

July 12, 2026
7th Sunday after Pentecost



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Office Hours:
Monday-Thursday: 9:30 am to 2:30 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:
<https://video.sttimothypcusa.org>

Welcome!

PRELUDE

INTROIT “Bring Forth the Kingdom” Marty Haugen

PASTORAL WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 119:132,133

Blessed be God whose word gives hope and shapes our dreams,

Whose love has conquered death.

Blessed be God who orders our way and guides our steps,

Who leads us into life.

Let us give thanks to God with our hearts and voice raised up in worship!

HYMN *I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord* see insert

CALL TO CONFESSION

SILENT CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We confess that we have turned away from you and have not lived with upright hearts. We do not believe your kingdom to be more valuable than our possessions. Forgive us for failing to follow you. Guide our feet to walk in your ways and serve your world to the glory of your name. Amen.

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? Nothing we have done, nothing we will ever do, is enough to separate us from the love of God made known in Jesus Christ. Therefore, once again hear and believe in the good news of the Gospel: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Amen and Alleluia.



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. Allelu. Amen.

MINUTE FOR MISSION: BOARDWALK

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 1 Kings 3:5-12

A TIME FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN Kathy Turnbull

SPECIAL MUSIC "Simple Kingdom"

Cody Carnes, Bryan Torwalt, Katie Torwalt and Paul Duncan

NEW TESTAMENT READING Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

SERMON Pastor Joel Puntigam
"What is the Kingdom of Heaven?"

HYMN *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms* 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:

We dedicate our lives to you this day and seal that promise by way of this offering. We give out of the abundance of our hearts, that the treasure of your kingdom may be shared with many. Thank you for giving us grateful hearts and a spirit of generosity for the flourishing of your realm. Amen and Alleluia!

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 *Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name* 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

*God be with you till we meet again;
By His counsels guide, up-hold you,
With His sheep securely fold you;
God be with you till we meet again.*

**Feasting on the Word Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year A, Volume 2*

Sunday, July 12th
Following Along in Worship

1. Jesus says we are to love our neighbor as we love ourselves. Here are some ways that we can love our neighbor:
 - a. Shoot off fireworks until 2am. Awesome!
 - b. Help anyone who needs help
 - c. Pelt them with water balloons to cool them off
 - d. Be kind to others even when they aren't
 - e. Give 10% of your allowance to church or charity

2. Jesus says that there is both good and evil in this world. What are we to do about it?

3. What was the Time for All God's Children about today?
 - a. Great things begin small
 - b. Best invention: sliced bread or can opener?
 - c. The life and death of King Nebuchadnezzar

4. What examples do you have of small things that turn out to be big or mighty in the end?

5. In the sermon, Pastor Joel will teach from Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52. Circle all that are true about this passage:
 - a. Jesus told parables about large things
 - b. Jesus told parables about small things
 - c. Those small things had no value
 - d. Those small things had great value!
 - e. The power of playdough
 - f. God only uses the big, powerful, and rich
 - g. God uses the small, weak, and poor for his glory

Serving in Worship

Greeter:	Chris Korne
Ushers:	Mary Baum, Patty Kreitmeyer
Bulletins:	Ron Martin
Worship Assistant:	Kathey Turnbull
Soloist:	Paula Boegner
Keyboard:	Paula Boegner
Technology:	Tim Chanko
Safety Officer:	Dennis Delezenne
Tellers:	Paula Boegner, Patty Kreitmeyer
Fellowship Hour:	Anything Goes

Weekly Bible Studies

Afterglow Bible Study – On Hiatus - See you Sunday, Aug 2 at 12:00 pm In Room 16. Study will be an after-service sermon recap.

The Word Together Zoom Bible Study – See you Tuesday at 1:30 pm. We continue with the book of Joshua.

This is the link address to join: <https://study.sttimothycusa.org>

Adult Weekly Bible Study - Thursday –On Hiatus, see you Thursday July 30 at 9:30 am

Our study is on the passage that Pastor Joel will be preaching on August 2 – Matthew 14:13-21.



Chancel Flowers



Celebrating Liana's July 15th Birthday

Dave & Beth Olko

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:

July 15

Liana Olko

Anniversaries:

July 12

Tom and Nancy Evans
(46 Years)

July 14

Joel and Tina Puntigam
(25 years)



Wednesday, July 1 – September 2 – Campfire Worship

Sunday, July 19 – July 4th Caroling

Friday and Saturday, August 7 and 8 – Project Days

Sunday, August 9 – Worship in the Park

Monday, August 10 – Life Line



COC has a craft day in August and they are looking for folks to help. St. Timothy is hosting. Wednesday, August 5 at 10 am. Questions? Please reach out to Mary Baum.

Do you have someone that is in need of prayer? Put their name on a prayer ribbon and tie it to the fence out front. Write your concerns and worries and give them to God. Give Him thanks and praises. The prayer ribbons are a spiritual and awesome sight to see fluttering in the wind. Ribbons are on the table in the main entry.



Our “people in need” fund could use some replenishment. If you - could help, that would be appreciated! Thanks to those who have donated recently.



**Catnip is available to anyone who wants some.
Please ask Linda D., Carol P. or Sue to get some for you.**



2026 Wednesday Evening Campfires

- July 1 – September 2 at 7:30 pm.
- Please come and join in the fun throughout the summer.
- Activities include testimonials, “stump the pastor” and singing songs!
- Bring your bag chair and invite your friends, families and neighbors.



