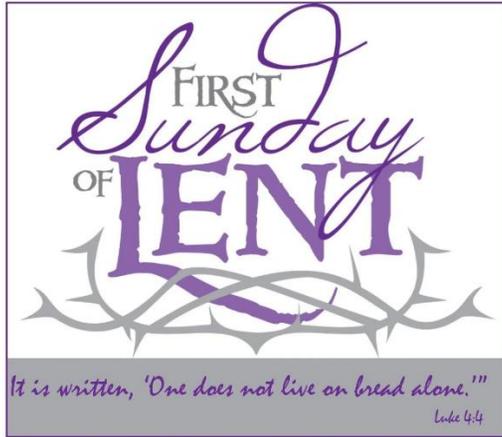


February 22, 2026
1st Sunday in Lent



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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:

Welcome!

PRELUDE “Be Unto Your Name”
Lynn Deshazo and Gary Sadler

INTROIT “Change My Heart, O God”
Eddie Espinosa/arr Peggy Bettcher

PASTORAL WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP Matt 4:1-11
People of God, on this wilderness journey, what will you eat?
The word of the Lord is our daily bread.
People of God, in this time of temptation, how will you live?
Our faith is in the faithfulness of God.
People of God, at this kingdom crossroad, whom will you serve?
We worship the Lord our God alone.

HYMN *Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days* see insert

CALL TO CONFESSION

SILENT CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Lord God, you know the ways of good and evil. You know the things that tempt us and the things that give us life. We confess that we have disobeyed your word, denying your providence and care and relying on our own cleverness. Have mercy on us, we pray: cover us with your grace, feed us with the bread of life, and renew us again; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS
Happy are those whose sin is forgiven! Be glad in the Lord and shout for joy: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God!



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. Amen. 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.*

OLD TESTAMENT READING Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7

A TIME FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN Greg Kateff

SPECIAL MUSIC
"Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley/Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen"
Lloyd Larson/Trilby Jordan

NEW TESTAMENT READING Matthew 4:1-11

SERMON "Temptation Drawing Near" Pastor Joel Puntigam

HYMN *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* 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 "Open Our Eyes"
Bob Cull/arr Peggy Bettcher

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 and praise, O God, for the free and abundant gift of grace you have given us in Jesus Christ. Let the simple gifts of our lives be a sign of our unending gratitude for your undying love; 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 *All I Need Is You* 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

*Lord, have mercy on us,
Christ, have mercy on us,
Lord, have mercy on us.*

POSTLUDE

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

**Sunday, February 22nd
Following Along in Worship**

1. Today we celebrate the first Sunday in Lent. The word Lent means:
 - a. To give away everything we own
 - b. To be renewed like the Spring
 - c. No more donuts or meat until Easter. Sad!
2. Lent is meant to get us ready for Easter by turning our hearts back to God. Is there anything that you need to ask God to forgive you for?
3. Today's Time for All of God's Children was about:
 - a. Why I already miss Paczkis
 - b. Jesus spent 40 days in the desert being tempted
 - c. The shortest bible verse is: Jesus wept
 - d. Is there such a thing as too many tacos?
4. What does it mean to be a child of God?
5. In the sermon, Pastor Joel is teaching from Matthew 4:1-11. Circle all that are true:
 - a. Jesus was tempted by the devil in the desert
 - b. Jesus gave in to the devil
 - c. Jesus did not give into the devil
 - d. Jesus turned to himself during that hard time
 - e. Jesus turned to scripture during that hard time
 - f. God and the bible can help us when we are tempted!

Serving in Worship

Greeter:	Jean Suveg
Ushers:	Chris Korne, Lou Suveg
Bulletins:	Ron Martin
Worship Assistant:	Sue Zabell
Keyboard:	Linda Delezenne
Technology:	Tina Puntigam
Safety Officer:	Tim Chanko
Tellers:	Paula Boegner, TBD
Fellowship Hour:	Anything Goes

Weekly Bible Studies

Afterglow Bible Study – See you Sunday, March 1st 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.sttimothyusa.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 March 1 – John 3:1-17.



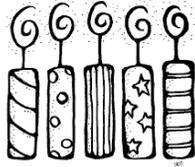
Chancel Flowers



Feeling blessed to be part of St. Timothy Church,
Patty Kreitmeyer



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:

February 22	Tim Falk
February 26	Jillian Sautter
February 28	Marlene Korne
February 29	Scott Sautter

Anniversaries:

February 27	Bob & Kimmy Taylor (38 years)
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Please... consider joining one of the committees – a new member is always welcomed with open arms. Committee moderators are: Matt Johnson (Faith Ed), Mary Baum (Mission & Outreach), Linda Houghtby (Worship), Lou Suveg (Nominating/Personnel), Tim Chanko (Finance), Chris Korne (STARS) and Greg Kateff (Strategic Planning). Or, maybe you want to share your musical talent – talk to Tim Falk for more information.



