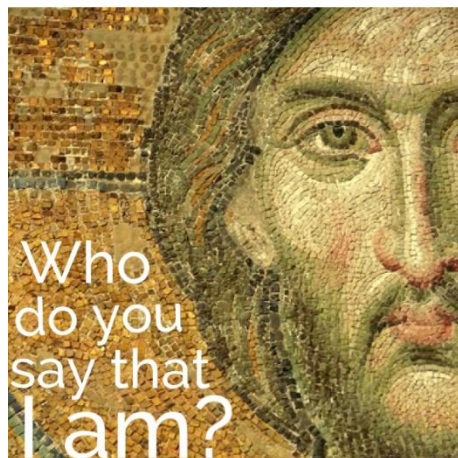


August 23, 2026
13th Sunday after Pentecost



St. Timothy Presbyterian Church
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Monday-Thursday: 9:30 am to 2:30 pm
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Music Director & Accompanist – Tim Falk
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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 "The Church's One Foundation"
Samuel J. Stone/Samuel S. Wesley

PASTORAL WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 138

We give thanks to the LORD with our whole heart.

We give thanks for God's steadfast love and faithfulness!

Though high above all things, God sees the lowly.

Even when we are in deep trouble, God makes us live again.

The love of God lasts forever!

HYMN *The Church's One Foundation* see insert

CALL TO CONFESSION

SILENT CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have conformed our lives to the ways of the world and not the ways of your kingdom. We think of ourselves too highly and regard others as lowly. We exalt possessions and power when you alone are to be exalted. Have mercy upon us, we pray. Forgive and transform us, that we may be holy and acceptable to you, discerning and doing your will. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

If it had not been the Lord who was on our side, we would now be lost in sin. But it is the Lord who is on our side, and so we are forgiven! Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth. **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 Isaiah 51:1-6

A TIME FOR ALL GOD’S CHILDREN Linda Houghtby

SPECIAL MUSIC “Sacred Prelude of Peace”
James Michael Stevens

GOSPEL READING Matthew 16:13-20

SERMON Pastor Joel Puntigam
“The Son of the Living God”

HYMN *The Solid Rock* 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:

Gracious God, we thank you for the measure of faith you have given to each of us. Increase in us generosity, compassion, and courage so we may continue to be your body in and for the world. With thanksgiving, we now dedicate these offerings in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

CALL TO PRAYER

Day by day, day by day, O, dear Lord, three things I pray: To see Thee more clearly, Love Thee more dearly, Follow Thee more nearly, Day by day.

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 *Through It All* 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, August 23rd
Following Along in Worship

1. Last week we talked about the faith and perseverance of a Canaanite woman. What can she teach us about our prayer lives?
2. It's so good to worship together as a church. What's your favorite thing about being together?
3. What was the Time for All God's Children about today?
 - a. Is this the year for the Lions?
 - b. The Greatest Evil: salt or sugar?
 - c. Jesus is my Savior
4. Why do you think it's important to say aloud that you believe in Jesus?
5. In the sermon, Pastor Joel will teach from Matthew 16:13-20. Circle all that are true about this passage:
 - a. Jesus asked his disciples about lunch
 - b. Jesus asked his disciples about his identity
 - c. Some said prophets, others said Elijah
 - d. Peter said Peter Pan!
 - e. Peter said the Christ!
 - f. The Christ is the One who saves us
 - g. Jesus told Peter he would amount to nothing
 - h. Jesus told Peter he would be the rock on which he would build his church

Serving in Worship

Greeter:	Dorothy Sanchez
Ushers:	Dorothy Sanchez, Kathey Turnbull
Bulletins:	Ron Martin
Worship Assistant:	Mitchell Sautter
Duet:	Linda Delezenne, Sue Zabell
Keyboard:	Linda Delezenne
Technology:	Tina Puntigam
Safety Officer:	Karlane Belaire
Tellers:	Paula Boegner, TBD
Fellowship Hour:	Anything Goes

Weekly Bible Studies

Afterglow Bible Study – Sunday at 12:00 pm In Room 16. Study will be an after-service sermon recap.

The Word Together Zoom Bible Study Tuesday – *On Hiatus, See you September 1 at 1:30 pm.* We will start a new study on Romans. 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 30 – Matthew 16:21-28.



Chancel Flowers



In memory of my grandmothers,
Rosa Crouch and Georgia Cox
Trish Abela

The **2026** Flower Chart is up on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. **Last open date is November 8.** Consider honoring a special person or event. Also, the flowers add a pop of color which is always nice.



Birthdays:

No birthdays this week

Anniversaries:

August 23

Rich and Karlane Belaire – 57 yrs



Wednesday, July 1 – September 2 – Campfire Worship

Sunday, September 13 - Rally Day

Sunday, October 11 – Crop Walk

Sunday, October 18 – Talent show during Fellowship Hour

Friday, November 20 & Saturday, November 21 – Project Days



COC has a craft day in September and they are looking for folks to help. St. Timothy is hosting. Wednesday, September 2 at 10:30 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.



Get ready for a fun exciting time at “St. Timothy’s Got Talent”. It will be on Sunday, October 18th during fellowship. Do you like to sing, dance, play an instrument or act? Maybe recite a poem or do karaoke? Prepare a solo or put a group together. We will have a potluck as well! There will be sign-ups in Fellowship Hall for both talent and the potluck. Questions? Reach out to Tim Falk, Mary Baum or Greg Kateff.

