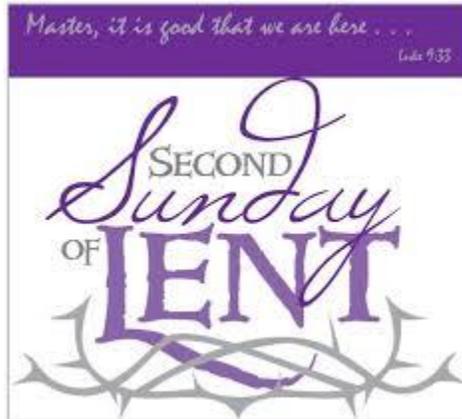


March 1, 2026
2nd Sunday in Lent



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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:

<https://video.sttimothypcusa.org>

Welcome!

PRELUDE

INTROIT “Humble Thyself in the Sight of the Lord”
Bob Hudson

PASTORAL WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 121:1, 5, 8
From where will our help come?
Our help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.
Who is our keeper?
The Lord is our keeper, by day and by night.
How long will God protect us?
God will keep our going out and our coming in from this time on and forevermore.

HYMN “The God of Abraham Praise” see insert

CALL TO CONFESSION

SILENT CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we come before you in need of forgiveness and grace. You call us to trust in you completely, but we do not. We are timid and fearful as we follow your lead. We justify our actions and words, though we know they are not what you require. We struggle to understand the new life Christ offers, preferring old habits to risky change. Forgive us, we pray. Help us to be born again into the life of Christ, trusting that you have included us by grace in the family of faith. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, God is for us and not against us! For that very reason, God sent His Son into the world not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Believe the good news, 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.
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OLD TESTAMENT READING Genesis 12:1-4a

A TIME FOR ALL GOD’S CHILDREN Linda Houghtby

SPECIAL MUSIC “Thy Will Be Done” Joyce Elaine Eilers

NEW TESTAMENT READING John 3:1-17

SERMON “Born of the Spirit” Pastor Joel Puntigam

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

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

Gracious God, we dedicate to you not only these gifts, but also ourselves, in deep gratitude— for your call on our lives, your guidance in the baptismal journey, and for blessing us that we may be a blessing to others. Accept what we bring for your own good purposes. In Christ we pray. 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 “Go with Us, Lord” see insert

SENDING AND BENEDICTION

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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, March 1st
Following Along in Worship

1. Today we celebrate the second Sunday in Lent. What did we learn last week?
 - a. Lent is about giving away everything we own
 - b. Jesus spent 40 days in the desert being tested
 - c. The shortest bible verse is: Jesus wept
 - d. Who will win it all?

2. Lent is meant to get us to think about Jesus dying on the cross. Why do you think Jesus did that for us?

3. Today's Time for All of God's Children was about:
 - a. Being born again in a literal sense
 - b. Being born again in Jesus
 - c. Best M&M's: peanut or almond?

4. How has God changed your life?

5. In the sermon, Pastor Joel is teaching from John 3:1-17. Circle all that are true:
 - a. A Pharisee named Slick-o-demus visited Jesus
 - b. A Pharisee named Nicodemus visited Jesus
 - c. No one can see the Kingdom without licorice
 - d. No one can see the Kingdom without being reborn
 - e. We are the ones who birth our new spiritual selves
 - f. God is the one who births our new spiritual selves
 - g. God loved the world so he gave us baseball
 - h. God loved the world so he gave us Jesus

Serving in Worship

Greeter:	Jean Suveg
Ushers:	Dorothy Sanchez, Kathey Turnbull
Bulletins:	Ron Martin
Worship Assistant:	Linda Houghtby
Communion Servers:	Karlane Belaire, Kathey Turnbull
Keyboard:	Paula Boegner
Technology:	Tina Puntigam
Safety Officer:	Lou Suveg
Tellers:	Paula Boegner, Bob Taylor
Fellowship Hour:	Men's Association

Weekly Bible Studies

Afterglow Bible Study – See you Sunday at 12:00 pm

In Room 17/18. Study will be an after-service sermon recap.

Zoom Bible Study – Tuesday on March 17 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 March 8 – John 4:5-42.



Chancel Flowers



Thankful for our St. Timothy family,

Ron & Muriel Martin



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



We have a new building renter on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 until 8:30. The name of the group is Total Surrender Brotherhood. It is a faith based servant leadership group for those who are recovering from addiction. Serving Jesus above all else...men from many backgrounds are welcome whether struggling, rebuilding or standing firm. Any questions, check in with Pastor Joel.



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.



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.



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@sttimothycusa.org) so we have class materials ready.

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 continues.





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.

February 2026 Session Highlight's

There is a lot going on at St Timothy as we work to "Seek God, follow Christ, serve and love our neighbor"

Session Devotional – You are never alone!

Pastor Joel led a devotional based on Joshua 1:9, "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for your Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."

- Joel spoke how human loneliness could be compared to a child lost in a crowded market.
- He spoke about imaging yourself standing beside a full flowing river representing God flowing from the past through the present into the future. Remain unbroken, continuous, undiminished, active and strong as we walk into tomorrow.

