

March 15, 2026
4th Sunday in Lent



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Monday-Thursday: 9:30 am to 2:30 pm
Friday: 9:30 am to 12:00 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:

Welcome!

PRELUDE

INTROIT

PASTORAL WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

God does not look at the things people look at. We look on the outward appearance; God looks on the heart.

Jesus, Light of the World, give us eyes to see as you see!

Once we lived in darkness, but now as children of light, we are called to what is good and right and true.

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HYMN

As the Deer

see insert

CALL TO CONFESSION

SILENT CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we are people who still love darkness rather than light. We keep shameful deeds secret but flaunt our occasional acts of virtue. We see ourselves as blameless but pass judgment on others. Forgive us, we pray. Bring us into your light that we may see ourselves rightly. Bring us into your light that we may know ourselves loved. Bring us into your light that we may live more fruitful lives. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

The psalmist assures us that God's goodness and mercy will follow us, even pursue us, all the days of our life. As God's forgiven people, receive this goodness and mercy, and live a new life in the grace of Jesus Christ.

We will live as children of the light for Christ shines on us.



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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FIRST GOSPEL READING John 9:1-12

A TIME FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN Matt Johnson

SPECIAL MUSIC "Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)"
John Newton, Chris Tomlin and Louie Giglio

SECOND GOSPEL READING John 9:13-17, 24-41

INTERACTIVE SERMON Pastor Joel Puntigam
"From Blindness to Sight"

HYMN *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need* 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

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 gratitude, O God, we offer our thanks and praise. We long to live as children of light, doing what is pleasing to you and bearing the fruit of the light through Jesus Christ, who awakens those who sleep, and raises those who are dead to new life. In his 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 *People Need the 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 15th
Following Along in Worship**

1. Today we celebrate the fourth Sunday in Lent. What did we learn last week?
 - a. Heaven is for real
 - b. Living Water quenches our thirst for God
 - c. Coke can rot your teeth
2. Lent is meant to help us to worship God better. What can you do to worship God?
3. Today's Time for All God's Children is about:
 - a. God calls us all to be courageous
 - b. Babies are beautiful
 - c. Receiving sight from Jesus
4. What does it mean for you to believe in Jesus?
5. Today's interactive sermon is from John 9. Circle all that are true about this passage:
 - a. Jesus met a man who loved the Tigers
 - b. Jesus met a man who was blind from birth
 - c. Jesus said he was blind because he hated sports
 - d. Jesus said he was blind so he could be healed
 - e. Nobody believed that it was the same man
 - f. The Pharisees believed!
 - g. Just kidding, the Pharisee didn't believe either
 - h. Jesus came only for those who can see
 - i. Jesus came to give sight to the blind, including those spiritually blind

Serving in Worship

Greeter:	Jean Chapp
Ushers:	Youth
Bulletins:	Ron Martin
Worship Assistant:	Jillian Sautter
Soloist:	Dave Olko, Sr.
Keyboard:	Linda Delezenne
Technology:	Tina Puntigam
Safety Officer:	Lou Suveg
Tellers:	Paula Boegner, Kim Gaines
Fellowship Hour:	Favorite Irish Dish

Weekly Bible Studies

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

In Room 16. 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 22 – John 11:1-45.



Chancel Flowers



Thankful for my St. Timothy family!

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:

March 20 Max Gulyas
March 21 Kathryn Radamis
March 27 Kimmy Taylor

Anniversaries:

No anniversaries this month



Sunday, March 29 – Easter Egg Hunt
Friday, April 3 – Good Friday at Rosedale Gardens
Sunday, April 5 – 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.

Last Call - 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.



On Sunday, March 29th, the Mission & Outreach committee is hosting a community wide Easter egg hunt. The fun starts at 1:00 pm. If you would like to help, there is a sign up in the fellowship hall. We also need donations of candy to fill the eggs.



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.



The 2026 Per capita is \$41.00 per member. The per capita assessment exists as a way for all Presbyterians to share costs that belong to the whole church, to give meaning to the interdependent nature of Presbyterian polity. This is a set amount of money (apportionment) per member that congregations pay to the larger Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

The 2026 Initial Offering Envelope is designed to allow every member the opportunity to donate funds to help defray the cost of our 2026 weekly envelopes. Regular use of these envelopes is important for the support St. Timothy's programs and mission.

Thank you for helping us with these financial commitments.

The Finance and Stewardship Committee

Church Weekly Schedule

Sunday 3/15	10:30 AM	Family Worship
		https://video.sttimothycusa.org
	After worship	<i>Fellowship Hour</i>
	12:00 PM	Afterglow Bible Study
Monday 3/16	6:00 PM	Deacons
	6:00 PM	<i>TOPS</i>
Tuesday 3/17	7:30 AM	Prayer and Praise Call
		202-926-1029 - access code 235645
	9:00 AM	<i>STARS</i>
	1:30 PM	Zoom Adult Bible Study
		https://study.sttimothycusa.org
	6:30 PM	<i>Nominating & Personnel</i>
Wednesday 3/18	6:30 PM	Strategic Planning
	7:00 PM	Total Body Surrender
Thursday 3/19	9:30 AM	Thursday Morning Bible Study
	5:55 PM	<i>Handbell Choir Rehearsal</i>
	7:00 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Friday 3/20	All Day	Friday Fasting
Saturday 3/21	8:00 AM	Men's Association Breakfast
Sunday 3/22	9:35 AM	Handbell Choir Rehearsal
	9:45 AM	<i>Chancel Choir Rehearsal</i>
	10:30 AM	Family Worship
		https://video.sttimothycusa.org
	11:30 AM	<i>Fellowship Hour</i>
	12:00 PM	Afterglow Bible Study

Upcoming Fellowship Hours

3/22 – Anything Goes

4/5 – Deacon's Easter breakfast

3/29 – Mission & Outreach

4/12 -

As the Deer

*As the deer pants for the water,
so my soul longs after you.
You alone are my heart's desire,
and I long to worship you.
You alone are my strength, my shield;
to you alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire,
and I long to worship you.*

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

*My shepherd will supply my need; Jehovah is his name.
In pastures fresh he makes me feed, beside the living stream.
He brings my wandering spirit back when I forsake his ways,
and leads me, for his mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.*

*When I walk through the shades of death your presence is my stay;
one word of your supporting breath drives all my fears away.
Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my table spread;
my cup with blessings overflows; your oil anoints my head.*

*The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days;
O may your house be my abode, and all my work be praise.
There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come;
no more a stranger, or a guest, but like a child at home.*

People Need the Lord

*People need the Lord, people need the Lord;
at the end of broken dreams, he's the open door.*

*People need the Lord, people need the Lord;
when will we realize people need the Lord.*