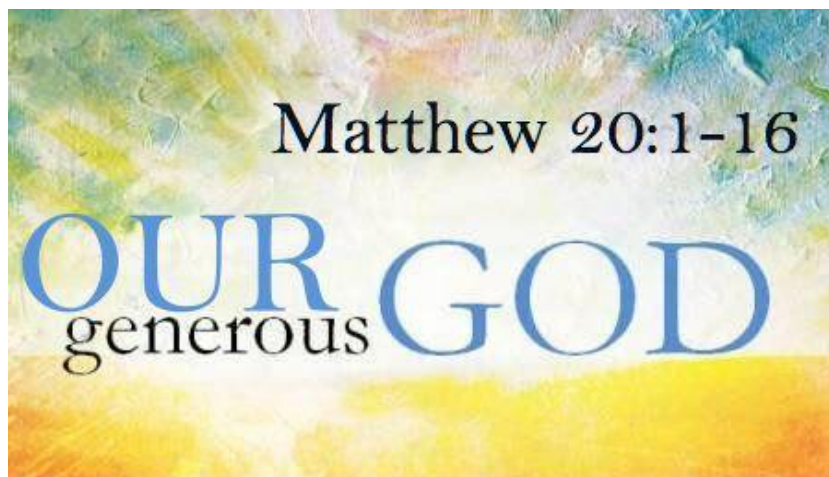


September 20, 2026
17th Sunday after Pentecost



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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

INTROIT

PASTORAL WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 105:1-6
O give thanks to the Lord! The Lord hears the cries of the people.

Give thanks to the Lord.

The works of the Lord are great. Remember what God has done.

Give thanks to the Lord.

God has done miracles, and the Lord always remembers God's covenant.

Give thanks to the Lord. Glory and praise is due to the Lord!

HYMN *Sweet Hour of Prayer* see insert

CALL TO CONFESSION

SILENT CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we confess that we seek after things, but we have not sought after you. We expect generosity, but we have not shown generosity. We have not been gracious or grateful. We have failed to remember all that you have done. Forgive us and fill our hearts with gratitude. Help us to share our gifts and strengthen our legs so that we can run after you, O God. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Because we do not always live our lives in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, we confess before God and one another our sins and shortcomings. In repentance, let us turn toward God's grace and mercy. Once more hear the Good News of the gospel: 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. 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 145:1-8

A TIME FOR ALL GOD’S CHILDREN Karlane Belaire

SPECIAL MUSIC “Be Not Afraid” Bob Dufford

GOSPEL READING Matthew 20:1-16

INTERACTIVE SERMON “The F Word” Tina Puntigam

HYMN *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms* see insert

Affirmation: from *The Shorter Catechism*

Q6: How many persons are there in the Godhead?

A: There are three Persons in the Godhead: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory.

Q9: What is the work of creation?

A: The work of creation is God’s making all things out of nothing, by the word of his power, in the space of six days, and all very good.



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:

Holy God of holy ground, like Moses, we question our fitness to serve heaven’s purposes on earth. Overcome our qualms with the assurance of your presence; bless these offerings that, through them, we may do your will; in the name of the Triune One. 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 *The Wonder of 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

***The Spirit sends us forth to serve;
we go in Jesus’ name to bring glad tidings to the poor,
God’s favor to proclaim.***

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

Sunday, September 20th Following Along in Worship

1. Last week we learned:
 - a. Forgiveness is optional
 - b. Only God can forgive
 - c. Forgiveness is essential to our walk with Christ
 - d. Forgiveness is for suckers
2. How can we learn to forgive those who hurt us?
3. What was the Time for all God's children about today?
 - a. Heaven is a place on earth
 - b. Pair of clocks paradox
 - c. What the Kingdom of Heaven is like
4. What would you say the Kingdom of Heaven is like?
5. In the sermon, Tina will teach from Matthew 20:1-16. Circle all that are true:
 - a. Jesus told a parable about the Kingdom of Magog
 - b. Jesus told a parable about the Kingdom of Heaven
 - c. The Kingdom is like a basketball game
 - d. The Kingdom is like workers in a field
 - e. All the workers get paid for their work
 - f. All the workers get paid the same
 - g. Everyone is totally ok with this
 - h. The workers who worked the longest were upset
 - i. Jesus' parable was about how the reward of heaven is the most important thing
 - j. Jesus' parable was about how the joy of serving God is the most important thing