Security Update, Elders Dennis Delezenne, Chris Korne, and Shelly Walldorff went to a church security meeting put on by the city of Livonia and Homeland Security.

- Homeland Security recommended that all churches re-evaluate our risks in fire evacuation, active shooter, vehicle attack, and medical emergencies.
- The Session decided to form a Workgroup (WG) based on the STARS group who will do the risk assessments and deliver a plan to mitigate the risks to Session within the year. The WG will meet on Tuesday morning at St Timothy.

Finance Committee, Pastor Joel pointed to our strong finish of 2025. We received some significant gifts from our congregation in December. Thank you to all for your faithful gifts.

Building & Grounds

- Elder Chris Korne reported that the St Andrews organ was moved to its final resting place. All the speakers are working. Wait until you hear it! Thank you to all the Stars for their joyful hard work.
- The Stars are working to get the South end of the church ready for "Another Day Resource Center", (ADRC). We will get an opportunity to work with this ministry as they serve and love our neighbors in need.

Mission & Outreach, Elder Mary Baum reported many activities!

- The Friendship Cub came to St Timothy for a craft day. 13 of our special friends came and had a lot of fun.
- The Session approved a date for the annual Easter Egg hunt on Sunday, March 29th at 1.00 PM.

- The Session approved having a special offering on Sunday, April 26th for the Presbyterian Women which will go to a Presbyterian women's shelter.
- A call came into St Timothy for help. An older couple was having trouble making their house payment due to a cancer diagnosis and out of network charges for a specialist. The Session approved Mission & Outreach request to send \$500 from Mission funds direct to the mortgage company. The neighbor who was helping this family called 50 churches for help, only 3 replied with help.

Lenten Fasting, Pastor Joel and Elder Mary Baum discussed the Lenten Fasting for the church starting on Friday, February 18th and running every Friday until Easter except Good Friday.

- Fasting is not just about food.
- It can be almost anything that draws you away from your faith.
- They spoke about giving something up and replacing it with something productive.
- There is a sign up in the Fellowship Hall. Pastor Joel will be reaching out to all those who participate with encouragements during Lent.

Worship, Elder Linda Houghtby reported that the STARS are looking to see if the St Andrews cross can be mounted outside on the front of the church.

Faith Education, committee chair Matt Johnson reported that the new Lenten guide is out and on the table. Please take 1 per family so all can participate.

Member Care, Deacon Beth Olko reported that the Deacon Board welcomed our new Deacon Janet Richardson. Beth said that a group of long-term visitors will be added to their contact list.

Name Tags, St Timothy is being blessed experiencing a large amount of visitors. We have name tags for everyone. The Name Tags have only one flaw, you have to wear them!

Please reach out to the Elders if you have any questions.

In Christ

Dennis Delezenne

Clerk of Session

Church Weekly Schedule

Sunday 3/1	9:45 AM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	10:30 AM	Family Worship
		https://video.sttimothycusa.org
	After worship	Fellowship Hour
	12:00 PM	Afterglow Bible Study
Monday 3/2	6:00 PM	TOPS
Tuesday 3/3	7:30 AM	Prayer and Praise Call
		202-926-1029 - access code 235645
	9:00 AM	STARS
	6:30 PM	Session
Wednesday 3/4	10:00 AM	Janet Richardson PEO Group
Thursday 3/5	9:30 AM	Thursday Morning Bible Study
	11:30 AM	Ladies Luncheon
	5:55 PM	Handbell Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	6:00 PM	Compassionate Friends
Friday 3/6	All Day	Friday Fasting
Saturday 3/7	All Day	Kindred Spirits
Sunday 3/8	9:20 AM	Handbell Choir Rehearsal
	9:45 AM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	10:30 AM	Family Worship
		https://video.sttimothycusa.org
	11:30 AM	Fellowship Hour
	12:00 PM	Afterglow Bible Study

Upcoming Fellowship Hours

3/8 – Bagels, muffins, coffee cakes 3/15 – Favorite Irish dish

3/22 – Anything Goes

3/29 – Mission & Outreach

The God of Abraham Praise

*The God of Abraham praise, Who reigns enthroned above;
Ancient of everlasting days, And God of love.
Jehovah, great I AM, By earth and heaven confessed;
I bow and bless the sacred name, Forever blest.*

*The God of Abraham praise, At whose supreme command
From earth I rise, and seek the joys At His right hand.
I all on earth forsake, Its wisdom, frame, and power;
And Him my only portion make, My shield and tower.*

*He by Himself hath sworn, I on His oath depend,
I shall, on eagles wings upborne, To heaven ascend;
I shall behold His face, I shall His power adore,
And sing the wonders of His grace Forever more.*

*The whole triumphant host Give thanks to God on high;
“Hail, Father, Son and Holy Ghost!” They ever cry.
Hail, Abraham’s God and mine! I join the heavenly lays;
All might and majesty are Thine, And endless praise.
Amen.*

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.*

Go with Us, Lord

*Go with us, Lord,
and guide the way through this and every coming day,
that in your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to you.*