

January 25, 2026
3rd Sunday after Epiphany



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

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Psalm 27:1,4,7-9
The LORD is my light and my salvation-- whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life-- of whom shall I be afraid?
One thing I ask of the LORD, this is what I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple.
Hear my voice when I call, O LORD; be merciful to me and answer me. My heart says of you, "Seek his face!" Your face, LORD, I will seek.
Do not hide your face from me, do not turn your servant away in anger; you have been my helper. Do not reject me or forsake me, O God my Savior.

HYMN *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* see insert

CALL TO CONFESSION

SILENT CONFESSION

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**
Almighty God, we confess that we have not been faithful to you in our thoughts and actions. We have been selfish in our desires and quarrelsome in our relationships. We have allowed fear to divide us from those who seem different, and let distrust separate us from our brothers and sisters. Shine your light into our darkened hearts. Save us from our divisive ways. Unite us in the same mind as Jesus Christ who dwells with you and the Holy Spirit in perfect harmony. Amen.

***DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Brothers and sisters hear the good news: God offers forgiveness to those who turn to Him in true repentance. Therefore, let us trust in God, who breaks the bonds of our oppression and covers us in mercy.
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 9:1-4

A TIME FOR ALL GOD’S CHILDREN Linda Houghtby

SPECIAL MUSIC “Follow Me” John Carter

NEW TESTAMENT READING Matthew 4:12-23

SERMON “Sent Out to Fish” Pastor Joel Puntigam

HYMN *Will You Come and Follow Me* 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 “Two Fisherman” Suzanne Toolan

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:

God of our salvation, receive these gifts we offer and bless them for the work of your kingdom, through Christ, our Lord. 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 *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* see insert

SENDING AND BENEDICTION

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CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*Lord, dismiss us with Thy blessing,
Fill our hearts with joy and peace;
Let us each, Thy love possessing,
Triumph in redeeming grace,
O refresh us, O refresh us,
Traveling through this wilderness.*

POSTLUDE

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

Sunday, January 25th
Following Along in Worship

1. In our Old Testament reading from Isaiah 9, we read that light has shined on those living in darkness. Where does the light of God need to shine into your darkness?
2. In the service we confess our sins because:
 - a. God wants to embarrass us
 - b. We need to own up to what we have done wrong
 - c. God wants to renew his relationship with us
3. Last week we learned about the Lamb of God. Who is this Lamb?
 - a. It's John the Baptizer
 - b. It's Father Abraham
 - c. It's Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ.
4. One of the great things about worship is the music. What are some of your favorite songs that praise God?
5. In the sermon, Pastor Joel is teaching Matthew 4:12-23. Circle all that are true about Jesus:
 - a. He's a total wimp who can't help me
 - b. He lived too long ago to care about me
 - c. He still helps people today who walk in darkness
 - d. He called super-gifted people to follow him
 - e. He called ordinary people to follow him
 - f. When we follow, we must:
 - i. Learn to fish
 - ii. Use our gifts to serve him

Matthew 4:12-23

Jesus Begins to Preach

¹² When Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³ Leaving Nazareth, he went and lived in Capernaum, which was by the lake in the area of Zebulun and Naphtali— ¹⁴ to fulfill what was said through the prophet Isaiah:

¹⁵ “Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—

¹⁶ the people living in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.”^[a]

¹⁷ From that time on Jesus began to preach, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

Jesus Calls His First Disciples

¹⁸ As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. ¹⁹ “Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.” ²⁰ At once they left their nets and followed him.

²¹ Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, ²² and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

Jesus Heals the Sick

²³ Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people.

Sermon Notes:

Serving in Worship This Morning

Greeter: Marlane Korne
 Ushers: Chris Korne, Lou Suveg
 Worship Assistant: Karlane Belaire
 Keyboard: Linda Delezenne
 Technology: Scott Gaines
 Safety Officer: Rich Belaire
 Tellers: Paula Boegner, TBD
 Fellowship Hour: Deacons

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 1:30 pm

We are doing a study on the book of John.

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

Zoom Bible Study – On hiatus until later this year

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

Our study is on the passage that Pastor Joel will be preaching on February 1 – Matthew 5:1-12.



