

November 30, 2025
1st Sunday of Advent



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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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

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE:

Hope

Today, we once more begin the Season of Advent – a season of longing, of waiting, of remembering.

Advent reminds us of the promises of God.

As we turn to God, we come laden with expectations,
And we come filled with hope!

(As the first candle is lit, the congregation is invited to sing the Advent Song):

***Light the Advent Candle one: Now the waiting has begun;
We have started on our way, time to think of Christmas Day.***

***Candle, candle, burning bright, shining in the cold winter night;
Candle, candle, burning bright, fill our hearts with Christmas light.***

We wait in hope for the LORD; he is our help and our shield. In him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in his holy name.

May your unfailing love rest upon us, O LORD, even as we put our hope in you.

HYMN *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* see insert

CALL TO CONFESSION

SILENT CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of night and day, there is no shadow that can conceal our sin from you and no secret that you will not bring to light. For our reveling and drunkenness, forgive us. For our quarreling and jealousy, forgive us. Lord God, forgive us our sins, renew us in love, and teach us to live in a way that brings honor and glory to your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Beloved, in our baptisms we were bathed in light and clothed with grace. Therefore, let us put on the Lord Jesus Christ! Know that you are forgiven, and live in peace.

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

EPISTLE READING Romans 13:11-14

A TIME FOR ALL GOD’S CHILDREN Karlane Belaire

SPECIAL MUSIC “Where Is the Savior?” John Purify

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 2:1-5

SERMON Pastor Joel Puntigam
“Walking in the Light”

HYMN *Down By The Riverside* 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

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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 and praise, O God, that you have built us up in faith and bound us together in love. By your grace, may all that we do show the glory of your name and serve the good of your people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CALL TO PRAYER

Day by day, day by day, O, dear Lord, three things I pray: To see Thee more clearly, Love Thee more dearly, Follow Thee more nearly, Day by day.

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 *Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers* see insert

SENDING AND BLESSING

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, our mission is to: seek God, follow Christ, serve and love our neighbor.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

***Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!***

POSTLUDE

**Feasting on the Word Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year A,
Volume 1: Advent through Transfiguration*

**Sunday, November 30th
Following Along in Worship**

1. Today is the first Sunday of Advent. What are some of your favorite things about this season?

2. How many Advent candles did we light today? What is the theme of the candle that was lit today?

3. What was the topic of today's time with the children? Circle the correct one:
 - a. Shopping for gifts is blech
 - b. I can't wait for Christmas!
 - c. God is our light that shines into the dark

4. Where do you need the light of Christ in your life?

5. In the sermon, Pastor Joel is teaching from Isaiah 2:1-5. Circle all that are true:
 - a. God lives on the top of a mountain
 - b. God lives everywhere, but we still need to seek him out
 - c. There will come a time when:
 - i. Wars will still go on
 - ii. All wars will end
 - iii. Light will overcome darkness forever
 - d. Advent is about Christmas
 - e. Advent is about Christ

Serving in Worship

Greeter: Marlene Korne
Ushers: Liana Olko, Dave Olko
Worship Assistant: Greg Kateff
Advent Readers: Barsch Family
Keyboard: Linda Delezenne
Technology: Melanie Gumz
Safety Officer: Chris Korne
Tellers: TBD
Fellowship Hour: Anything Goes

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 beginning a new study on the book of Deuteronomy.

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

Zoom Bible Study – December dates on Wednesday at 6:00 pm are 12/3 and 12/10

We studying one of the minor prophets - Zechariah

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

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

Our study is on the passage that Pastor Joel will be preaching on December 7 – Isaiah 11:1-10.



Chancel Flowers



In honor of David Jr's birthday!

Dave and Beth Olko



The 2025 and 2026 Flower Charts are up on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. One date is available for 2025 and many dates are available for 2026.

Celebrating



Birthdays:

November 30

Janet Richardson

December 2

Melanie Gumz

December 2

David Olko

Anniversaries:

November 30

Norm and Paula Boegner
(27 Years)



In Isaiah 43:1, God says, "I have called you by name." Please remember to wear your name tag so our visitors know who you are. If you would like a name tag or you misplaced yours, please let the office know.



Sunday, December 7 – Christmas Caroling

Saturday, December 13 – Christmas Salad Luncheon

Sunday, December 14 – Congregational Meeting

Wednesday, December 24 – Christmas Eve Service



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 December and they are looking for folks to help. St. Timothy is hosting. Wednesday, December 3 at 10 am. Questions? Please reach out to Mary Baum.



**“Making Christmas wishes come true-
Operation Good Cheer”**

Please bring packages to church by November 30. Also, the truck will be here to pick up the gifts on Friday, December 4 in the morning (more details soon). A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. Please see Patty Kreitmeyer or Mary Baum if you have any questions.



Advent Devotions are available today. Look for them in the narthex!



Once again, Deacons will be caroling to members of our church family this holiday season. We would love to have congregation members join us for this uplifting activity!!! We will be gathering on Sunday, December 7th and contact members via phone as well as visiting some members. It is a great deal of fun and really puts people in the holiday mood. Please sign up on the sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall if you can attend.