Faith Circle works closely with Oakland County Foster Closet. They serve 250 - 300 children and teens every month that are in foster homes and those that have to leave their homes in an emergency. The Foster Closet has a suitcase or bag packed and ready for them. We are collecting items to help replenish their shelves for the rest of June and July. Please drop them off at church and put them in the basket in the Narthex. Thank you!

Needs:

- 1.Spring/Summer Clothing - Preemie to Teenage
- 2.Spring/Summer Coats
3. Shoes
- 4.Twin/Full Size Sheets
- 5.Throw Blankets
- 6.New Pillows
- 7.Suitcases/Duffle Bags- New & Gently Used
- 8.Ikea Bags
- 9.Full Size Hygiene Products- Baby to Teenage - Shampoo/Conditioner, Body Wash, Deodorant, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Baby Wipes
- 10.Pull Ups/size 5T-6T
11. Dolls
12. Board Games
13. Crafts
14. Legos
15. Outdoor Toys



Attention Ladies! On Tuesday, August 11th we will be going to Chacko U-Pick Farms in Plymouth Township. You can pick a beautiful bouquet of flowers. (They welcome donations of money and vases.) Meet at church at 10:00 am. There is a sign up in the fellowship hall. Lunch afterwards will be at Karl's Cabin.

SURVEY

In 2025, St Timothy's Session invited the congregation to engage in four areas of discernment: building use, invitation, finances, and affecting the culture. We are now planning on revisiting that time of initial discernment in order to gather your thoughts via a survey so that the Session may begin the process of creating a long-term Vision Statement. The kickoff begins at fellowship hour today, Sunday, July 12th, with the expectation that the survey will be completed within next two months. During the kickoff event there will be a 10-minute presentation on the four areas of discernment, at which time the survey will be distributed. We expect that there will be questions, so please don't hesitate to reach out to Pastor Joel or a member of Strategic Planning. Thank you!



Ice Cream!

I scream, you scream,
We all scream for Ice cream!

Thursdays at 7 PM in July

St. Tim's favorite local ice cream shops:

Schedule:

7/16 Han-d-dip in Livonia 32624 Five Mile Rd 48154

7/23 JJ's Custard in Canton 44296 Cherry Hill Rd 48187

7/30 Dairy-Go-Round Plymouth 1226 S Main St 48170



Please join in for Patriotic Caroling!
Sunday, July 19th
1:00 pm – meet at the church

The “Born to be a Blessing Bus” is going to the Farmington Founders Parade! You can help out by putting together goodie bags on July 17 at 11:00 am in Fellowship Hall. And, Cynthia is still looking for a few volunteers to fill the bus on July 18 for the parade – call her at 248-469-6607.

Church Weekly Schedule

Sunday 7/12	10:30 AM	Family Worship https://video.sttimothypcusa.org
	11:30 AM	<i>Fellowship Hour</i>
	12:00 PM	Afterglow Bible Study
Monday 7/13	1:30 PM	Finance
	5:30 PM	<i>TOPS</i>
	5:30 PM	Men's Association at Korne's
Tuesday 7/14	7:30 AM	Prayer and Praise Call https://study.sttimothypcusa.org
	9:00 AM	<i>STARS</i>
	1:30 PM	The Word Together Zoom Bible Study https://study.sttimothypcusa.org
	5:30 PM	<i>Faith Education Committee</i>
Wednesday 7/15	7:00 PM	Total Surrender Brotherhood
	7:30 PM	<i>Campfire Worship</i>
Thursday 7/16	7:00 PM	Han-d-dip in Livonia 32624 Five Mile Rd 48154
Friday 7/17	11:00 AM	Another Day Resources
Saturday 7/18	8:00 AM	Men's Association
Sunday 7/19	10:30 AM	Family Worship https://video.sttimothypcusa.org
	11:30 AM	<i>Fellowship Hour</i>

Upcoming Fellowship Hours

7/19 – bagels, muffins, coffee cakes, etc

7/26 - Dips/chips, crackers/cheese

8/2 –

8/9 – Worship in the Park (no fellowship hour)

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

*I love Thy kingdom, Lord,
The house of Thine abode,
The Church our blest Redeemer saved
With His own precious blood.*

*I love Thy Church, O God!
Her walls before Thee stand,
Dear as the apple of Thine eye,
And graven on Thy hand.*

*For her my tears shall fall;
For her my prayers ascend;
To her my cares and toils be giv'n,
Till toils and cares shall end.*

*Beyond my highest joy
I prize her heav'nly ways,
Her sweet communion, solemn vows,
Her hymns of love and praise.*

*Sure as Thy truth shall last,
To Zion shall be giv'n
The brightest glories earth can yield,
And brighter bliss of heav'n.*

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

*What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms;
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.
Leaning, leaning, Safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning, Leaning on the everlasting arms.*

*O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
Leaning on the everlasting arms;
O, how bright the path grows from day to day,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.
Leaning, leaning, Safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning, Leaning on the everlasting arms.*

*What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
Leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.
Leaning, leaning, Safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning, Leaning on the everlasting arms.*

Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name

*Savior, again to Thy dear name we raise
With one accord our parting hymn of praise;
Once more we bless Thee ere our worship cease;
With eager hearts we wait Thy word of peace.*

*Grant us Thy peace upon our homeward way;
With Thee began, with Thee shall end the day;
Guard Thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,
That in this house have called upon Thy name.
Amen*