

March 22, 2026
5th Sunday in Lent



St. Timothy Presbyterian Church
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Office Hours:
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 “Open Our Eyes” Bob Cull

PASTORAL WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP Ezekiel 37:1,13-14
The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the LORD and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones.

This is what the Sovereign LORD says: O my people, I am going to open your graves and bring you up from them; I will bring you back to the land of Israel.

Then you, my people, will know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and bring you up from them.

I will put my Spirit in you and you will live, and I will settle you in your own land. Then you will know that I the LORD have spoken, and I have done it, declares the LORD.

HYMN *Create In Me a Clean Heart* see insert

CALL TO CONFESSION

SILENT CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord, if you held our sin against us, who could live, who could stand? We seem to have more faith in death than hope in your promise of life. We believe that death will come for us all, but life after death eludes our understanding. Even so, you love us; still there is forgiveness with you! Therefore, we worship you; for you alone, O Lord, can save us from death and redeem us from our sin. Amen.

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord! If Jesus Christ dwells in you, the Spirit of God will be your life and the grace of God will be your righteousness. And if the Holy Spirit dwells in you, then God, who raised Jesus from the dead, will also give life to your mortal bodies. Friends, this is the good news of the gospel: 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.

MINUTE FOR MISSION: BOARDWALK Tim Chanko

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 11:1-27

A TIME FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN Matt Johnson

SPECIAL MUSIC "Wash Their Feet" Pepper Choplin

SECOND GOSPEL READING John 11:28-45

SERMON Pastor Joel Puntigam
 "The Resurrection and the Life"

HYMN *There Is a Balm in Gilead* 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 "Come and Find the Quiet Center"
 Shirley Erena Murray/arr B.F. White

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:

Holy God, giver of life, we thank you for raising us up and joining us together as one people, your people, flesh and bone in the body of Christ. As you have delivered us from death, use our lives to proclaim the good news of new life in Jesus 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 *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* 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, March 22nd
Following Along in Worship

1. Today we celebrate the fifth Sunday in Lent. What did we learn last week?
 - a. Dietrich Bonhoeffer is awesome!
 - b. Jesus is a Rock Star
 - c. Jesus heals our spiritual blindness
 - d. Babies are beautiful

2. Lent is meant to help us believe in Jesus. What can you do to show that you believe in him?

3. What was the Time for All God's Children about?
 - a. Hamburgers are tasty
 - b. Hawaii is beautiful
 - c. Raising the dead to life

4. What are you looking forward to most about Palm Sunday?

5. In the sermon, Pastor Joel is teaching from John 11:1-45. Circle all that are true about this passage:
 - a. When Jesus didn't come, Lazarus was still ok
 - b. When Jesus didn't come, Lazarus died
 - c. Martha was very upset that Jesus did not come
 - d. Jesus told Martha her brother would stay dead
 - e. Jesus told Martha that Lazarus would rise again
 - f. Jesus cannot help us or heal us
 - g. Jesus can help us for he is the resurrection/life
 - h. Jesus is all we need to live

Serving in Worship

Greeter:	Patty Kreitmeyer
Ushers:	Chris Korne, Lou Suveg
Bulletins:	Ron Martin
Worship Assistant:	Karlane Belaire
Keyboard:	Linda Delezenne
Technology:	Tina Puntigam
Safety Officer:	Kathey Turnbull
Tellers:	Paula Boegner, TBD
Fellowship Hour:	Faith Education

Weekly Bible Studies

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

In Room 16. Study will be an after-service sermon recap.

The Word Together 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 March 31 – Matthew 21:1-11.



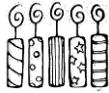
Chancel Flowers



Thank you for all the prayers that everybody sent to me,
Lavonda Kudianian



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 28

Ava Woodard

March 30

Trish Abela

Anniversaries:

No anniversaries this week



Sunday, March 29 – Easter Egg Hunt

Friday, April 3 – Deacon Easter Breakfast Set up and Good Friday Worship at Rosedale Gardens

Sunday, April 5 – Deacon Breakfast, Easter Egg Hunt and Easter Worship

Tuesday, April 14 – Presbytery of Detroit

Tuesday's April 14, 21 and 28 – Inquirers/New Members Class

Sunday, April 19 – Easter Caroling



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



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.

