

November 9, 2025  
22nd 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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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.sttimothycusa.org>

## Welcome!

PRELUDE “Trees”  
Joyce Kilmer/Oscar Rasbach

INTROIT

PASTORAL WELCOME

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 98:4-6  
Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;  
**Let us break forth into joyous song and sing praises.**  
Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody.  
**With trumpets and the sound of the horn we will make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord.**  
Come, make a joyful noise, sing praises! Come, let us worship the Lord!

HYMN “Sweet Hour of Prayer” see insert

CALL TO CONFESSION

SILENT CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION  
**Merciful God, hope of your people in every age, we confess that we have sinned against you. We have wandered from your pathways, turned toward idols, lived without compassion, and disregarded the well-being of your creation. Do not turn away from us, O Lord, but renew your covenant, for only in you, our High Priest, will our lives be healed. Guide us and lead us in your ways, for happy are those who live in your house. Amen.**

\*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

In the great compassion of our God, the death and resurrection of Christ Jesus has shown us God’s forgiveness for our sins. Therefore once more hear and believe in the good news of the Gospel: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God!**

*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.*

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP AND COMMITMENT

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 73:25-28

A TIME FOR ALL GOD’S CHILDREN Matt Johnson

SPECIAL MUSIC “All That I Am” William Himes

EPISTLE READING Hebrews 10:19-31

SERMON Pastor Joel Puntigam  
“Drawing Near to God”

HYMN “My Faith Has Found a Resting Place” 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 “Make Me A Servant” Kelly Willard

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:

**For the gifts offered this day and every day we give thanks, O God. Make us good stewards of all you have entrusted to our care. May these gifts be used to serve your beloved creation and to build up your kingdom throughout the earth. 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 “Battle Hymn of the Republic” 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, November 9<sup>th</sup>  
Following Along in Worship**

1. What did we learn last week from Hebrews 9?
  - a. The blood of Christ cleans us once and for all
  - b. Jesus has entered into heaven on our behalf
  - c. Every Tuesday is ½ off at Taco Bell
2. How does the blood of Jesus purify us and set us free?
3. What was the Time for All God's Children about today?
  - a. God is faithful and we can count on him
  - b. God is on vacation
  - c. You can only reach God via fax
4. Why does it matter that God is faithful?
5. In the sermon, Pastor Joel will teach from Hebrews 10:19-31.  
Circle all answers that are correct:
  - a. We can enter the Most Holy Place because of
    - i. The cash we have
    - ii. The good deeds we do
    - iii. The blood of Jesus
  - b. Let us draw near to God with:
    - i. Clam chowder
    - ii. A sincere heart full of faith
  - c. Let us not give up:
    - i. Eating chocolate
    - ii. Meeting together
  - d. It is a dreadful thing to fall
    - i. Off a cliff
    - ii. Into the hands of the Living God

## Serving in Worship

- Greeter: Mary Baum  
Ushers: Patty Kreitmeyer, Chris Korne  
Worship Assistant: Sue Zabell, Rick Dunn  
Keyboard: Paula Boegner  
Technology: Scott Gaines  
Safety Officer: Dennis Delezenne  
Tellers: Paula Boegner, Patty Kreitmeyer  
Fellowship Hour: Finance – Stewardship Sunday

### 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 – See you November 18 (Tuesday) at 1:00 pm**

We are begin a new study on the book of Deuteronomy.

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 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 November 16 – Hebrews 11:1-12.



Chancel Flowers



In memory of Marilyn Taulbee and Kathy Sautter,  
Karlane Belaïre



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

## Celebrating



### **Birthdays:**

November 13

Kathey Turnbull

November 21

Tracey Fukui

### **Anniversaries:**

No anniversaries this week



**Saturday, November 15 – Hope Lunch Packing**

**Wednesday, November 26 – Light Dinner/Worship**

**Friday, November 28 – Hanging of the Greens & Potluck**

**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 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 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.