Serving in Worship

Greeter:	Karen Kateff
Ushers:	Youth
Bulletins:	Ron Martin
Worship Assistant:	Greg Kateff
Soloist:	Bob Taylor
Keyboard:	Linda Delezenne
Technology:	Scott Gaines
Safety Officer:	Dennis Delezenne
Tellers:	Kim Gaines, TBD
Fellowship Hour:	Favorite Brunch Dish

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 – See you at 1:30 pm. We continue our 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 September 27 – Matthew 21:23-32.



Chancel Flowers



Celebrating our birthdays and anniversary,
Dave and Linda Houghtby

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:

September 23

Linda Houghtby

Anniversaries:

September 24

Dave and Linda Houghtby (59 years)



Friday, September 25 – Another Day Resource Fundraiser

Saturday, October 10 – Church Clean Up 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 November and they are looking for folks to help. St. Timothy is hosting. Wednesday, November 4th 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.



A reminder about the recycling bins in the kitchen. There are 2 recycling cans in the kitchen under the counter for your cardboard, paper, plastics, (#’s 1-7), glass and aluminum.

PLEASE DO NOT put plastic bags, saran wrap, storage bags, food scraps or Styrofoam in these containers.

There are 2 black plastic bag holders hanging in the kitchen for your plastic grocery store bags.



Tina Puntigam is in the pulpit this morning. Rather than a biography, she is sharing a fun fact about herself.

Fun fact about Tina! Before coming to St. Timothy she had no experience with music other than singing with the radio. Thanks to Tim Falk and the St. Tim Chancel Choir, she's learned how to sing alto and soprano parts, performed solos, become okay at reading music, and even learned how to play the ukulele. Though she still struggles with counting, Tina encourages anyone interested in discovering if they might actually be able to sing to come join the choir for a practice or two.

Ladies, all are welcome to this special event led by Cynthia of Another Day Resource Center.



Reach out to Kathey Turnbull
for more information! It would be fun
to put some St. Timothy tables together.



Church Weekly Schedule

Sunday 9/20	10:30 AM	Family Worship
		https://video.sttimothypcusa.org
	after worship	<i>Fellowship Hour</i>
	12:00 PM	After Glow Bible Study
Monday 9/21	5:30 PM	TOPS
	6:00 PM	Deacons
Tuesday 9/22	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>Kindred Spirits</i>
Wednesday 9/23	1:30 PM	Finance Committee
	7:00 PM	<i>Total Surrender Brotherhood</i>
Thursday 9/24	9:30 AM	Thursday Morning Bible Study
	5:55 PM	<i>Handbell Rehearsal</i>
	7:00 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Friday 9/25		
Saturday 9/26		Men's Association Breakfast
Sunday 9/27	10:30 AM	Family Worship
		https://video.sttimothypcusa.org
	after worship	<i>Fellowship Hour</i>
	12:00 PM	After Glow Bible Study

Upcoming Fellowship Hours

9/27 – Anything Goes

10/4 – A dish that starts with your initial

10/11 – Favorite Mexican Dish

10/18 – Potluck and Talent Show

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.*

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.*

The Wonder of It All

*There's the wonder of sunset at evening,
The wonder as sunrise I see;
But the wonder of wonders that thrills my soul
Is the wonder that God loves me
O, the wonder of it all!
The wonder of it all!
Just to think that God loves me.
O, the wonder of it all!
The wonder of it all!
Just to think that God loves me.*

*There's the wonder of springtime and harvest,
The sky, the stars, the sun;
But the wonder of wonders that thrills my soul
Is a wonder that's only begun.
O, the wonder of it all!
The wonder of it all!
Just to think that God loves me.
O, the wonder of it all!
The wonder of it all!
Just to think that God loves me.*