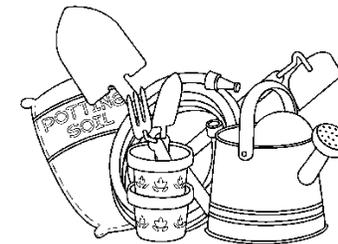


The 2026 Per capita is \$41.00 per member. The per capita assessment exists as a way for all Presbyterians to share costs that belong to the whole church, to give meaning to the interdependent nature of Presbyterian polity. This is a set amount of money (apportionment) per member that congregations pay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



There is currently space available in the St Timothy vegetable garden area. In the past, St Timothy had grown vegetables and donated them to members and to local area food banks. However, for various reasons, including less demand, the church recently stopped operating the garden and has allowed church members to use the area for their own personal use. If you are interested and want to find out more, please talk to Chris Korne, Paula Boegner, or myself. Thank you. Tim Falk

**St Timothy Presbyterian Church
Session Highlights March 4th, 2026**

Session Devotional “Keeping yourself grounded” – Pastor Joel

Whether things are going very well or going very wrong, Jesus shows us the way. Every time Jesus was tempted, tested, and trialed He had the Word of God at his fingertips. In times of trials, testing, or temptation going to the Word is a gift of God to keep us grounded and centered. Good intentions without God, lead us away from Him. We can’t be God’s people without being consistently grounded by the Word of God.

Mission & Outreach – The great Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Sunday, March 29th at 1.00 PM. The committee is asking for candy donations to fill the eggs.

Finance – Pledges already ahead this year by \$13,500 due partly by new pledges.

Properties – Elder Chris Korne and the STARS continue to work on getting the new St Andrews organ set up. They are also working with our new friends from Another Day Resource Center (ADRC) to get the south end of the building ready for their ministry.

Worship – Our Ash Wednesday service was the best attended service that many can remember.

Strategic Planning – Vision Statement flows from the Mission Statement. Strategic Planning is focusing on developing a clear Vision based on our Mission Statement and congregational input through personal interactions like town halls and small groups. Session is also planning a special retreat to define a specific vision and tactics.

Welcome **Total Surrender Brotherhood** to our church. This group emphasizes Christ centered healing and spiritual recovery. Pastor Joel is their spiritual mentor.

Church Weekly Schedule

Sunday 3/22	9:35 AM	Handbell Choir Rehearsal
	9:45 AM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	10:30 AM	Family Worship
		https://video.sttimothypcusa.org
	After worship	Fellowship Hour
	12:00 PM	Afterglow Bible Study
Monday 3/23	6:00 PM	TOPS
Tuesday 3/24	7:30 AM	Prayer and Praise Call
		202-926-1029 - access code 235645
	9:00 AM	STARS
	1:30 PM	The Word Together Zoom Bible Study
		https://study.sttimothypcusa.org
	6:00 PM	Kindred Spirits Quilting Guild
Wednesday 3/25	7:00 PM	Total Surrender Brotherhood
Thursday 3/26	9:30 AM	Thursday Morning Bible Study
	5:55 PM	Handbell Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Friday 3/27	All Day	Friday Fasting
Saturday 3/28		
Sunday 3/29	9:45 AM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	10:30 AM	Family Worship - Palm Sunday
		https://video.sttimothypcusa.org
	11:30 AM	Fellowship Hour
	1:00 PM	Easter Egg Hunt

Upcoming Fellowship Hours

3/29 – Mission & Outreach 4/5 – Deacon’s Easter breakfast
4/12 - 4/19 – Anything Goes

Create in me a Clean Heart.

*Create in me a clean heart, oh God
And renew a right spirit within me
Create in me a clean heart, oh God
And renew a right spirit within me*

*Cast me not away from Thy presence, oh Lord
And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation
And renew a right spirit within me*

*Create in me a clean heart, oh God,
And renew a right spirit within me.
Create in me a clean heart, oh God,
And renew a right spirit within me
And renew a right spirit within me.*

There Is a Balm in Gilead

*There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole;
There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.*

*Sometimes I feel discouraged, And think my work's in vain,
But then the Holy Spirit Revives my soul again.
There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole;
There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.*

*If you cannot preach like Peter, If you cannot pray like Paul,
You can tell the love of Jesus, And say, "He died for all."
There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole;
There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.*

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

*Precious Lord, take my hand,
Lead me on, help me stand—
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
Thro' the storm, thro' the night,
Lead me on to the light—
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.*

*When my way grows drear,
Precious Lord, linger near—
When my life is almost gone;
Hear my cry, hear my call,
Hold my hand lest I fall—
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.*

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