The Mission & Outreach Committee will be packing approximately 200 lunches for Hope Clinic on Saturday, November 15, 2025 from 9 am -12 pm. Hope Clinic hands out about 500 lunches weekly. This is another opportunity for us to help those in need. Coffee and bagels will be served to the volunteers. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall if you are able to help.

Individual package lunch items needed:

- Trail mix, pretzels, chips, fruit snacks, cheez-its, crackers with peanut butter or cheese
- Fruit cups or applesauce
- Tuna in small cans (also with crackers) with pop tops
- Can soup, ravioli, spaghetti with pop tops
- Bottled water.

There will be a card table in the narthex for food donations. Monetary donations are also greatly accepted. Checks are accepted made out to St. Timothy with Hope Clinic on the memo line. If donating cash, please use an envelope and write Hope Clinic on the outside. All donations go in the weekly offering. Please see any member of the Mission and Outreach committee with any questions.



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.



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

Operation Good Cheer provides Christmas gifts for children that are in the foster system. St. Timothy is sponsoring 35 foster kids and young adults this Christmas season. Packets with their wish lists will be available during fellowship starting November 9<sup>th</sup>.

See Patty Kreitmeyer or Mary Baum if you have any questions.



Thank you St. Timothy Family for...prayers, texts, helpful visits and phone calls over the past few months. We appreciate and love you! Rick and Joni



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

Date: Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025

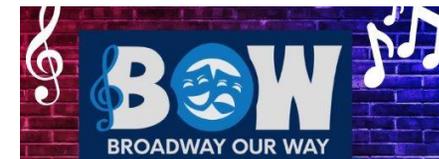
Time: 11:00 am to 1:30 pm

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



**Our Own Tim Chanko is singing in...**

**“A Night of Thanks” Cabaret – Performance**

Broadway Our Way (BOW) invites you to join us for a heartwarming evening of gratitude, love and song.

Friday, November 14 and Saturday, November 15 at 7:30 pm

Tickets: \$20.00

Mt. Hope Congregational Church  
30330 Schoolcraft Rd, Livonia, MI 48150



**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](http://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 11/9	9:20 AM	Handbell Choir
	9:45 AM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	10:30 AM	Family Worship/Stewardship Sunday
		<a href="https://video.sttimothypcusa.org">https://video.sttimothypcusa.org</a>
	after worship	Stewardship Luncheon
	12:00 PM	Afterglow Bible Study
Monday 11/0	1:30 PM	Finance
	6:00 PM	TOPS
	6:00pm	Kindred Spirits Board Meeting
Tuesday 11/11	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>
	4:15 PM	Worship Committee
	5:30 PM	Faith Ed Committee
Wednesday 11/12	12:30 PM	Faith Circle
	6:00 PM	Zoom Adult Bible Study
		<a href="https://study.sttimothyPCUSA.org">https://study.sttimothyPCUSA.org</a>
Thursday 11/13	9:30 PM	Thursday Morning Bible Study
	5:55/7:00 PM	Handbell Choir/Chancel Choir
Friday 11/14		
Saturday 11/15	9:00 AM	Hope Lunch Packing
Sunday 11/16	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

### *Upcoming Fellowship Hours*

11/16 – Finger Foods

11/30 – Anything Goes

11/23 – Faith Circle

12/7 – Favorite Soup

## Sweet Hour of Prayer

*Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer,  
That calls me from a world of care,  
And bids me at my Father's throne  
Make all my wants and wishes known:  
In seasons of distress and grief  
My soul has often found relief,  
And oft escaped the tempt-er's snare  
By thy return, sweet hour of prayer.*

*Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer,  
Thy wings shall my petition bear  
To Him whose truth and faithfulness  
Engage the waiting soul to bless:  
And since He bids me seek His face,  
Believe His Word, and trust His grace.  
I'll cast on Him my ev'ry care,  
And wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer.*

