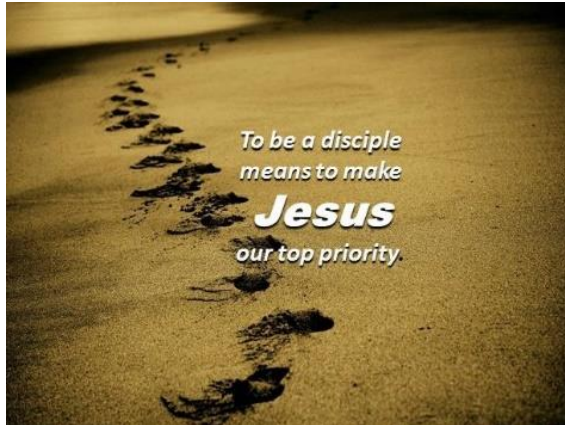


September 7, 2025  
13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost



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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

PASTORAL WELCOME

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 1:1-3

Oh, the joys of those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or stand around with sinners, or join in with mockers.

**But they delight in the law of the LORD, meditating on it day and night.**

They are like trees planted along the riverbank, bearing fruit each season.

**Their leaves never wither, and they prosper in all they do.**

Let us now worship God in heart and soul and voice!

HYMN

"It Is Well with My Soul"

see insert

(verses 1, 3 & 4)

CALL TO CONFESSION

SILENT CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God, we confess that we fail to put our trust in you completely. Instead, we calculate our gains and losses, hoarding the things that do not lead to abundant life. Forgive us, and help us to treasure only you, that we may follow you faithfully and discover the blessings only you can give. Amen.**

\*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Beloved, if anyone is in Christ, they are a new creation; everything old has passed away; everything has become new. Sisters and brothers, in the name of the Christ I declare that our story is known, our sin is forgiven, our life is made new.

**Amen and Alleluia!**

RESPONSE

"Gloria Patri"

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**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.*

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

#### OLD TESTAMENT READING

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

#### A TIME FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

Kathery Turnbull

#### SPECIAL MUSIC

"He"

Richard Mullan/Jack Richards

#### NEW TESTAMENT READING

Luke 14:25-33

#### SERMON

Pastor Joel Puntigam

"Costly Discipleship"

#### 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

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***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

**We give you thanks this day for the goodness and love that you have shown to us in Christ and pray your blessing upon these gifts: may they build your love in the world, to the honor of your name. Amen.**

#### HYMN

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

see insert

#### SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*This morning we will be receiving Communion in the seats. A communion server will come to your row to distribute the elements. Eat the bread individually when you are ready. Then wait until everyone has been served the cup and we will drink together as a congregation.*

#### THE CELEBRATION

The Invitation

The Words of Institution

The Prayer of Consecration

The Bread

The Cup

#### 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

"Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus"

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

***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 2: Trinity Sunday through Reign of Christ*

**Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>**  
**Following Along in Worship**

1. What was something wonderful that you did during the summer? What made it so great?
2. Jesus said that we should humble ourselves. What are some ways that we can do that?
3. What was the Time for All God's Children about today?
  - a. Why the fall is so awesome
  - b. Jesus is the Rock, and he rolls my blues away
  - c. The cost of following Jesus
4. Why is it worth it to follow Jesus?
5. In the sermon, Pastor Joel will teach from Luke 14:25-33.  
Circle all that are true about this passage:
  - a. It costs very little to follow Jesus
  - b. It costs a whole lot to follow Jesus
  - c. But it's worth it!
  - d. Here are some of the costs:
    - i. Loving God more than a parent
    - ii. Having to give up hamburgers
    - iii. Having to sleep on rocks
    - iv. Choosing to live for God and others
    - v. Choosing God over possessions

## Serving in Worship

Greeter: Kathey Turnbull  
Ushers: Carol Prevost, Dennis Delezenne,  
Worship Assistant: Kathey Turnbull  
Communion Servers: Karlane Belaire, Tim Chanko  
Soloist: Bob Taylor  
Keyboard: Linda Delezenne  
Technology: Tina Puntigam  
Safety Officer: Scott Gaines  
Tellers: TBD  
Fellowship Hour: Martin

### **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.sttimothyusa.org>

**Zoom Bible Study – 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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.sttimothyusa.org>

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

Our study is on the passage that Pastor Joel will be preaching on September 14 – Hebrews 1:1-8.



Chancel Flowers  
Thankful for our St. Timothy Family,  
Carol Prevost



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 8

Dennis Delezenne

September 10

Dave Houghtby

### Belated Anniversaries:

No anniversaries this week



**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 October and they are looking for folks to help. Wednesday, October 1 at 10 am. (All craft days are on the first Wednesday of each month.) Questions? Please reach out to Mary Baum.

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# Ladies DAY OUT

Hi Ladies, on Friday, September 12<sup>th</sup> 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.



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 10<sup>th</sup> 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. (continued on next page)

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 9/7	10:30 AM	Family Worship
		<a href="https://video.sttimothypcusa.org">https://video.sttimothypcusa.org</a>
	after worship	<i>Fellowship Hour</i>
	12:00 PM	Bible Study
Monday 9/8	5:30 PM	Men's Association
	6:00 PM	<i>TOPS</i>
Tuesday 9/9	7:30 AM	Prayer and Praise Call
		202-926-1029 - access code 235645
	9:00 AM	<i>STARS</i>
	1:00 PM	Zoom Adult Bible Study
		<a href="https://study.sttimothyPCUSA.org">https://study.sttimothyPCUSA.org</a>
	4:15 PM	<i>Worship</i>
	5:30 PM	Faith Education
Wednesday 9/10	6:00 PM	Zoom Evening Bible Study
		<a href="https://study.sttimothyPCUSA.org">https://study.sttimothyPCUSA.org</a>
Thursday 9/11	9:30 PM	Thursday Morning Bible Study
	5:55 PM	<i>Handbell Choir</i>
	7:00 PM	Chancel Choir
Friday 9/12		
Saturday 9/13	All Day	Rally Day Set Up
Sunday 9/14	9:20 AM	Handbell Choir Rehearsal
	9:45 AM	<i>Chancel Choir Rehearsal</i>
	10:30 AM	Family Worship
		<a href="https://video.sttimothypcusa.org">https://video.sttimothypcusa.org</a>
	after worship	<i>Fellowship Hour</i>
	12:00 PM	Bible Study



### **It Is Well with My Soul**

*When peace like a river attendeth my way,  
When our sorrows like sea billows roll;  
Whatever my lot, Thou has taught me to say,  
It is well, it is well with my soul.  
It is well with my soul, It is well,  
it is well with my soul.*

*My sin—O, the bliss of the glorious thought,  
My sin—not in part but the whole,  
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more,  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!  
It is well, it is well with my soul.  
It is well with my soul, It is well,  
it is well with my soul.*

*And, Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,  
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,  
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend,  
“Even so”—it is well with my soul.  
It is well, it is well with my soul.  
It is well with my soul, It is well,  
it is well with my soul.*

### **Let Us Break Bread Together**

*Let us break bread together on our knees; (on our knees;)  
Let us break bread together on our knees; (on our knees;)  
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me.)*

*Let us drink the cup together on our knees; (on our knees;)  
Let us drink the cup together on our knees; (on our knees;)  
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me.)*

*Let us praise God together on our knees; (on our knees;)  
Let us praise God together on our knees; (on our knees;)  
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me.)*

### **Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus**

*Turn your eyes upon Jesus, Look full in His wonderful face,  
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim  
In the light of His glory and grace.*