

October 5, 2025  
17<sup>th</sup> 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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Staff  
Pastor - Joel Puntigam  
Music Director & Accompanist – Tim Falk  
Office Manager – Shelly Walldorff

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 Lamentations 1:2-4, 3:22-23

**In the midst of betrayal and division, we wait for God:**

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases and His compassions never fail.

**In the midst of affliction and loss, we wait for God:**

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases and His compassions never fail.

**In the midst of loneliness and uncertainty, we wait for God:**

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases and His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness, O God!

HYMN “O Day of Rest and Gladness” see insert

CALL TO CONFESSION

SILENT CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, you have called us to live in sincere faith and to suffer for the gospel. We confess that we do not come before you with a clear conscience. Too quickly, we seek our own ease and comfort first. Forgive us, we pray, for we are fractured and fearful disciples. Take away from us a spirit of fearfulness, and restore to us a spirit of grace, love, and service. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.**

\*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Let us hold to the sound teaching of the faith: God has the power to save us and has given us grace through all the ages. In Christ Jesus we are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God!**

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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OLD TESTAMENT READING                    Psalm 95

A TIME FOR ALL GOD’S CHILDREN                    Greg Kateff

HYMN                    “Bind Us Together”                    see insert

EPISTLE READING                    Hebrews 4:1-13

SERMON                    Pastor Joel Puntigam  
                  “God’s Rest”

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  
**Gracious God, you are good news for a weary world. You are hope for people in despair, and you are home to exiles. Accept, we pray, the offerings we bring this day. Use them according to your own purpose and grace. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC                    “The Upper Room”                    Don Besig/Nancy Price

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER  
*This month we will be celebrating the Lord’s Supper via Intinction. When all has been prepared, the congregation will be invited to come forward to receive the bread and the cup from a station in the front. After receiving the bread, dip it in into the cup. You may eat the bread immediately. Please then return to your seat for the duration of the celebration.*

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                    “Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name”                    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 5<sup>th</sup> Following Along in Worship

1. What did we learn last week from Hebrews 3:1-19?
  - a. God is the builder of all things
  - b. Encouragement is the way forward
  - c. Let us be careful not to harden our hearts
  
2. Why is encouragement such a wonderful thing?
  
3. What was the Time for All God's Children about today?
  - a. Jesus, all for Jesus!
  - b. The most powerful force in the universe: Love or Gravity
  - c. Wonderful rest
  
4. How can God give you the kind of rest you need?
  
5. In the sermon, Pastor Joel will teach from Hebrews 4:1-13.  
Circle all answers that are correct:
  - a. The best combo in history is:
    - i. The Gospel and Faith
    - ii. Burger and Fries
    - iii. Water and the Mountains
  - b. Today, if we hear the voice of God, let us:
    - i. Not harden our hearts
    - ii. Not eat a whole pizza in one sitting
  - c. Let us make every effort to:
    - i. Work as hard as we can
    - ii. Enter the rest God provides

## Serving in Worship

Greeter: Carol Prevost  
 Ushers: Kathy Turnbull, Mary Baum  
 Worship Assistant: Margaret Barsch  
 Communion Servers: Linda Houghtby, Bob Taylor  
 Keyboard: Paula Boegner  
 Technology: Scott Gaines  
 Safety Officer: Lou Suveg  
 Tellers: Paula Boegner, Bob Taylor  
 Fellowship Hour: Bagels/Muffins/Coffee Cake/  
 Pastries

## Weekly Bible Studies

### Afterglow Bible Study – 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 – 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays at 6:00 pm

We will begin studying one of the minor prophets - Zechariah

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

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

Our study is on the passage that Pastor Joel will be preaching on October 12 – Hebrews 4:14-5:10.



Chancel Flowers



Celebrating the birthdays of our son David  
and daughter-in-law Janet.  
Dave and Linda Houghtby



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 7

Mike & Mary Baum  
(47 years)



**Saturday, October 11 – Fall Clean Up**

**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 a member who has transportation needs. Please check out the sign-up sheet 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 in the next few weeks.



- On 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 25<sup>th</sup> from 4:30-6:00pm. 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.



**Fall cleanup day for St. Timothy will be on October 11, beginning at 9:00 am.**

**All are invited to participate. There are a wide variety of items to be taken care of – both inside and out. Nothing too strenuous.**

**Coffee and snacks will be served in the morning and lunch will be served early afternoon.**

**Please mark your calendar and come help us make St. Timothy sparkle.**

**There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall**

**Regards,  
Chris Korne**



**The offering from Worship in the Park in August totaled \$868.00 and was donated to Another Day Resource Center. Thank you for your generosity!**



## 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



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 10/5	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
	12:00 PM	Afterglow Bible Study
Monday 10/6	3:00 PM	Finance
	6:00 PM	TOPS
Tuesday 10/7	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>
	5:00 PM	Mission & Outreach
	6:30 PM	Session
Wednesday 10/8	12:30 PM	Faith Circle
	6:00 PM	Zoom Adult Bible Study
		<a href="https://study.sttimothypcusa.org">https://study.sttimothypcusa.org</a>
Thursday 10/9	9:30 PM	Thursday Morning Bible Study
	5:55/7:00 PM	Handbell Choir/Chancel Choir
Friday 10/10		
Saturday 10/11	9:00 AM	Fall Clean Up
Sunday 10/12	9:20 AM	Handbell 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
	12:00 PM	Afterglow Bible Study



Lots of upcoming dates available to help host a fellowship hour.

### **O Day of Rest and Gladness**

*O day of rest and gladness, O day of joy and light,  
O balm for care and sadness, most beautiful, most bright;  
on you, the high and lowly, through ages joined in tune,  
sing "Holy, holy, holy" to the great God triune.*

*On you, at earth's creation the light first had its birth;  
on you, for our salvation Christ rose from depths of earth;  
on you, our Lord victorious sent Spirit forth from heaven.  
And thus on you, most glorious, a triple light was given.*

*On you, God's people, meeting, the Holy Scripture hear,  
Christ's living presence greeting, through bread and wine made  
near. New graces ever gaining from this our day of rest,  
we reach the rest remaining to spirits of the blest.*

### **Bind Us Together**

*Bind us together, Lord,  
bind us together with cords that cannot be broken.  
Bind us together,  
Lord bind us together, Lord,  
bind us together in love.  
There is only one God, there is only one King;  
There is only one body, that is why we sing.  
Bind us together, Lord,  
bind us together with cords that cannot be broken.  
Bind us together, Lord,  
bind us together, Lord, bind us together in love.*

### **Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name**

*Savior, again to Thy dear name we raise  
With one accord our parting hymn of praise;  
Once more we bless Thee ere our worship cease;  
With eager hearts we wait Thy word of peace.*

*Grant us Thy peace upon our home-ward way;  
With Thee began, with Thee shall end the day;  
Guard Thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,  
That in this house have called upon Thy name. Amen.*