Chancel Flowers



Celebrating our grandson's birthday - Ezra James
 Dave and Linda Houghtby



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:

No birthdays this week

Anniversaries:

No anniversaries this month



**Wednesday, February 18 – Ash Wednesday Dinner
 & Worship, St. Timothy hosting**

Friday, February 20 – Life Line Screening

Sunday, February 22 – Annual Meeting

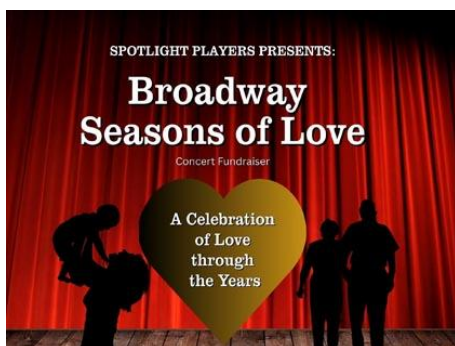


COC has a craft day in February and they are
 looking for folks to help. St. Timothy is
 hosting. Wednesday, February 4 at 10 am.
 Questions? Please reach out to Mary Baum.



Please provide your reports (electronically if possible)
 to the office by Sunday, February 1 so they can be
 ready for the annual meeting which will be on
 February 22nd.





Tim Chanko is involved in this wonderful fundraiser that benefits many. He also loves seeing familiar faces in the audience.

**Village Theater in Canton
Biltmore Studio**

**Performance Dates
February 6,7 at 7:30 PM**

Celebrate the power of love in all its forms at our *Broadway Seasons of Love* concert fundraiser. This unforgettable evening of music takes audiences on a journey through the stages of love across a lifetime—romances, lasting partnerships, family bonds, and the enduring love of community. Featuring beloved showstoppers and hidden gems from Broadway's greatest musicals, the performance blends heartwarming stories with soaring vocals, creating a night of joy, nostalgia, and inspiration.

More than just a concert, *Broadway Seasons of Love* is a fundraiser that unites our community in support of the arts. Proceeds will benefit Spotlight Players' upcoming community outreach events and youth scholarships, helping to ensure that live theatre continues to bring people together and spark connections for generations to come. Join us as we celebrate the universal language of love—through music, through theatre, and through each other.

Ticket link: <https://ci.ovationtix.com/36533/production/1260548>
Or call box office: 734-394-5300

Church Weekly Schedule

Sunday 1/25	9:20 AM	Handbell Choir Rehearsal
	9:45 AM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	10:30 AM	Family Worship
		https://video.sttimothypcusa.org
	11:30 PM	Fellowship Hour
	12:00 PM	Afterglow Bible Study
Monday 1/26	6:00 PM	TOPS
Tuesday 1/27	7:30 AM	Prayer and Praise Call
		202-926-1029 - access code 235645
	9:00 AM	STARS
	1:30 PM	Zoom Adult Bible Study
		https://study.sttimothyPCUSA.org
	6:00 PM	Kindred Spirits
Wednesday 1/28		
Thursday 1/29	9:30 AM	Thursday Morning Bible Study
Friday 1/30		
Saturday 1/31		
Sunday 2/1	10:30 AM	Family Worship
		https://video.sttimothypcusa.org
	11:30 AM	Fellowship Hour
	12:00 PM	Afterglow Bible Study

Upcoming Fellowship Hours

2/1 Favorite Brunch Dish

2/8 – Super Bowl Snack

2/15 Favorite Soup

2/22 – Anything Goes

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

*Come, Thou Fount of every blessing,
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise His name-I'm fixed upon it-
Name of God's redeeming love.*

*Hither to Thy love has blest me;
Thou hast bro't me to this place;
And I know Thy hand will bring me
Safely home by Thy good grace.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Bought me with His precious blood.*

*O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter,
Bind my wandering heart to Thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it;
Seal it for Thy courts above.
Amen*

Will You Come and Follow Me

*"Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let me love be shown; will you let my name be known;
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"*

*"Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?"
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*Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name,
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.*

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

*Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah,
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but Thou art mighty;
Hold me with Thy pow'rful hand;
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,
Feed me till I want no more,
Feed me till I want no more.*

*Open now the crystal fountain,
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through;
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,
Be Thou still my strength and shield,
Be Thou still my strength and shield.*

*When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Bear me thro' the swelling current,
Land me safe on Canaan's side;
Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to Thee,
I will ever give to Thee,
Amen.*