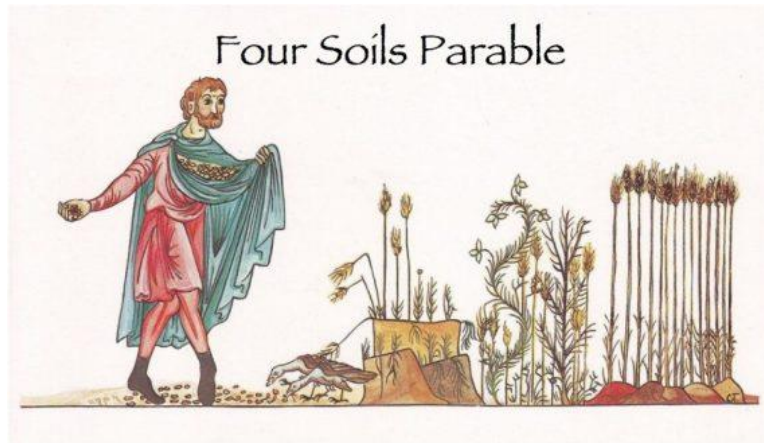


July 26, 2026
9th Sunday after Pentecost



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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 “A Sower Came from Ancient Hills”
Herman G. Stuempfle Jr./John D. Horman

INTROIT “Lord, Who May Dwell within Your House”
Roy Hopp/Christopher Webber

PASTORAL WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 65
God’s creation delights and astonishes.
Let the people pause and wonder!
God, the Creator, has made it all.
Let all creation shout and sing! Alleluia!

HYMN *Sweet Hour of Prayer* see insert

CALL TO CONFESSION

SILENT CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Faithful God, your word falls on hardened ground when our worldly anxiety and attachment to wealth crowd out your place in our lives. Forgive our frail and human ways and cultivate in us a spirit of trust and faithfulness, for you are our hope for deliverance. Amen.

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS
Brothers and sisters, when deeds of iniquity overwhelm us, God forgives our transgressions. Be at peace, for God restores and strengthens you and waters your soul in its parched and hardened places. Happy are those who come into God’s courts, for you shall be satisfied with the goodness of God and rejoice in the holiness of God’s temple.
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.

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 65:9-13

A TIME FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN Matt Johnson

SPECIAL MUSIC "Ancient Words" Lynn Deshazo

NEW TESTAMENT READING Matthew 13:1-13, 18-23

SERMON Pastor Keith Cornfield
 "A Fourfold Field From Four Fronts"

HYMN *Wonderful Words of Life* 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:
You call us to sow your word in all times and places, even when the ground is hard and shallow. For faith is a gift that comes from you, and fruitful discipleship is the work of your Spirit in us. May the gifts we offer this day spread the good news of life abundant in Christ. 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 *O for a Heart to Praise My God* see insert

SENDING AND BENEDICTION
Empowered by the Holy Spirit, our mission is to: seek God, follow Christ, serve and love our neighbor.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE
***And all the trees of the field will clap their hands,
 the trees of the field will clap their hands,
 the trees of the field will clap their hands
 while you go out with joy.***

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

Sunday, July 26th
Following Along in Worship

1. Last week the passage that Cassy taught about was the weeds in the field. What does this passage tell us about how God deals with difficult people in this world?
2. Jesus says we can trust him with our worries. What is a worry that you can hand over to him?
3. What was the Time for All God's Children about today?
 - a. Growing Jesus in our heart
 - b. Why AC is so cool
 - c. An apple a day keeps the doctor away
4. So, you've already taken back your worry. Hand it back to God and let him handle it – ok?
5. In the sermon, Pastor Keith will teach from Matthew 13. Circle all that are true about this passage:
 - a. Jesus told a story about growing jalapenos
 - b. Jesus told a story about growing his Word
 - i. The Word grows on the outside
 - ii. The Word grows on the inside
 - c. The Word grows when our hearts are hard
 - d. The Word only grows when the heart is ready
 - e. Worries and Distractions kill the growth
 - f. Trust helps Jesus to grow in our hearts

Serving in Worship

Greeter:	Dennis Delezenne
Ushers:	Chris Korne, Lou Suveg
Bulletins:	Ron Martin
Worship Assistant:	Matt Johnson
Special Music:	Paula Boegner, Tim Chanko
Keyboard:	Linda Delezenne
Technology:	Scott Gaines
Safety Officer:	Kathey Turnbull
Tellers:	Paula Boegner, Kim Gaines
Fellowship Hour:	Dips/chips, crackers/cheese

Weekly Bible Studies

Afterglow Bible Study –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.sttimothypcusa.org>

Adult Weekly Bible Study - Thursday – 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



In thanksgiving for a church that puts God first.

Linda and Dave Houghtby

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 26	Karen Hooks
July 26	Jeanne Phillips
July 28	Dee Coleman
August 1	Patty Frutchey

Anniversaries:

July 31	Greg and Karen Kateff (50 years)
July 31	Lou and Jean Suveg (50 years)



Wednesday, July 1 – September 2 – Campfire Worship

Wednesday, August 5 – COC Arts & Crafts

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 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 began last Sunday, July 12th, with the expectation that the survey will be completed within the next two months. The . 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! Link: <https://forms.gle/JzNtacDdSijw7T6n8>



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:

Last day!

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



Just a reminder that there is a blue payment lockbox outside of the office door. Please use it for payments that do not go in the offering. Examples would be chancel flowers, holiday flowers, memorial gifts, memorial brick payments, Another Day Resource gift cards, donations etc. Thank you for your cooperation.



