

September 27, 2026
18th Sunday after Pentecost



St. Timothy Presbyterian Church
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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.sttimothypcusa.org>

Welcome!

PRELUDE “Moonlight Sonata” (abbrev) Beethoven

INTROIT “Sing a New Song” Dan Schutte

PASTORAL WELCOME

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Praise the Lord who is our provider.

The Lord is our hope. Our trust is in God.

God brought us out of bondage and has made us free.

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Glorious are the deeds of our God, and mighty are his acts.

The Lord is our hope. Our trust is in God.

HYMN *We Have Come into His House* see insert

CALL TO CONFESSION

SILENT CONFESSION

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Almighty God, we have been wandering in the wilderness of sin. We have complained in the face of your mercy. We have been selfish and conceited in the face of your sacrifice. We have not done your will. O Lord, teach us humility. Teach us gratitude. Infuse your spirit into our beings so that we might be reconciled to you. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

***DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

People of God, let us remember that the Lord is loving, and we are reconciled to God. Therefore, let us humble and surrender ourselves to the will of God for the glory of the Lord. In Jesus Christ, our sins 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 Ezekiel 18:26-30

A TIME FOR ALL GOD’S CHILDREN Greg Kateff

SPECIAL MUSIC “Be Thou My Vision” Gregg Sewell

GOSPEL READING Matthew 21:23-32

SERMON Pastor Joel Puntigam

“The Way of Righteousness”

HYMN *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee* see insert

Affirmation: from *The Shorter Catechism*

Q10: How did God create humanity?

A: God created male and female after his own image, in knowledge, righteousness, and holiness, with dominion over the creatures.

Q11: What are God’s works of providence?

A: God’s works of providence are his most holy, wise, and powerful preserving and governing of all his creatures, and all their actions.



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:

O God, use these gifts to do your will in the world and prepare us for your coming kingdom. In Jesus’ name we pray. 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 *Pass It On* 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 27th
Following Along in Worship

1. Who wrote the Gospel of Matthew?
 - a. A dude named Wehttam. Cool dude indeed.
 - b. Nobody knows for sure
 - c. Matthew, Jesus' tax-collecting disciple
 - d. Mark Twain

2. Why does Jesus say that the last will be first in God's Kingdom?

3. What was the Time for All God's Children about today?
 - a. Doughnuts and cider are the best!
 - b. Practicing what we say we believe
 - c. Instant potatoes in an instant society

4. In the sermon, Pastor Joel will teach from Matthew 21:23-32. Circle all that are true:
 - a. The elders asked Jesus about hamburgers
 - b. The elders asked Jesus about his authority
 - c. Jesus answered with a parable about:
 - i. Two awesome sons
 - ii. Two sons who were imperfect
 - d. The best son was the one who did the will of his father
 - e. We serve God the best when we:
 - i. Work when we say we won't
 - ii. Don't work when we say we will
 - iii. Work when we say we will

Serving in Worship

Greeter:	Mary Baum
Ushers:	Chris Korne, Lou Suveg
Bulletins:	Ron Martin
Worship Assistant:	Karlane Belaire
Keyboard:	Linda Delezenne
Technology:	Tina Puntigam
Safety Officer:	Rich 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 – 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 October 4 – Matthew 21:33-46.



Chancel Flowers



In memory of my sister Bonnie Andree.

Marlene Korne

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:

October 1

Helen Chanko

Anniversaries:

No anniversaries this week



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.



Fall cleanup day for St. Timothy will be on October 10, beginning at 9:00 am.

All are invited to participate. There are a wide variety of items to be taken care of – both inside and out. Nothing too strenuous.

Coffee and snacks will be served in the morning along with lunch.

Please mark your calendar and come help us make St. Timothy sparkle.

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall.



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.



There is a new, blue recycling bin in Fellowship Hall. Please recycle your *empty* water bottles and *empty* plastic cups.

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.



The Oakland County Foster Closet is in critical need of coats for the winter. Please consider helping them fulfill this need. In addition to helping foster children and teens, they support families in desperate need or in crisis situations. The coats can be gently used. We are collecting through the end of October, please give coats to Mary or Patty K.

Sizes needed are:

Girls- 10-18

Boys- 8-18

Women's- M-2x

Men's- Sm-2x

St Timothy PCUSA

September 2026 Session Highlights

Devotional

Pastor Joel led a discussion on 2 Peter 1:3-8 highlighting that Divine power has given us everything needed for Godly living. The Session discussed how the list of faith virtues, goodness – knowledge – self-control – perseverance – Godliness – mutual affection, and love are cumulative and how love binds and corrects the whole structure. Spiritual growth requires continuous effort.