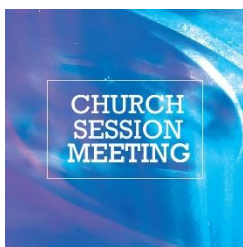


2026 Wednesday Evening Campfires

- 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.



The first Faith Circle (Women's Association) meeting is Wednesday, September 9th. We gather at 12:30 for lunch, fellowship, planning and a Bible Study. We are continuing with the book, "When Women Pray." We would love to see you there. Reach out to Trish Abela or Margaret Barsch if you have any questions.



St Timothy Presbyterian Church August Session Highlights

Devotional - Psalms 33

- This passage highlights that no king or warrior is saved by their own strength but by the Lord's unfailing love.
- The Session reflected on the meaning of hope, waiting in hope, and the fear (reverence) of the Lord.
- Our discussion emphasized rejoicing in the Lord's constant presence, especially during troubled times.

Discussion of the Day – Support for Monika

- Monika is a homeless woman who showed up at our front door at 2:30 am one morning five weeks ago. She stayed in our Memorial Garden during the night and slept in room 16 during the mornings.

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- What a blessing St Timothy's members and staff were to Monika during her stay.
- Our Shelly worked with the Compassionate Friends group and found a member who was looking for a woman to live in her house.
- The Session approved \$500 in gift cards and a ride to her new place. Please keep Monika in your prayers.
- The Session will be forming a Work Group to develop a policy on working with people who come to our door in need.

Building & Grounds

- The church purchased a new wheelchair which gives us 2 chairs.
- The Session approved the purchase of a new roof. Both flat and shingled roofs will be done by wintertime.

Strategic Planning

- The church survey is now in your hands. Please fill them out and return them. If you have questions just ask any Elder.

Notes from Pastor Joel

- Our church community is experiencing growth and new energy, with a focus on Biblical teachings and unity.
- Pastor Joel expressed pride in the Session's handling of difficult conversations and commitment to the church's mission and community support.



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 July 12th, with the expectation that the survey will be completed within the next two months. 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>

Looking for something to do on Monday
(tomorrow)? Come and help Another Day
Resource pack some backpacks!

LET'S MAKE A DIFFERENCE TOGETHER!

HELP US FILL BACKPACKS FOR CHILDREN IN NEED.

JOIN US FOR A DAY OF SERVICE AND COMPASSION!

BACKPACKS
Help us fill backpacks for children in need.

HYGIENE KITS
We'll be making hygiene kits to share hope and dignity.

CLOTHING
Help us sort clothing and get things ready for our neighbors.

ORGANIZE THE BUS
Let's organize our bus so we're ready to reach more people!

AUGUST 24, 2026
11:00AM – 3:00PM

ALL AGES WELCOME!

A SMALL BAG. A BIG IMPACT. TOGETHER, WE CAN CHANGE LIVES!

ANOTHER DAY RESOURCE CENTER
BECAUSE WE WERE BORN TO BE A BLESSING.
anotherdayresource.org

16700 Newburgh Rd.
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248.469.6607

Church Weekly Schedule

Sunday 8/23	10:30 AM	Family Worship
		https://video.sttimothypcusa.org
	after worship	<i>Fellowship Hour</i>
	12:00 PM	Afterglow Bible Study
Monday 8/24	11:00 AM	Another Day Resources – back packs
	1:30 PM	<i>Finance</i>
	5:30 PM	TOPS
Tuesday 8/25	7:30 AM	Prayer and Praise Call
		https://study.sttimothypcusa.org
	9:00 AM	<i>STARS</i>
Wednesday 8/26	7:30 PM	Campfire Worship
Thursday 8/27	9:30 AM	Thursday Morning Bible Study
	6:30 PM	<i>Strategic Planning via Zoom</i>
Friday 8/28		
Saturday 8/29		
Sunday 8/30	10:30 AM	Family Worship
		https://video.sttimothypcusa.org
	after worship	<i>Fellowship Hour</i>
	12:00 PM	Afterglow Bible Study
	2:00 PM	<i>Randy Wright's Memorial Service</i>

Upcoming Fellowship Hours

8/30 – Worship Committee

9/6 – Chips, dips, crackers and cheese

9/13 – Rally Day

9/20 – Favorite brunch dish

The Church's One Foundation

*The Church's one foundation Is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is His new creation By water and the Word:
From heav'n He came and sought her To be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.*

*Elect from ev'ry nation, Yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation One Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy name she blesses, Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses, With ev'ry grace endued.*

*'Mid toil and tribulation And tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation Of peace forevermore;
Till with the vision glorious Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious Shall be the Church at rest.*

*Yet she on earth hath union With God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion With those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly, On high may dwell with Thee.
Amen.*

The Solid Rock

*My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand –
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.*

*When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand –
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.
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*His oath, His covenant, His blood
Support me in the whelming flood;
When all around my soul gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand –
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.*

*When He shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in Him be found,
Dressed in His righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand –
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.*

Through It All

*Through it all, Through it all,
I've learned to trust in Jesus,
I've learned to trust in God;
Through it all, Through it all,
I've learned to depend upon His Word.*