Do you have a craft or project you want to focus on for a couple of days? Quilters, sewers, knitters, crocheters, scrapbookers, diamond dotters, painters, stamp collectors, jewelry makers, card players, paper shufflers, silver polishers, etc!

**August 7 from 1 – 9 pm, dinner included
August 8 from 8 am - 4 pm, lunch included**

Come join us for time dedicated to your project. All are welcome!!

**Cost is \$7.50/day, \$15.00 for both days
(cash or check made out to St. Timothy)**

Under 18 FREE

**Turn in forms by August 2 to Carol, Dorothy or Sue.
Forms only in Carol's Deacon box.**

Questions? Carol Prevost, Dorothy Sanchez, or Sue Zabell

Church Weekly Schedule

Sunday 7/26	10:30 AM	Family Worship
		https://video.sttimothypcusa.org
	11:30 AM	<i>Fellowship Hour</i>
Monday 7/27	5:30 PM	TOPS
Tuesday 7/28	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
	6:30 PM	<i>Strategic Planning</i>
	6:30 PM	Kindred Spirits
Wednesday 7/29	7:00 PM	Total Surrender Brotherhood
	7:30 PM	<i>Campfire Worship</i>
Thursday 7/30	9:30 AM	Thursday Morning Bible Study
	7:00 PM	<i>Dairy-Go-Round Plymouth</i>
		1226 S Main St 48170
Friday 7/31		
Saturday 8/1	All Day	Kindred Spirits
Sunday 8/2	10:30 AM	Family Worship
		https://video.sttimothypcusa.org
	11:30 AM	<i>Fellowship Hour</i>
	12:00 PM	Afterglow Bible Study

Upcoming Fellowship Hours

8/2 – Favorite salad

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

8/16 – Faith Education

8/21 – Anything Goes

Sweet Hour of Prayer

*Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer,
That calls me from a world of care,
And bids me at my Father's throne
Make all my wants and wishes known;
In seasons of distress and grief,
My soul has often found relief,
And oft escaped the tempter's snare
By thy return, sweet hour of prayer.*

*Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer,
Thy wings shall my petition bear
To Him whose truth and faithfulness
Engage the waiting soul to bless:
And since He bids me seek His face,
Believe His Word, and trust His grace,
I'll cast on Him my ev'ry care,
And wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer.*

Wonderful Words of Life

*Sing them over again to me, Wonderful words of Life;
Let me more of their beauty see, Wonderful words of Life.
Words of life and beauty, Teach me faith and duty;
Beautiful words, wonderful words, Wonderful words of Life.
Beautiful words, wonderful words, Wonderful words of Life.*

*Christ, the blessed One, gives to all Wonderful words of Life;
Sinner, list to the loving call, Wonderful words of Life.
All so freely given, Wooing us to Heaven:
Beautiful words, wonderful words, Wonderful words of Life.
Beautiful words, wonderful words, Wonderful words of Life.*

*Sweetly echo the gospel call, Wonderful words of Life;
Offer pardon and peace to all, Wonderful words of Life.
Jesus, only Savior, Sanctify the forever:
Beautiful words, wonderful words, Wonderful words of Life.
Beautiful words, wonderful words, Wonderful words of Life.*

O for a Heart to Praise My God

*O for a heart to praise my God,
A heart from sin set free,
A heart that always feels Thy blood
So freely shed for me!*

*A heart in every thought renewed,
And full of love divine;
Perfect and right and pure and good,
A copy, Lord, of Thine!*

*Thy nature, gracious Lord, impart;
Come quickly from above,
Write Thy new name upon my heart,
Thy, new, best name of Love.
Amen*



Pastor Keith Cornfield grew up in a Jewish home in Southfield. In 1993, he accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Lord and Savior. Keith obtained his Bachelor's Degree in Psychology from the University of Michigan (1983) and Masters in Social Work from Wayne State University (1986). He served in the mental health and substance abuse fields as a therapist and administrator for over 20 years. Keith also served as a ruling elder at First Presbyterian of Plymouth, where he led many Bible studies and a men's group over the course of 10 years.

In his early forties, God led Keith to enter the ministry. After receiving his Master of Divinity degree from Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond, he served as pastor of New Providence Presbyterian in Raphine, Virginia from 2010 until 2015. Keith and Dawn returned to Michigan so that Dawn could be close to her aging parents. Just prior to coming to Calvary in June of 2016, Keith served as Interim Pastor at First Presbyterian in Brighton. Keith's greatest passions in ministry are visiting, teaching and preaching. He was a regular contributor to the late Lectionary Homiletics preaching journal; and was awarded the 2012 Good preacher award at the Festival of Homiletics. He has also been a contributing writer to AARP magazine.

Keith and Dawn live in Tecumseh, with their two black cats: Maya and Two Spot. They love to travel, cook, and try out new restaurants. Dawn is a medical technologist in the Microbiology Department at Saint Joseph Hospital; and an avid Barbie collector and science fiction buff.

Pastor Keith believes in the authority, infallibility, and timelessness of the Bible. His preaching and teaching focuses not only on Scripture's meaning in its original context, but its practical application in our lives today. At the center of Keith's message is the Good News of forgiveness, salvation, and new life in Jesus Christ. Pastor Keith retired on 1/31/23 after 6.5 joyful years at Calvary Presbyterian in Ann Arbor. Keith and Dawn are currently members of Tecumseh Missionary Baptist Church.