

December 7, 2025  
2nd Sunday of Advent

PEACE

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.sttimothypcusa.org>

*Welcome!*

PRELUDE

INTROIT

PASTORAL WELCOME

**LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE:** Peace  
Today we light the candle of peace, along with the candle of hope. Lighting this second candle reminds us of the complexity of what it means to feel peace this year.

**With a year full of uncertainty, anxiety, and fear, the peace candle invites us into a holy space where we can just be.**

As we light the candle of peace, we acknowledge the times this year when peace has felt too far away to grasp for ourselves.

**We acknowledge our shared desire for God’s presence of peace as we continue in our Advent journey.**

*(As the Hope and Peace candles are lit, the choir will sing v2 of Advent Song)*

***Light the Advent candle two: Think of humble shepherds, who filled with wonder at the sight of the child of Christmas night. Candle, candle burning bright, shining in the cold winter night; Candle, candle burning bright, fill our hearts with Christmas light.***

LORD, you will grant us peace;

**All we have accomplished is really from you.**

HYMN *We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom* see insert

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious and welcoming God, have mercy on your people. We confess we do not heed your word each day in all that we say and do. We do not see our neighbors, families, and friends as beloved children whom you have made. In your mercy, forgive us, for we repent of our ways and look to your power to heal us and raise us up, so that, at the last, you will gather us to you and give us peace. Amen.**

## DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, I am confident of this: if we repent, God is sure to forgive us. The One who began a good work in us will bring it to completion. Grateful for the promise of peace, let us once again hear the Good News: 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

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

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

EPISTLE READING Romans 15:7-13

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN Greg Kateff

SPECIAL MUSIC “Advent Peace” Lloyd Larson

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 11:1-10

SERMON Pastor Joel Puntigam  
“The Root of Jesse”

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

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**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son, is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory “Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming” German Carol

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 give you thanks, Holy One, for all good things: water and food, for friendship and love; for Jesus, who was born to save us; for the Holy Spirit, who comes to us in baptism and moves in our midst with the power to lead us to you. Turn our offerings to your good will, and turn us always to you in gratitude. Amen.**

COMMUNION HYMN *In Remembrance* see insert

## 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 *The Advent of Our God* 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

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

POSTLUDE



**Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>  
Following Along in Worship**

1. Today is the second Sunday of Advent. What are you looking forward to during the advent of Jesus?
2. Name 3 things that give you peace – and thank God for them!
3. What was the topic of today's time with the children? Circle the correct one:
  - a. O Christmas Tree, O Christmas Tree!
  - b. Finding peace
  - c. Jesus: half God, half human or all God, all human?
4. What happens when we lack peace? How do we find it again?
5. In the sermon, Pastor Joel is teaching from Isaiah 11:1-10. Circle all that are true:
  - a. A shoot that comes up from Jesse means:
    - i. God is growing a garden
    - ii. God is doing something new
  - b. This new something is Jesus
  - c. Jesus will:
    - i. Eat lots of fruit
    - ii. Delight in the Lord God
  - d. The wolf will lie with the lamb
  - e. The lamb will lie with the spam
  - f. Jesus is only for a few people
  - g. Jesus is for all people. Alleluia!

## Serving in Worship This Morning

Greeter: Kathryn Radamis  
 Ushers: Patty Kreitmeyer  
 Kathey Turnbull  
 Advent Candle Readers: Sue Zabell, Rick Dunn  
 Communion Servers: Paula Boegner, Lou Suveg  
 Worship Assistant: Cassy Sautter  
 Keyboard: Paula Boegner  
 Technology: Tim Chanko  
 Safety Officer: Scott Gaines  
 Tellers: Paula Boegner, Bob Taylor  
 Fellowship Hour: Favorite Soup

## 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 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 are 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 14 – Isaiah 35:1-10.

## Chancel Flowers



*Celebrating my birthday and thankful  
 for the blessings I have,  
 Bob Taylor*



### **Birthdays:**

December 8

Bob Taylor

### **Anniversaries:**

No anniversaries this month



**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 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.



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.