## My Faith Has Found a Resting Place

*My faith has found a resting place-  
Not in device or creed:  
I trust the Ever-living One—  
His wounds for me shall plead.  
I need no other argument, I need no other plea;  
It is enough that Jesus died, And that He died for me.*

*Enough for me that Jesus saves—  
This ends my fear and doubt;  
A sinful soul I come to Him—  
He'll never cast me out.  
I need no other argument, I need no other plea;  
It is enough that Jesus died, And that He died for me.*

*My heart is leaning on the Word—  
The written Word of God:  
Salvation by my Savior's name—  
Salvation thru His blood.  
I need no other argument, I need no other plea;  
It is enough that Jesus died, And that He died for me.*

*My great Physician heals the sick—  
The lost He came to save;  
For Me His precious blood He shed—  
For me His life He gave.  
I need no other argument, I need no other plea;  
It is enough that Jesus died, And that He died for me.*

## Battle Hymn of the Republic

*Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord,  
He is trampling out the vintage  
where the grapes of wrath are stored;  
He hath loosed the fateful lightning of  
His terrible swift sword – His truth is marching on.  
Glory! glory, hallelujah! Glory! glory, hallelujah!  
Glory! glory, hallelujah! His truth is marching on.*

*I have seen Him in the watchfires of a hundred circling camps,  
They have builded Him an altar in the evening dews and damps;  
I can read His righteous sentence by the dim and flaring lamps –  
His day is marching on.  
Glory! glory, hallelujah! Glory! glory, hallelujah!  
Glory! glory, hallelujah! His truth is marching on.*

*He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never sound retreat,  
He is sifting out the hearts of men before His judgement seat;  
O be swift, my soul, to answer Him! be jubilant, my feet!  
Our God is marching on.  
Glory! glory, hallelujah! Glory! glory, hallelujah!  
Glory! glory, hallelujah! His truth is marching on.*

*In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,  
With a glory in His bosom that transfigures you and me;  
As He died to make men holy, let us live to make men free,  
While God is marching on.  
Glory! glory, hallelujah! Glory! glory, hallelujah!  
Glory! glory, hallelujah! His truth is marching on.*

## Veteran's Day Salute to a World War One Poet

Our prelude today is the song "Trees". The words to this song are from a poem of the same name, written by Joyce Kilmer, an early 20th century poet, writer, and popular lecturer. He was also a man of strong faith. When his daughter Rose was stricken with poliomyelitis, (also known as infantile paralysis) shortly after her birth in 1912, he turned to his religious faith for comfort. Kilmer would stop "every morning for months" on his way "to the office and pray for faith," claiming that when "faith did come, it came, I think, by way of my little paralyzed daughter. Her lifeless hands led me; I think her tiny feet know beautiful paths. You understand this and it gives me a selfish pleasure to write it down." Kilmer became one of the most well-known Catholic lecturers of his day and after he wrote his poem "Trees" in 1913, he gained immense popularity as a poet.

Despite having a large family and being older, he enlisted in the Army in 1917 to go and fight against Germany in Europe in World War I. He became a sergeant and repeatedly sought out dangerous missions and assignments. His biographer John Hillis said: "He was worshipped by the men about him. I have heard them speak with awe of his coolness and his nerve in scouting patrols in no man's land. This coolness and his habit of choosing, with typical enthusiasm, the most dangerous and difficult missions, led to his death." He died on July 30th, 1918 at the age of 31. He was shot while leading a scouting party to find the location of a German machine gun.

And so the world lost a brave and gallant poet and man, but his life lives on through his poems and writings, most notably the poem "Trees".

"I think that I shall never see  
A poem lovely as a tree.

A tree whose hungry mouth is prest  
Against the earth's sweet flowing breast;

A tree that looks at God all day,  
And lifts her leafy arms to pray;

A tree that may in summer wear  
A nest of robins in her hair;

Upon whose bosom snow has lain;  
Who intimately lives with rain.

Poems are made by fools like me,  
But only God can make a tree."