Sunday, February 22 (Today) – Annual Meeting
Friday, April 3 – Good Friday at Rosedale Gardens
Sunday, April 5 – Early Service, Deacon Breakfast and Easter Worship
Tuesday's April 14, 21 and 28 – Inquirers/New Members Class



COC has a craft day in April and they are looking for folks to help. St. Timothy is hosting. Wednesday, April 1 at 10 am. Questions? Please reach out to Mary Baum.



Greg Kateff is hosting a New Members & Inquirers class on three consecutive Tuesdays (April 14, April 21 and April 28) from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm. We plan to review and discuss everything you ever wanted to know about being Presbyterian. Especially important if you are planning on joining as a member but is also a great refresher even if you are a long-time member.

Register your interest by calling the office (734-464-8844) or email (sttimothy@sttimothypcusa.org) so we have class materials ready.



We are beginning the season of Lent. Last year many of us took part in a fasting weekend. Some did a 40 hour fast, some 24 hours, and some an 8 hour. The response was great and the feedback positive.

This year, you have the opportunity to take part in a different kind of fast which started on Friday, February 20th, and continues every Friday after that (5 of them) during Lent. It is not too late! You choose what you think you need to fast from. Maybe from your phone, the internet, a meal or 2, your favorite show. Each Friday after that, challenge yourself to expand on your fast, even if it's something small.

To help you fill that void, to not think about what you're missing, take something on, because Lent is more than giving up something or refraining from something. Practice more acts of love, kindness and grace during the day. Incorporate more acts of giving and prayer in your day.

This week there will be available a list of ideas (see insert) to help you take something on. We encourage everyone to be a part of the Friday fasting. You will receive support and encouragement communication from Pastor Joel if you sign up to fast. Your fasting is between you and God. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall.

Girl Scout Cookies

Jillian wants to share her Digital Cookie site with the congregation. She is taking orders in person as well, and we will deliver to your home if you can't make it to church. Delivery will begin around Valentine's Day.



Rosedale Gardens will be hosting an evening service on Good Friday (April 3) with St. Paul's and St. Timothy. The service will be at 7:00 pm. All are welcome, please invite friends and family.

Church Weekly Schedule

Sunday 2/22	9:20 AM	Handbell Choir Rehearsal
	9:45 AM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	10:30 AM	<i>Family Worship</i>
		https://video.sttimothypcusa.org
	After service	Annual Congregational Meeting
	After Meeting	Fellowship Hour
Monday 2/23	6:00 PM	<i>TOPS</i>
Tuesday 2/24	7:30 AM	Prayer and Praise Call
		202-926-1029 - access code 235645
	1:30 PM	Zoom Adult Bible Study
		https://study.sttimothypcusa.org
	6:00 PM	<i>Kindred Spirits</i>
Wednesday 2/25	6:30 PM	Strategic Planning
Thursday 2/26	9:30 AM	Thursday Morning Bible Study
	5:55 PM	<i>Handbell Choir Rehearsal</i>
	7:00 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Friday 2/27	All Day	Friday Fasting
Saturday 2/28		
Sunday 3/1	9:45 AM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	10:30 AM	<i>Family Worship</i>
		https://video.sttimothypcusa.org
	11:30 AM	Fellowship Hour
	12:00 PM	<i>Afterglow Bible Study</i>

Upcoming Fellowship Hours

3/1 - Men's Association 3/8 - Bagels, muffins, coffee cakes
3/15 - Favorite Irish dish 3/22 - Anything Goes

Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days

*Lord, who throughout these forty days for us did fast and pray,
teach us with you to mourn our sins and close by you to stay.*

*As you with Satan did contend and did the victory win,
O give us strength to persevere, in you to conquer sin.*

*And through these days of penitence, and through this Passion tide,
yes, evermore, in life and death, O Lord, with us abide.*

*Abide with us, till when this life of suffering shall be past,
an Easter of unending joy we may attain at last.*

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

*Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not;
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.
Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided—
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

*Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.
Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided—
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!
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*Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!
Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided—
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

All I Need Is You

*All I need is you,
Jesus, all I need is you.
You are the source of all I need.
All I need is you.*

*All I want is you,
Jesus, all I want is you.
You are the source of all I need.
All I want is you.*

*My only hope is you,
Lord, my only hope is you.
You are the source of all I need.
My only hope is you.*