

October 11, 2026
20th Sunday after Pentecost



St. Timothy Presbyterian Church
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Office Hours:
Monday-Thursday: 9:30 am to 2:30 pm
Friday: 9:30 am to 12:00 pm
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Pastor - Joel Puntigam
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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.sttimothyusa.org>

Welcome!

PRELUDE

INTROIT “Brethren, We Have Met to Worship”
George Atkins/William Moore

PASTORAL WELCOME

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

We have been called to the banquet.

This is the feast.

We have been summoned to the wedding.

This is the feast of life and light.

From the streets and the byways, God has invited us.

We have come to the banquet that has no end. Alleluia! Amen!

HYMN *Immortal, Invisible* see insert

CALL TO CONFESSION

SILENT CONFESSION

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

You invite us to your feast, O God, and we do not come. You beg us to give thanks for life, and we fail in our thanksgiving. You have made for us a wonderful earth, and we neglect the gift. Forgive us for what we have done and for abandoning the pathway you desire for us. Be our guide and conscience. Turn our feet and hands to your will, that all we do might give glory to you. Amen.

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

The God of peace, who calls all creation to live in unity, hears your plea. In the spirit of feasting and thanksgiving, in the mercy of Almighty God, you are forgiven! For the sake of Christ Jesus, our Savior, who died and rose from the dead to destroy the shroud of despair, rejoice!

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 25:1-8

A TIME FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN Linda Houghtby

SPECIAL MUSIC "Traditional Spiritual Medley"

GOSPEL READING Matthew 22:1-14

SERMON "The Invitation" Pastor Joel Puntigam

HYMN *Amazing Grace* see insert

Affirmation: from *The Shorter Catechism*

Q27: What did Christ's humiliation consist of?

Christ's humiliation consisted of his being born, and that in a low condition, made under the law, undergoing the miseries of this life, the wrath of God, and the curse death of the cross, in being buried, and continuing under the power of death for a time.

Q28: What did Christ's exaltation consist of?

Christ's exaltation consisted of his rising again from the dead on the third day, in ascending up into heaven, in sitting at the right hand of God the Father, and in coming to judge the world at the last day.



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:

God of compassion and generous love, we give you thanks for the riches of Earth, which sustain our lives and which you have created for our joy. Bless these gifts for the sake of those in need and the work of your church. In Christ's name we pray. 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 *The Family of 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

It only takes a spark to get a fire going, and soon all those around can warm up in its glowing; 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.

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

Sunday, October 11th
Following Along in Worship

1. What does it mean to be a Presbyterian?
 - a. We are led by elders and deacons
 - b. Everyone in the church can do whatever they want
 - c. We believe in creeds and confessions of faith

2. Every week we sing the Gloria Patri: Glory be to the _____ and to the _____ and to the _____.
 As it was in the beginning, is now and _____ shall be. World without _____. Allelu, _____.

3. What was the Time for All God's Children about today?
 - a. Here come the Lions!
 - b. Here is the church, here is the steeple, open the doors, see all the people!
 - c. An invitation to join God's kingdom

4. What do you think God's kingdom looks like? What will be the best part?

5. In the sermon, Pastor Joel will teach from Matthew 22:1-14. Please circle all that are true:
 - a. Jesus told another parable about:
 - i. The Kingdom of the Crystal Skull
 - ii. The Kingdom of Heaven
 - b. The parable is about a funeral
 - c. The parable is about a wedding
 - i. Everyone wanted to go to the wedding
 - ii. Many people had excuses not to go
 - d. This parable is really about:
 - i. The Kingdom of Heaven is super boring
 - ii. The Kingdom of Heaven is full of joy
 - e. All people will enter into heaven at the end
 - f. Only some people will enter: those who say yes

Serving in Worship

Greeter:	Dennis Delezenne
Ushers:	Mary Baum, Kathey Turnbull
Bulletins:	Ron Martin
Worship Assistant:	Linda Houghtby
Keyboard:	Paula Boegner
Technology:	Tim Chanko
Safety Officer:	Karlane Belaire
Tellers:	Paula Boegner, Kim Gaines
Fellowship Hour:	Favorite Mexican Dish

Weekly Bible Studies

Afterglow Bible Study – *See you Sunday, October 25 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.sttimothycusa.org>

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

Our study is on the passage that Pastor Joel will be preaching on October 18 – Matthew 22:15-22.



