please reach out to Marv Baum.



An invitation from the Faith Education Committee.

Come one, come all to 2025 Rally Day!

September 14 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. Timothy "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!



Faith Circle is preparing to begin an exciting new year. Our first meeting is Wednesday, September 10th at 12:30 pm. Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of every month with lunch and a Bible study. We also send cards to those who are going through a difficult time.

This fall we will be planning our annual Christmas Salad Luncheon which will be held in December. We also help support the Oakland County Foster Closet by buying items that they need or asking for donations. Each year we contribute to several mission and outreach organizations.

If you can't make a meeting, Faith Circle sponsors a monthly ladies luncheon at various restaurants. We have also planned trips that included visits to a Cider Mill, Meadowbrook, Belle Isle and to the Taylor Botanical Gardens.



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 8/31	10:30 AM	Family Worship
		https://video.sttimothypcusa.org
	after worship	Fellowship Hour
	12:00 PM	Bible Study
Monday 9/1		Labor Day
		Office Closed
Tuesday 9/2	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
	5:00 PM	Mission & Outreach
	6:30 PM	Session
Wednesday 9/3		
Thursday 9/4	9:30 PM	Thursday Morning Bible Study
	11:30 AM	Ladies Luncheon
	5:55 PM	Handbell Choir
	7:00 PM	Chancel Choir
	7:00 PM	Compassionate Friends
Friday 9/5		
Saturday 9/6	All Day	Quilting Guild
Sunday 9/7	10:30 AM	Family Worship
		https://video.sttimothypcusa.org
	after worship	Fellowship Hour
	12:00 PM	Bible Study

Hi Ladies, on Friday, September 12th we will be going to Chacko Farms in Plymouth. You will be able to pick a bouquet of wildflowers free. A donation is appreciated. They will provide you with a vase or you can bring your own. After we are done at the farm we will head to Karl's Cabin for lunch. Meet at church at 9:15 to carpool. There is a sign up in the Fellowship Hall.

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

*What a Friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry Everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry Everything to God in prayer.*

*Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged, Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness, Take it to the Lord in prayer.*

*Are we weak and heavy laden, Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our Refuge—Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer;
In His arms He'll take and shield thee,
Thou wilt find a solace there.*

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

*I have decided to follow Jesus,
I have decided to follow Jesus,
I have decided to follow Jesus,
No turning back, No turning back.*

*The world behind me, the cross before me:
The world behind me, the cross before me;
The world behind me, the cross before me,
No turning back, No turning back.*

*Tho' none go with me, I still will follow,
Tho' none go with me, I still will follow,
Tho' none go with me, I still will follow,
No turning back, No turning back.*

*Will you decide now to follow Jesus?
Will you decide now to follow Jesus?
Will you decide now to follow Jesus?
No turning back, No turning back.*

Peace Like a River

*I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river in my soul,
I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river in my soul. (my soul.)*

*I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean in my soul,
I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean in my soul. (my soul.)*

*I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain in my soul,
I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain
I've got joy like a fountain in my soul. (my soul)*