

March 8, 2026
3rd 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

PASTORAL WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 95:6

O come, let us worship and bow down;

Let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker.

The hour is coming and is now here.

In spirit and truth, let us worship God.

HYMN

Change My Heart, O God

see insert

CALL TO CONFESSION

SILENT CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, you know who we are. You know everything we have done. We thirst for things that will never satisfy us. We commit ourselves to things that will never last. We worship things that will never bring salvation. Still, you offer us the gift of living water. Still, you offer us the gift of eternal life. Forgive us, O Lord, and give us this living water, so that we may never thirst again. Amen.

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

This is the good news of God's grace: Though we were sinners, Christ died for us. Though we were enemies of God, God loved us. Once we were lost and dead— now Christ has become our life and salvation. 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 Psalm 42:1-8

A TIME FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN Kathey Turnbull

SPECIAL MUSIC "Psalm of Quietness"
John F. Wilson/arr Jack Schrader

NEW TESTAMENT READING John 4:5-34

SERMON "How to Quench Our Thirst" Pastor Joel Puntigam

HYMN *Fill My Cup, Lord* 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:

O Lord, you are our God; we are the people of your pasture, the sheep of your hand. As you have fed us by your mercy, may it be our daily bread to do your will; through 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 *Just a Closer Walk with Thee* 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 8th
Following Along in Worship

1. Today we celebrate the third Sunday in Lent. What did we learn last week?
 - a. Lent means that we can do whatever we want
 - b. Rebirth by the Spirit of God
 - c. Snicker doodles are great cookies

2. Lent is meant to help us be a better follower of Jesus. What can you do to follow Jesus in your life?

3. Today's Time for All God's Children was about:
 - a. Pizza is like our faith
 - b. The Living Water of Jesus
 - c. *Lucky Charms* cereal is the best!

4. What does going to church mean to you?

5. In the sermon, Pastor Joel will teach on Jesus and the woman at the well from John 4. Circle all that are true about this passage:
 - a. Jesus asked the woman for food
 - b. Jesus asked the woman for water
 - c. Jesus offered the woman living water
 - d. Living water is water that is alive
 - e. Living water is eternal life given by the Spirit
 - f. Jesus also offers food to eat
 - g. This food is falafel and shawarma.
 - h. This food is doing the will of God
 - i. Our hunger and thirst are met by Jesus

Serving in Worship

Greeter:	Karen Kateff
Ushers:	Patty Kreitmeyer, Lou Suveg
Bulletins:	Ron Martin
Worship Assistant:	Kathey Turnbull
Keyboard:	Paula Boegner
Technology:	Tim Chanko
Safety Officer:	Rich Belaire
Tellers:	Paula Boegner, Patty Kreitmeyer
Fellowship Hour:	Bagels, muffins & coffee cakes

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 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 15 – John 9:1-17, 24-37



Chancel Flowers



Dedicated to Jean Chapp,

“Three Wonderful Years together and counting”

Matt Johnson



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 8	Karlane Belaire
March 11	Mary Baum
March 13	Dorothy Sanchez

Anniversaries:

No anniversaries this month



Sunday, March 29 – Easter Egg Hunt
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.



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.



Hello everyone,

We are in the month of March 2026. The building and property came through the winter in good shape.

So far this year:

- We installed the new organ into it's final position after building a new extension to support the instrument.
- The speakers for the organ have been wired and the organ is operational. We haven't determined the final placement of the speakers yet. Working with Tim Falk, we will get this done in the next couple of months.
- Another project is to mount the large cross that we received from St. Andrews Presbyterian Church on the west side of the building. The STARS are looking at options on how best to do project.
- We have cleared rooms 13, 14, 17 and 18 for the new tenant who started moving in this week. We are happy that we have finally found an organization that is a good fit for our building. And I'm sure in the future, we will be doing things in conjunction with them. The new tenant's name is Another Day Resource Center.
- The STARS continue to do routine maintenance around the building.

Looking forward to spring weather!

Regards,
Chris Korne

One Great HOUR OF SHARING

Around the world, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. One Great Hour of Sharing supports disaster response, community development and worldwide hunger programs. This work provides people with safety, sustenance and hope. Every gift that is put in your fish bank helps to serve individuals and communities in need and helps improve the lives of people in challenging situations. Besides the fish bank offering, we will have envelope giving on Easter Sunday.



Church Weekly Schedule

Sunday 3/8	9:20 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 3/9	1:30 PM	Finance
	5:30 PM	Men's Association Dinner
	6:00 PM	TOPS
Tuesday 3/10	7:30 AM	Prayer and Praise Call
		202-926-1029 - access code 235645
	9:00 AM	STARS
	11:00 AM	Worship Committee
	5:30 PM	Faith Ed
Wednesday 3/11	12:30 PM	Faith Circle
Thursday 3/12	9:30 AM	Thursday Morning Bible Study
	5:55 PM	Handbell Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Friday 3/13	All Day	Friday Fasting
Saturday 3/14		
Sunday 3/15	9:45 AM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	10:30 AM	Family Worship
		https://video.sttimothypcusa.org
	11:30 AM	Fellowship Hour
	12:00 PM	Afterglow Bible Study

Upcoming Fellowship Hours

3/15 – Favorite Irish dish 3/22 – Anything Goes
3/29 – Mission & Outreach 4/5 – Deacon's Easter breakfast

Change My Heart, O God

*Change my heart, O God; make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.
You are the Potter, I am the clay.
Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.
Change my heart, O God; make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.*

Fill My Cup, Lord

*Like the woman at the well I was seeking
For things that could not satisfy;
And then I heard my Savior speaking:
“Draw from My well that never shall run dry.”
Fill my cup, Lord—I lift it up, Lord!
Come and quench this thirsting of my soul;
Bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more—
Fill my cup, fill it up and make me whole!*

*There are millions in this world who are craving
The pleasures earthly things afford;
But none can match the wondrous treasure
That I find in Jesus Christ, my Lord
Fill my cup, Lord—I lift it up, Lord!
Come and quench this thirsting of my soul;
Bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more—
Fill my cup, fill it up and make me whole!*

*So, my brother, if the things this world gave you
Leave hungers that won't pass away,
My blessed Lord will come and save you,
If you kneel to Him and humbly pray:
Fill my cup, Lord—I lift it up, Lord!
Come and quench this thirsting of my soul;
Bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more—
Fill my cup, fill it up and make me whole!*

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

*I am weak, but thou art strong;
Jesus, keep me from all wrong;
I'll be satisfied as long
as I walk, let me walk close to thee.
Just a closer walk with thee,
grant it, Jesus, is my plea,
daily walking close to thee:
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.*

*Through this world of toil and snares,
if I falter, Lord, who cares?
Who with me my burden shares?
None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee.
Just a closer walk with thee,
grant it, Jesus, is my plea,
daily walking close to thee:
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.*

*When my feeble life is o'er,
time for me will be no more;
guide me gently, safely o'er
to thy shore, dear Lord, to thy shore.
Just a closer walk with thee,
grant it, Jesus, is my plea,
daily walking close to thee:
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.*