Chancel Flowers



Celebrating the birthdays of our son Dave Jr. and
 daughter-in-law Janet Houghtby
 Dave & 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.
 The 2027 Flower Chart will be up soon.



Birthdays:

October 13

Thom Lewis

Anniversaries:

October 12

Margaret & Tom Barsch (58 years)
Thom & Cathy Lewis (48 years)



Sunday, October 11 – Crop Walk

Sunday, October 18 – Talent show during Fellowship Hour

Saturday, October 24 – Session Retreat

Sunday, November 8 – Stewardship Sunday

Saturday, November 14 – Another Day Resource Fair

Monday, November 18 – Life Line Screening

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

Friday, November 27 – Hanging of the Greens



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.



The offering from Worship in the Park in August totaled \$806.00 and was donated to D.O it for Denny. Thank you for your generosity!



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.



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.

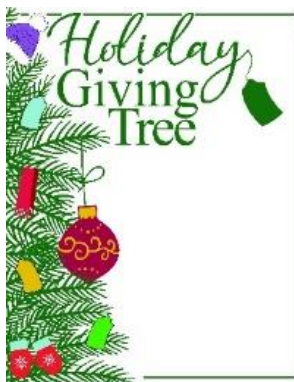
Sizes needed are:

Girls- 10-18

Boys- 8-18

Women’s- M-2x

Men’s- Sm-2x



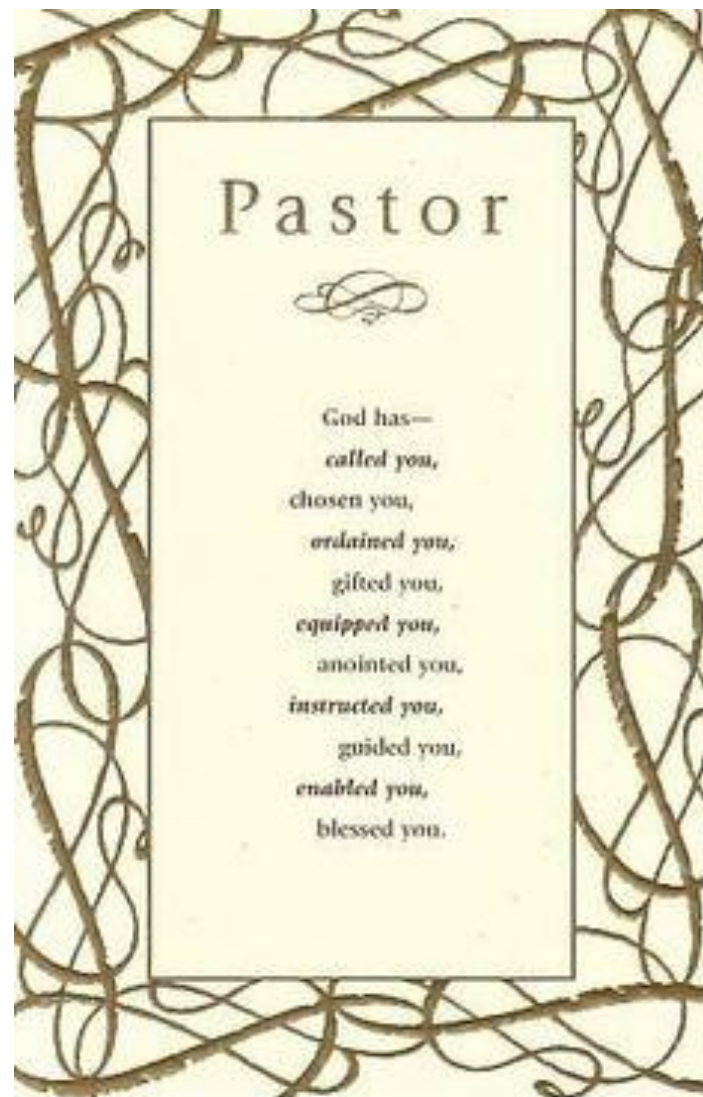
Warming Tree

Our warming tree is once again located in the Narthex. All items are welcome, whether made by hand or purchased. Thank you to the STARS for setting it up. The tree will be available to receive donations until Sunday, December 6. We live in a cold winter climate and many people have to be outdoors. Hats, scarves, mittens, gloves and socks are getting expensive but are so necessary to keep warm in a Michigan winter. Items are needed for all ages. If you have a need, please help yourself. If you are able to donate, thank you. The kid items will be donated to Oakland County Foster Closet and the adult items will be donated to Another Day Resource. Thank you from your Deacons.



The deadline for St. Timothy T-Shirts has been extended! Place your orders with Matt Johnson, Linda Houghtby, Dorothy Sanchez or Karlane Belaire. Shirts are \$15 and are blue with White Lettering. Shirts say St. Timothy on the front and have the mission statement on the back. Payment is due at the time of delivery.

It's Pastor Appreciation Day Thank You Pastor Joel!





Hot off the press! Dates for the Fall/Christmas Detroit Lutheran concerts are available. Matt Johnson sings in this group. Please consider attending an event to support him.

10/24/26 7:00 PM Church of the Divine Child, 1055 North Silvery Lane, Dearborn, MI 48128

10/25/26 3:00 PM Holy Cross Lutheran Church 30650 Six Mile Rd, Livonia, MI 48152

12/5/26 7:00 PM First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn 600 Brady Rd. Dearborn, MI 48124

