

October 12, 2025
18th Sunday after Pentecost



St. Timothy Presbyterian Church
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Office Hours:
Monday-Thursday: 9:30 am to 2:30 pm
Friday: 9:30 am to 12:00 pm
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Pastor - Joel Puntigam
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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 “Come Christians, Join to Sing”

INTROIT

PASTORAL WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 66:1-5

Shout with joy to God, all the earth!

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

Let us say to God: How awesome are your deeds!

All the earth bows down to our God; we sing praise to his name.

Let us come and see what God has done, how awesome are his works!

HYMN “Alleluia! Sing to Jesus” see insert

CALL TO CONFESSION

SILENT CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy and grace, we confess that we do not live as grateful people. We harbor resentment for what we lack. We blame you; we blame others. We doubt your compassion, even your power. Forgive us, we pray, for attitudes and behaviors that diminish in us joyful thanksgiving. Heal and restore us so that we may return to you with a right spirit. Help us to live holy and joyful lives. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

In the waters of baptism we have died with Christ and have been raised with him to new life. Nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Hear the Good News: In Christ we are forgiven and set free to live in praise and thanksgiving.
Amen and Alleluia!

God is love

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 Hebrews 4:14-5:4

A TIME FOR ALL GOD’S CHILDREN Linda Houghtby

SPECIAL MUSIC “I Love You, Lord”

EPISTLE READING Hebrews 5:5-10

SERMON Pastor Joel Puntigam
 “Hold Fast and Draw Near”

HYMN “I Love to Tell the Story” 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

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:

We praise and glorify your name, O God. You have given us more than we could have imagined! For tidings of joy, for wholeness received, for the gift of belonging, we thank you. Make of us, as well as these gifts, offerings of good news to the poor, hope to the hopeless, and signs of your power to reconcile and redeem. We ask all things in the name of Christ. 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 “Pass It On” 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

*Walking behind to hem my journey,
going ahead to light my way,
and from beneath, above, and all ways:
O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.*

POSTLUDE

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

Sunday, October 12th
Following Along in Worship

1. What did we learn last week from Hebrews 4:1-13?
 - a. There's a consequence for not believing God
 - b. Let us not harden our hearts to the voice of God
 - c. Let us make every effort to enter into God's rest
2. Why is resting in God so good?
3. What was the Time for All God's Children about today?
 - a. God's Word is more powerful than we might imagine
 - b. Water is powerful too, right?
 - c. How to approach God's throne
4. What's the best way to approach God?
5. In the sermon, Pastor Joel will teach from Hebrews 4:14-5:10. Circle all answers that are correct:
 - a. Who is Jesus, in addition to being the Son of God?
 - i. Our Great Umpire
 - ii. Our Great High Priest
 - iii. Our Great Pumpkin
 - b. Because of Jesus, we can:
 - i. Eat all we want
 - ii. Drink all we want
 - iii. Approach the Throne of Grace
 - c. Although Jesus was the Son of God, he learned:
 - i. To bake bread
 - ii. To play ball
 - iii. Obedience
 - d. Jesus is a High Priest in the order of:
 - i. Aaron
 - ii. Billy the Kid
 - iii. Melchizedek

Serving in Worship

Greeter: Marlene Korne
Ushers: Mary Baum, Patty Kreitmeyer
Worship Assistant: Tim Chanko
Keyboard: Paula Boegner
Technology: Tina Puntigam
Safety Officer: Dennis Delezenne
Tellers: Paula Boegner, Patty Kreitmeyer
Fellowship Hour: Favorite Mexican Dish

Weekly Bible Studies

Afterglow Bible Study – *See you next Sunday 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*

We will begin studying one of the minor prophets - Zechariah

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

Our study is on the passage that Pastor Joel will be preaching on October 19 – Hebrews 5:11-6:8.



Chancel Flowers



Celebrating our anniversary and Tommy's 29th birthday.

Tom and Margaret Barsch



The 2025 Flower Chart is up on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall.
Lots of space is available through the end of the year!

Celebrating



Birthdays:

No birthdays this week

Belated Anniversaries:

October 12

Tom and Margaret Barsch
(57 years)



Sunday, October 12 – Crop Walk
Saturday, October 25 – Trunk or Treat
Tuesday, November 4 – Life-Line Screening



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 member who has 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 sheet. Thank you!



COC has a craft day in October and they are looking for folks to help. Wednesday, October 15 at 10 am. Questions? Please reach out to Mary Baum.



Mission and Outreach currently has some money available that could be used for a one-time donation charity or organization that is special to you. To get started, get an application from Mary, fill it out and then return it to Mary. Then, Mission and Outreach plus Session would have to approve the gift. Please limit gift amounts to \$500.00 or under.



The Child and Youth Safety Policy Training date will be shared soon.



- Today, Sunday - October 12 at 1:00 pm we will gather at Ben Celani Pavilion at Bicentennial Park - 35400 W Seven Mile Rd, Livonia, MI 48152!
- First, we will pack 100 cleaning baskets
- Then we will walk around the park in a ½ loop
- Water and ice cream will be provided
- All those interested in walking should talk with Pastor Joel



The Mission and Outreach Committee is sponsoring a community wide Trunk or Treat on Saturday, October 25th from 4:30-6:00 pm. Come be a part of the fun and hand out treats from the trunk of your car. We are also asking for donations of candy. Dinner is served afterwards. There is a sign up in the fellowship hall.