It's time for a Christmas Cookie Exchange! On Sunday, December 14th, bring 2 dozen of your favorite cookies and take 2 dozen home.



Vote on new officers and Pastor Joel's Terms of call
December 14th after service.



The St. Timothy Faith Circle invites you to their annual Christmas Luncheon

Date: Saturday, December 13th, 2025

Time: 11:00 am to 1:30 pm

Please bring: a salad

Tickets (\$3.00 donation) are on sale

Entertainment: Silver Strings Dulcimer Society plus our own Tim Falk and Matt Johnson leading a

Christmas Carol sing-along.

Invite: Your family and friends



End of year reminders:

- Just a quick reminder to turn in your pledge cards if you haven't already. We'd appreciate having them in by the end of the year, if possible.
- Please note: donations received after Dec 28, 2025, may not be able to be posted until 2026.
- New giving envelopes will be available the first week of December.
- If you haven't paid per capita yet and would like to, the cost is \$37.09 per member.



**Our own Cassy Sautter invites you to
Christmas Through Your Eyes –
Holiday 2025**

We are excited to present Christmas Through Your Eyes in celebration of the holiday season! We can't wait to share this year's tunes with you.

Christmas Through Your Eyes will be presented on Friday, December 19th at 8 pm and Saturday, December 20th at 4 pm at the Orchard United Methodist Church (no affiliation).

www.https://farmingtonchorus.com/content/tickets



**Our Matt Johnson sings in the
Detroit Lutheran Singers
Their Christmas Concerts are listed below.**

12/6/25 7 PM Church of the Divine Child
1055 North Silvery Lane Dearborn

12/7/25 3 PM Historic Trinity Lutheran
1345 Gratiot Detroit

12/12/25 7:30 PM Our Shepard Lutheran
2225 E 14 Mile Rd Birmingham

12/13/25 7 PM Christ Our Savior Lutheran
14175 Farmington Rd Livonia

Church Weekly Schedule

Sunday 11/30	9:45 AM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	10:30 AM	<i>Family Worship</i>
		https://video.sttimothyPCUSA.org
	after worship	Fellowship Hour
	12:00 PM	<i>Afterglow Bible Study</i>
Monday 12/1	6:00 PM	<i>TOPS</i>
Tuesday 12/2	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
	6:30 PM	Session
Wednesday 12/3	6:00 PM	Zoom Adult Bible Study
		https://study.sttimothyPCUSA.org
Thursday 12/4	9:30 AM	Thursday morning Bible Study
	11:30 AM	<i>Ladies Luncheon</i>
	5:55/7:00 PM	Handbell/Chancel Choir Rehearsals
	7:00 PM	<i>Compassionate Friends</i>
Friday 12/5		
Saturday 12/6	All Day	Quilting Guild
Sunday 12/7	9:45 AM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	10:30 AM	<i>Family Worship</i>
		https://video.sttimothyPCUSA.org
	after worship	Fellowship Hour
	12:00 PM	<i>Afterglow Bible Study</i>

Upcoming Fellowship Hours

12/7 – *Favorite Soup* 12/14 – *Taco Bar/Cookie Exch*
12/21 – *Choirs* 12/28 – *Faith Ed & Worship*

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

*Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee.*

*Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.*

*Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a king,
born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.*

*By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all sufficient merit raise us to thy glorious throne.*

Down By The Riverside

*I'm gonna lay down my sword and shield,
Down by the riverside,
Down by the riverside,
Down by the riverside.
I'm gonna lay down my sword and shield,
Down by the riverside,
And I ain't gonna study war no more.*

*I ain't gonna study war no more.
I ain't gonna study war no more,
I ain't gonna study war no more.*

*I ain't gonna study war no more,
I ain't gonna study war no more,
I ain't gonna study war no more.*

*I'm gonna lay down my burden,
Down by the riverside,
Down by the riverside,
Down by the riverside,
I'm gonna lay down my burden,
Down by the riverside,
Down by the riverside,
And I ain't gonna study war no more.*

*I ain't gonna study war no more.
I ain't gonna study war no more,
I ain't gonna study war no more.*

*I ain't gonna study war no more,
I ain't gonna study war no more,
I ain't gonna study war no more.*

Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers

*Rejoice! Rejoice, believers, and let your lights appear;
the evening is advancing and darker night is near.
The Bridegroom is arising and soon he will draw nigh.
Up, watch with expectation; at midnight comes the cry.*

*See that your lamps are burning; replenish them with oil;
look now for your salvation, the end of sin and toil.
The marriage feast is waiting; the gates wide open stand;
arise, O heirs of glory; the Bridegroom is at hand!*

*Our hope and expectation, O Jesus, now appear;
arise, thou Sun so longed for, above the shadowed sphere!
With hearts and hands uplifted, we plead,
O Lord, to see the day of earth's redemption, and ever be with thee!*