Our Deacons invite you to join us caroling to members of our church family this holiday season. Please come and 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. 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 14<sup>th</sup>, bring 2 dozen of your favorite cookies and take 2 dozen home.



Vote on new officers and Pastor Joel's Terms of Call December 14<sup>th</sup> after service.



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



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](http://www.https://farmingtonchorus.com/content/tickets)



**Our Matt Johnson sings in the  
Detroit Lutheran Singers**

**Their Christmas Concerts are listed below.**

**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 12/7	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
	1:00 PM	Caroling
Monday 12/8	5:30 PM	Men's Association Christmas Dinner
	6:00 PM	TOPS
Tuesday 12/9	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>
Wednesday 12/10	6:00 PM	Zoom Adult Bible Study
		<a href="https://study.sttimothyPCUSA.org">https://study.sttimothyPCUSA.org</a>
Thursday 12/11	9:30 AM	Thursday morning Bible Study
	5:55/7:00 PM	Handbell/Chancel Choir Rehearsals
Friday 12/12	Morning	Salad Luncheon Set up
Saturday 12/13	All Day	Christmas Salad Luncheon
Sunday 12/14	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	Congregational Meeting
	after meeting	Fellowship Hour
	12:00 PM	Afterglow Bible Study

### Upcoming Fellowship Hours

**12/14** Taco Bar/Cookie Exch **12/21** Choirs

**12/28** Faith Ed/Worship **1/4** chips/dip/crackers/cheese

## *We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom*

*We wait the peaceful kingdom,  
when wolf and lamb shall lie in gentleness and friendship  
without a fear or sigh,  
when lion shall be grazing, when snake shall never strike;  
a little child shall lead us both strong and weak alike.*

*Where is the peaceful kingdom? When will this new day start?  
We long for peace and comfort to reign within each heart.  
Yet not in our lives only, nor simply in our home:  
we pray that all creation will one day find shalom.*

*When wars of desolation and hate come to an end,  
when nation meets with nation and calls the other "friend,"  
still peace in all its fullness will only have begun:  
shalom for all creation begins with justice done.*

*That little child shall lead us to walk the chosen way,  
to share the peaceful kingdom, to greet God's newborn day.  
The child born in a stable is sent to break our chains,  
to bring through word and table the day when justice reigns.*

## *In Remembrance*

*In remembrance of Me, eat this bread.  
In remembrance of Me, drink this wine.  
In remembrance of Me,  
pray for the time when God's own will is done.*

*In remembrance of Me, heal the sick.  
In remembrance of Me, feed the poor.  
In remembrance of Me, open the door and let your brother in,  
Let him in.*

*Take, eat and be comforted; drink and remember too,  
That this is My body and precious blood shed for you, shed for you.  
In remembrance of Me search for truth.  
In remembrance of Me always love.  
In remembrance of Me, don't look above,  
but in your heart look for God.  
Do this in remembrance of Me.*

## *The Advent of Our God*

*The Advent of our God  
With eager hearts we greet;  
And we must praise Him in this hour  
With hymns and anthems sweet.*

*The glory to the Son,  
Who comes to set us free;  
With Father, Spirit,  
ever One Through all eternity.  
Amen.*



**Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!**

The Mission/Outreach Committee extends our sincerest gratitude to the congregation in helping us to fulfill our mission to help, care for and love others.

Because of your generosity we were able to pack over 150 lunches and deliver them to Hope Clinic.

You stepped up and helped us to adopt 13 of our Friendship Club folks for Christmas. They will now have a happy and blessed Christmas.

Once again, we were able to support Operation Good Cheer. We were able to help 35 foster children.

Thank you to 3 groups that use our facilities. Compassionate Friends and Kindred Spirits bought gifts for 11 Operation Good Cheer kids. TOPS bought gifts for a Friendship Club friend.

Your monetary and winter clothing contributions enabled us to help the Detroit Rescue Mission, Orchard Children's Services and Another Day Resource.

Many thanks to Leona who has a personal gift ministry. She provides gifts once or twice a year. She is a Livonia resident and we don't know much about her, other than she is a blessing.

Our congregation sees a need and continues to step up.