I want to thank everyone for your assistance and prayers last Sunday. I am very blessed to have a church family who cares like St. Timothy does. Thanks again. Sue Zabell



Advent is coming!

The Faith Ed Committee is planning ahead.

You all seem to really enjoy our “home-grown” devotionals, and if you would like to help out this year, we want to talk to you, even if you’ve never done this before.

All that is required is to write a paragraph about a short scripture assigned to you. Talk to anyone on the committee and we will get you started as Advent gets nearer.

Karlane Belaire, Linda Houghtby, Matt Johnson, Dorothy Sanchez



Recommended by Tim Chanko
October 23, 24, 25 at 7:30 pm and October
26 at 3:00 pm - Canton Village Theater
Ticket price \$27.00

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 Step back in time with "Back to Jersey—the ultimate tribute to the
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 miss it – tickets are going fast!

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Matt Johnson sings in the Detroit Lutheran Singers and their
 fall concerts are listed below.

- 10/18/2025 7:00 pm *Meadowbrook Congregational Church at 21355 Meadowbrook Rd in Novi*
- 10/19/2025 3:00 pm *Lutheran Church of the Redeemer at 1800 W. Maple Rd in Birmingham*

Church Weekly Schedule

Sunday 10/12	9:20 AM	Handbell Rehearsal
	9:45 AM	<i>Chancel Choir Rehearsal</i>
	10:30 AM	Family Worship
		https://video.sttimothypcusa.org
	after worship	<i>Fellowship Hour</i>
	1:00 PM	Crop Walk
Monday 10/13	5:30 PM	Men's Association
	6:00 PM	<i>TOPS</i>
Tuesday 10/14	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
		https://study.sttimothyPCUSA.org
	5:30 PM	Faith Ed Committee
Wednesday 10/15	6:30 PM	Strategic Planning Committee
Thursday 10/16	9:30 PM	Thursday Morning Bible Study
	5:55 pm/7:00 pm	<i>Handbell Choir/Chancel Choir</i>
Friday 10/17		
Saturday 10/18	8:00 AM	Men's Association Breakfast
Sunday 10/19	10:30 AM	Family Worship
		https://video.sttimothypcusa.org
	after worship	<i>Fellowship Hour</i>
	12:00 PM	Afterglow Bible Study

Upcoming Fellowship Hours

10/19 – Prevost, Radamis, Belaire and Sanchez

10/26 – Favorite Appetizer

11/2 –

11/9 – Finance Committee

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

*Alleluia! Sing to Jesus! his the sceptre, his the throne;
Alleluia! his the triumph, his the victory alone!
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood:
"Jesus out of every nation has redeemed us by his blood."*

*Alleluia! Not as orphans are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! he is near us; faith believes nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received him
when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget his promise, "I am with you evermore"?*

*Alleluia! Bread of angels, here on earth our food, and stay;
Alleluia! here the sinful flee to you from day to day.
Intercessor, friend of sinners, earth's redeemer, here our plea
where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.*

*Alleluia! King eternal, Lord omnipotent we own;
Alleluia! born of Mary, earth your foot-stool, heaven your throne.
As within the veil you entered, robed in flesh, our great high priest;
here on earth both priest and victim in the eucharistic feast.*

I Love to Tell the Story

*I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
Of Jesus and His glory, of Jesus and His love;
I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true,
It satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.
I love to tell the story! 'Twill be my theme in glory -
To tell the old, old story Of Jesus and His love.*

*I love to tell the story - 'tis pleasant to repeat
What seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet;
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
The message of salvation from God's own holy Word.
I love to tell the story! 'Twill be my theme in glory -
To tell the old, old story Of Jesus and His love.
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*I love to tell the story, for those who know it best
Seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest,
And when in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,
'Twill be the old old story, that I have loved so long.
I love to tell the story! 'Twill be my theme in glory -
To tell the old, old story Of Jesus and His love.*

Pass It On

*It only takes a spark to get a fire going,
And soon all those around can warm up in its glowing;
That's how it is with God's love, once you've experienced it:
You spread His love to ev'ryone, you want to pass it on.*

*What a wondrous time is spring—when all the trees are budding,
The birds begin to sing, the flowers start their blooming;
That's how it is with God's love, once you've experienced it:
You want to sing, it's fresh like spring, you want to pass it on.*

*I wish for you, my friend, this happiness that I've found—
You can depend on Him, it matters not where you're bound;
I'll shout it from the mountain top, I want my world to know:
The Lord of love has come to me, I want to pass it on.*

Poinsettias

According to this legend, Pepita left her village to visit the Nativity scene at the chapel. She couldn't afford a gift for baby Jesus, so she picked some weeds and took them. When she presented the bouquet of weeds to Jesus, they turned into stunning red flowers which locals knew as "Cuetlaxochitl."

Please make check payable to
St. Timothy Presbyterian Church.

*Note: Please fill in the form below, include payment and leave it in the file outside the office door or the flower order box on the office counter. Please **do not** place your order in the offering. Another option is to send the order directly to the church office.*

Order deadline is October 26

Cost per flower - \$15.00

Quantity

*Poinsettia

Total Cost

\$ _____

***No pink or white poinsettias are available due to supply challenges this year. Red poinsettias will be delivered.**
Thank you for being flexible!

Flowers are donated by: _____

in memory of _____

in honor of _____

*in thanksgiving
for* _____