12/6/26 3:00 PM Historic Trinity Lutheran Church 1345 Gratiot Ave, Detroit, MI 48226

12/11/26 7:30 PM Our Shepherd Lutheran Church 2225 E. 14 Mile Rd, Birmingham, MI 48009

12/12/26 7:00 PM Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church 14175 Farmington Rd. Livonia, MI 48154

Church Weekly Schedule

Sunday 10/11	9:30 AM	Handbell Rehearsal
	9:45 AM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	10:30 AM	Family Worship
		https://video.sttimothypcusa.org
	after worship	Fellowship Hour
	1:00 PM	Crop Walk
Monday 10/12	5:30 PM	TOPS
	5:30 PM	Men's Association Dinner
	6:00 PM	Encourage Me for Women
Tuesday 10/13	7:30 AM	Prayer and Praise Call
		https://study.sttimothypcusa.org
	9:00 AM	STARS
	11:30 AM	Worship Committee
	1:30 PM	The Word Together Zoom Bible Study
		https://study.sttimothypcusa.org
	5:30 PM	Faith Education
Wednesday 10/14	10:00 AM	Faith Circle
	1:30 PM	Finance Committee
	7:00 PM	Total Surrender Brotherhood
Thursday 10/15	9:30 AM	Thursday Morning Bible Study
	5:55 PM	Handbell Rehearsal
	7:00 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Friday 10/16		
Saturday 10/17	8:00 AM	Men's Association Breakfast
Sunday 10/18	9:45 AM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	10:30 AM	Family Worship
		https://video.sttimothypcusa.org
	after worship	Talent Show & Potluck

Upcoming Fellowship Hours

10/18 – Potluck and Talent Show

11/1 – TBD

10/25 – Anything Goes

11/8 - Finance

Immortal, Invisible

*Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious – Thy great name we praise.*

*Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice, like mountains, high soaring above
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.*

*To all, life Thou givest – to both great and small,
In all life Thou livest – the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
And wither and perish –but naught changeth Thee.*

*Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;
All praise we would render -- O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee!
Amen.*

Amazing Grace

*Amazing grace! how sweet the sound-
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found,
Was blind but now I see.*

*Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed.*

*The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.
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*Thru many dangers, toils and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.*

*When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.*

The Family of God

*I'm so glad I'm a part of the family of God –
I've been washed in the fountain, cleansed by his blood!
Joint heirs with Jesus as we travel this sod,
For I'm part of the family, the family of God.*