St Andrews Church

As part of the closing of St Andrews Presbyterian Church the Session chose to give St Timothy 20% of the sale price of the church property. We are expecting to receive \$151,798.00 in the coming weeks. With a new roof being put on and a tree being cut down, what a blessing from our friends from St Andrews.

Hearing

The Session is exploring hearing enhancement for Sunday worship. Elders Tim Chanko, Dennis Delezenne, and Tina Puntingam are looking into this technology. We are trying to find out who has hearing aids and whether they can receive a Bluetooth signal. Please reach out to Tim, Dennis, and Tina for details.

Detroit Presbytery

The Presbytery of Detroit has announced that the Stated Clerk of Presbytery, Dr. Rev. Melissa Allison has resigned to take a position in Denver.

New Work Group

The Session has formed a new workgroup to create guidelines on working with people in need. Our latest attempt to help a homeless woman revealed that we needed some guidelines. The group will be chaired by Pastor Joel with members Elders Mary Baum, Dennis Delezenne, Deacons Carol Prevost, Kathey Turnbull and Church Office Manager Shelly Walldorff.

Mission & Outreach

Elder Mary Baum reported that we are signed up for Operation Good Cheer again this year. This year we have taken 45 needy children for Christmas gifts. COC received approval to sell Mums for their fundraiser. St Timothy bought 45 Mums this year.

Strategic Planning

Elder Greg Kateff will be pulling together the recent Church Survey that was completed last week for a Session Retreat that will be held on October 24th. Thanks to all who participated.

Submitted by

Dennis Delezenne

Clerk of Session

St Timothy Presbyterian Church

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



Church Weekly Schedule

Sunday 9/27	9:35 AM	Handbell Rehearsal
	9:45 AM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	10:30 AM	Family Worship
		https://video.sttimothypcusa.org
	after worship	Fellowship Hour
	12:00 PM	After Glow Bible Study
Monday 9/28	5:30 PM	TOPS
Tuesday 9/29	7:30 AM	Prayer and Praise Call
		https://study.sttimothypcusa.org
	9:00 AM	STARS
	1:30 PM	The Word Together Zoom Bible Study
		https://study.sttimothypcusa.org
Wednesday 9/30	7:00 PM	Total Surrender Brotherhood
Thursday 10/1	9:30 AM	Thursday Morning Bible Study
	5:55 PM	Handbell Rehearsal
	6:00 PM	Compassionate Friends
	7:00 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Friday 10/2		
Saturday 10/3		
Sunday 10/4	9:45 AM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	10:30 AM	Family Worship
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	after worship	Fellowship Hour
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Upcoming Fellowship Hours

10/4 – A dish that starts with your initial

10/11 – Favorite Mexican Dish

10/18 – Potluck and Talent Show

10/25 – Anything Goes

We Have Come into His House

*We have come into His house
and gathered in His name to worship Him.
We have come into His house
and gathered in His name to worship him.
We have come into His house
and gathered in His name to worship Christ the Lord.
Worship Him, Christ the Lord.*

*Let's forget about ourselves
and magnify His name and worship Him.
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Let's forget about ourselves
and magnify His name and worship Christ the Lord.
Worship Him, Christ the Lord.*

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

*O Master, let me walk with Thee
In lowly paths of service free;
Tell me Thy secret; help me bear
The strain of toil, the fret of care.*

*Help me the slow of heart to move
By some clear, winning word of love;
Teach me the way-ward feet to stay,
And guide them in the home-ward way.*

*Teach me Thy patience! Still with Thee
In closer, dearer company,
In work that keeps faith sweet and strong,
In trust that triumphs over wrong;*

*In hope that sends a shining ray
Far down the future's broad-ening way,
In peace that only Thou canst give,
With Thee, O Master, Let me live.
Amen*

Pass It On

*It only takes a spark to get a fire going,
And soon all those around can warm up in its glowing;
That's how it is with God's love, once you've experienced it:
You spread His love to ev'ryone, you want to pass it on.*

*What a wondrous time is spring—when all the trees are budding,
The birds begin to sing, the flowers start their blooming;
That's how it is with God's love, once you've experienced it:
You want to sing, it's fresh like spring, you want to pass it on.*

*I wish for you, my friend, this happiness that I've found—
You can depend on Him, it matters not where you're bound;
I'll shout it from the mountain top, I want my world to know:
The Lord of love has come to me, I want to pass it on.*