

December 28, 2025
1st Sunday of Christmas



St. Timothy Presbyterian Church
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Office Hours:
Monday-Thursday: 9:30 am to 2:30 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

INTROIT

PASTORAL WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise God for coming to dwell among us, Immanuel.

Praise Him for the good news of Jesus, the pioneer of our salvation.

Praise Him for making us brothers and sisters in Christ.

Praise Him who is present with us still, lifting us up and carrying us.

God's glory shines in heaven and on earth. Praise the Lord!

HYMN *Angels We Have Heard on High* see insert
(Verses 1 & 2)

CALL TO CONFESSION

SILENT CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, in great love you have claimed us as your children. We confess that we have not loved you as we should. We have not participated fully in your purposes and plans; we grow weary and give up when the way is hard. In your great mercy, forgive us. Do not be ashamed of us, we pray, but strengthen us in our time of testing. Set us free from fear that we may wholly trust in you. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who shared our flesh and blood. Amen.

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Children of God, it is clear that Jesus Christ came to help sinners. He is our Savior in all our distress, and it is his presence that saves us. Hear and believe in the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

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.
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OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 63:7-9

A TIME FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN Kathy Turnbull

OLD TESTAMENT READING Matthew 2:1-12

CHRISTMAS MUSIC FEST

- ~ It Came upon the Midnight Clear (vs1) see insert
Please stand if able
- ~ Bleak Midwinter's Silent Night – choir anthem
arr/Ruth Elaine Schram
- ~ The Birthday of a King see insert
- ~ Good King Wenceslas – a choir reading
- ~ Born in the Night, Mary's Child see insert
- ~ The Star Carol – a solo
Alfred Burt
- ~ Joy to the World (vs1) 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 "Good Christian Men, Rejoice" Traditional

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:

In this gifting season, O God, we are grateful for the gift of your dear Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Receive, we pray, these offerings we bring. May they be used in the service of your grace and truth dwelling among us. In Christ's holy name we pray. 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 *O Little Town of Bethlehem* see insert
(verses 1 & 2)

SENDING AND BENEDICTION

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CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

***Go tell it on the mountain, Over the hills and every-where;
Go, tell it on the mountain That Jesus Christ is born.***

POSTLUDE

**Feasting on the Word Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year C, Volume 1*

**Sunday, December 28th
Following Along in Worship**

1. The four great themes of Advent were Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love. Which one do you need most in your life and how can God help you to get it?
2. We finally made it to the celebration of Christmastide! What's the best part of this time of year?
3. What was the Time for All God's Children about today?
 - a. Best gift ever: a kitten vs a puppy
 - b. Best hot beverage: hot chocolate vs apple cider
 - c. No seriously, best gift ever: Jesus!
4. How is Jesus the best gift ever?
5. There won't be a sermon this week. Instead, there will be a hymn sing. What's your favorite Christmas carol, and why is that so?

Serving in Worship This Morning

Greeter:	Karlane Belaire
Ushers:	Chris Korne, Lou Suveg
Worship Assistant:	Kathy Turnbull
Keyboard:	Paula Boegner
Technology:	Melanie Gumz
Safety Officer:	Scott Gaines
Tellers:	Paula Boegner, TBD
Fellowship Hour:	Faith Education/Worship

Weekly Bible Studies

Afterglow Bible Study – *See you Sunday, January 4 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 doing a new study on the book of Deuteronomy.

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

Zoom Bible Study – *On hiatus*

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Adult Weekly Bible Study - Thursday – *See you on January 8
Thursday at 9:30 am*

Our study is on the passage that Pastor Joel will be preaching on January 11 – Matthew 3:13-17.



Chancel Flowers



Merry Christmas!

Carol Prevost



The 2026 Flower Chart is up on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. Consider honoring a special person on a Sunday. Also, the flowers add a pop of color which is always nice.



Birthdays:

December 30

Scott Gaines

Anniversaries:

No anniversaries this month



Saturday, January 17 – Friendship Club Dinner



COC has a craft day in January and they are looking for folks to help. St. Timothy is hosting. Wednesday, January 7 at 10 am. Questions? Please reach out to Mary Baum.



The Mission /Outreach committee is celebrating the New Year with a party for our Friendship Club friends on Saturday, January 17th, from 4:30-6:00. Come join the fun with a dinner, playing bingo and singing with our own music duo, Greg and Mike. There is a sign up in the fellowship hall.

Church Weekly Schedule

Sunday 12/28	9:20 AM	Handbell Rehearsal
	9:45 AM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	10:30 AM	Christmas Music Fest
		https://video.sttimothypcusa.org
	after service	Fellowship Hour
Monday 12/29		Office closed
	6:00 PM	TOPS
Tuesday 12/30		Office closed
	7:30 AM	Prayer and Praise Call
		202-926-1029 - access code 235645
	9:00 AM	STARS
	1:00 PM	Zoom Adult Bible Study
		https://study.sttimothyPCUSA.org
Wednesday 12/31	All Day	New Year's Eve - Office closed
Thursday 1/1	All Day	New Year's Day - Office closed
Friday 1/2	All Day	Office Closed
Saturday 1/3	All Day	Kindred Spirits Quilting Guild
Sunday 1/4	9:45 AM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	10:30 AM	Family Worship
		https://video.sttimothypcusa.org
	after worship	Fellowship Hour

Upcoming Fellowship Hours

1/4 Faith Circle 1/11 chips/dip/crackers/cheese
1/18 Your best Chili 1/25 - Deacons



Angels We Have Heard on High

*Angels we have heard on high,
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply
Echo back their joyous strains.
Gloria in excelsis Deo,
Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

*Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
Say what may the tidings be,
Which inspire your heav'nly song?
Gloria in excelsis Deo,
Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

It Came upon the Midnight Clear

*It came upon the midnight clear,
That glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth
To touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, goodwill to men,
From heav'n's all gracious King!"
The world in solemn stillness lay
To hear the angels sing.*

The Birthday of a King

*In the little village of Bethlehem,
there lay a Child one day,
And the sky was bright with a holy light
o'er the place where Jesus lay.
Alleluia! O how the angels sang,
Alleluia! How it rang!
And the sky was bright with a holy light,
'twas the birthday of a King.*

*"Twas a humble birthplace,
but oh, how much God gave to us that day,
From the manger bed what a path has led,
what a perfect holy way.
Alleluia! O how the angels sang,
Alleluia! How it rang!
And the sky was bright with a holy light,
'twas the birthday of a King.*

Born in the Night, Mary's Child

*Born in the night, Mary's Child,
a long way from your home;
coming in need, Mary's Child,
born in a borrowed room.*

*Clear shining light, Mary's Child,
your face lights up our way;
Light of the world, Mary's Child
dawn on our darkened day.*

*Truth of our life, Mary's Child,
you tell us God is good;
yes, it is true, Mary's Child,
shown on your cross of wood.*

*Hope of the world, Mary's Child,
you're coming soon to reign;
King of the earth, Mary's Child,
walk in our streets again.*

Joy to the World!

*Joy to the world! the Lord is come;
Let earth receive her King;
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room,
And heav'n and nature sing
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.*

O Little Town of Bethlehem

*O little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting Light;
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight.*

*For Christ is born of Mary,
And gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep
Their watch of wond'ring love.
O morning stars, together
Proclaim the holy birth!
And praises sing to God the King,
And peace to men on earth.
Amen*