

August 30, 2026
14th Sunday after Pentecost



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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.sttimothycusa.org>

Welcome!

PRELUDE

INTROIT “I Will Give Thanks” Paul Ruehl

PASTORAL WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Sing a song of thanksgiving.

Declare God’s wondrous deeds.

For the Lord dwells among the people;

the glory of God abides with us.

Let us worship the Lord our God!

HYMN *Standin’ in the Need of Prayer* see insert

CALL TO CONFESSION

SILENT CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we confess that our love for you and for others has not been genuine. We have not held fast to what is good, and we have lagged in affection for our brothers and sisters. We have not been patient in suffering, nor have we persevered in prayer. We have repaid evil for evil and have failed to live peaceably with all. Forgive us our sin, free us from fear of the power of evil, and help us trust in the power of your everlasting goodness; through Jesus Christ. Amen.

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, hear the good news: Christ has broken the power of sin and evil and has opened to us the way of eternal life. In the name of 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. Allelu. Amen.

A MOMENT FOR ILLUMINATION

Thy Word is a Lamp unto my feet, and a Light unto my path.
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EPISTLE READING Romans 12:9-18

A TIME FOR ALL GOD’S CHILDREN Greg Kateff

SPECIAL MUSIC “The Spirit of God” Paul Ruehl

GOSPEL READING Matthew 16:21-28

SERMON Pastor Joel Puntigam
 “The Good of Losing Our Life for Christ”

HYMN *The Summons* see insert
 (Verses, 1, 2, 3 & 5)

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:

Almighty God, receive these gifts that we offer with grateful hearts and use us for your ministry in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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 *They’ll Know We Are Christians by our Love* 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 30th Following Along in Worship

1. During worship last week we learned that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. What does that mean to you?

2. Draw a picture of yourself with Jesus close to you:

3. What was the Time for All God's Children about today?
 - a. God's point of view
 - b. The origins of the known universe
 - c. Why peanut butter is awesome

4. What do you think God wants from you and your life?

5. In the sermon, Pastor Joel will teach from Matthew 16:21-28. Circle all that are true about this passage:
 - a. Peter was super happy that Jesus had to die
 - b. Peter was very upset that Jesus had to die
 - c. Jesus rebuked Peter about his opinion
 - d. To follow Jesus, we must all become vegans
 - e. To follow Jesus, we must give up what we want to do for what Jesus wants us to do
 - f. It is better to keep our souls healthy than to get everything we want
 - g. It's worth it, because God is so good

Serving in Worship

Greeter:	Kathey Turnbull
Ushers:	Mary Baum, Kathey Turnbull
Bulletins:	Ron Martin
Worship Assistant:	Tim Chanko
Special Music:	Paula Boegner, Sue Zabell Tim Chanko, Greg Kateff
Keyboard:	Paula Boegner
Technology:	Tina Puntigam
Safety Officer:	Dennis Delezenne
Tellers:	Paula Boegner, TBD
Fellowship Hour:	Worship Committee

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.sttimothyusa.org>

Adult Weekly Bible Study - Thursday – at 9:30 am

Our study is on the passage that Pastor Joel will be preaching on September 6 – Matthew 18:15-20.



Chancel Flowers



In memory of my sister, Dolores
Ron Martin

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:

August 30

August 30

September 1

Anniversaries:

September 4

Greg Kateff
Hannah Puntigam
Jean Chapp

Ron & Muriel Martin (72 yrs)



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.



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.



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.

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 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>



Please help support our Friendship Club by purchasing beautiful fall mums. They come in your favorite colors: Yellow, Orange, Red or Purple/Pink. A 9" pot is \$13.00. A 10" hanging basket is \$17.00. Your order is due by Tuesday, September 2nd. Mary Baum will be taking orders today, payment will be accepted later if you don't have cash or a check.



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

Church Weekly Schedule

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 Memorial Service</i>
Monday 8/31	5:30 PM	TOPS
Tuesday 9/1	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
	5:00 PM	<i>Mission & Outreach</i>
	6:30 PM	<i>Session</i>
Wednesday 9/2	10:30 AM	COC Arts & Crafts
	7:30 PM	<i>Campfire Worship</i>
Thursday 9/3	9:30 AM	Thursday Morning Bible Study
	11:00 AM	<i>Ladies Luncheon</i>
	6:00 PM	Compassionate Friends
Friday 9/4		
Saturday 9/5	All Day	Kindred Spirits
Sunday 9/6	10:30 AM	Family Worship
		https://video.sttimothypcusa.org
	after worship	<i>Fellowship Hour</i>
	12:00 PM	Afterglow Bible Study

Upcoming Fellowship Hours

9/6 – Chips, dips, crackers and cheese

9/13 – Rally Day

9/20 – Favorite brunch dish

9/27 – Anything Goes

Standin' in the Need of Prayer

*It's me, it's me, it's me, O Lord,
Standin' in the need of prayer.
It's me, it's me, it's me, O Lord,
Standin' in the need of prayer.*

*Not my mother, not my father, but it's me, O Lord,
Standin' in the need of prayer.
Not my sister, nor my brother, but it's me, O Lord,
Standin' in the need of prayer.
It's me, it's me, it's me, O Lord,
Standin' in the need of prayer.
It's me, it's me, it's me, O Lord,
Standin' in the need of prayer.*

*Not the deacon, not the preacher, but it's me, O Lord,
Standin' in the need of prayer.
Not the elder, not the teacher, but it's me, O Lord,
Standin' in the need of prayer.
It's me, it's me, it's me, O Lord,
Standin' in the need of prayer.
It's me, it's me, it's me, O Lord,
Standin' in the need of prayer.*

The Summons

*"Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let me love be shown; will you let my name be known;
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"*

*"Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?"
(continued on the next page)*

*"Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?"*

*Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name,
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.*

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

*We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
we are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
and we pray that all unity may one day be restored:
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

*We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,
we will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,
and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

*We will work with each other, we will work side by side,
we will work with each other, we will work side by side,
and we'll guard human dignity and save human pride:
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

*All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,
and all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son,
and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one:
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.*