

October 25, 2026
Reformation Sunday



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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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>

**A Service of Healing and Wholeness
Reformation Sunday Celebration**

PRELUDE

INTROIT “Now God be praised in heav’n above”
Melchior Vulpius

CALL TO WORSHIP

Our help is in the name of the Lord
Who made heaven and earth
In life and in death
We belong to God
Baptized in Christ’s death
We live unto him
Come, let us worship God!

HYMN *A Mighty Fortress is Our God* see insert

CALL TO CONFESSION

SILENT CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, in every age you have raised up men and women to live and die in faith. We confess that we are indifferent to your will. You call us to proclaim your name, but we are silent. You call us to do what is just, but we remain idle. You call us to live faithfully, but we are afraid. In your mercy, forgive us. Give us courage to follow in your way, that joined with those from ages past, who have served you with faith, hope, and love, we may inherit the kingdom promised in Jesus Christ. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Hear the good news: We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then whether we live or die, we are the Lord’s! Friends, believe the good news: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!
Let us give thanks to the Lord; his steadfast love endures forever!

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. Alelu, amen.

A MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP Tim Chanko

SPECIAL MUSIC “Faith Of Our Fathers”
Frederick W. Faber/Henry F. Hemy

FIRST READING Matthew 22:36-40

FIRST REFLECTION *Love the Lord Your God*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Watching for a new heaven, waiting for a new earth, we pray to the Lord, saying, O Lord our God, have mercy,
and wipe away our tears.

We pray for the church. Transform this broken body into a communion of saints, a company of the faithful, working for good in your world. O Lord our God, have mercy,
and wipe away our tears.

We pray for the world. Destroy the shroud of death that is spread over the nations. Replace the rule of wealth and war with your realm of justice and peace. O Lord our God, have mercy,
and wipe away our tears.

We thank you, God, for the tremendous sacrifices made by those who have gone before us. May we learn to walk wisely from their examples of faith, service, and love. Oh Lord our God, have mercy,
and wipe away our tears.

Almighty God, fill us with your grace and virtue until once again we are joined together in the wondrous joy you have prepared for all who truly love you. Through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS
Offertory

Doxology #625
Praise God from whom all blessing 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, we offer these gifts to you. May your favor be upon them and prosper the labor of our hands, that your glorious power may be manifest to all, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

HYMN *Love the Lord Your God* see insert
(sung twice)

SECOND READING Matthew 22:36-40

SECOND REFLECTION *Love Your Neighbor as Yourself*

THE MINISTRY OF HEALING AND WHOLENESS

THANKSGIVING AND INVOCATION
Gracious Father, we come before you today asking you for the powerful presence of your Spirit as we pray with the laying on of hands and as we anoint with oil. As we pray, let your healing power flow in us that we may become whole again and glorify your name. In Jesus' name, we pray, Amen.

LAYING ON OF HANDS AND ANOINTING WITH OIL
Those desiring the laying on of hands or anointing with oil may come forward to receive prayer from one of the sets of elders in the sanctuary or receive an anointing from Pastor Joel. You may share a prayer request or remain silent when you come forward. You may also wish to remain in your seat for a time of personal prayer. We will complete the time of healing with the Lord's Prayer.

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.

HYMN

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

see insert

SENDING AND BENEDICTION

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BLESSING

**Walking behind to hem my journey,
Going ahead to light my way,
and from beneath, above, and all ways:
O Christ, surround me;
O Christ surround me.**

POSTLUDE



Sunday, October 25th Following Along in Worship

1. Last week we learned that:
 - a. We shouldn't pay taxes
 - b. We boo the king
 - c. We should serve God but honor the king
2. What can you do to serve God?
3. What was the Time for all God's Children about today?
 - a. Love is Stewardship
 - b. Halloween is so strange
 - c. Reformation: the Movie
4. As the weather starts turning colder, what things are you looking forward to at church in the next couple of months?
5. In the sermon, Pastor Joel will teach from Matthew 22:36-40. Please circle all that are true:
 - a. Jesus was asked about the greatest commandment. He said it was:
 - i. To not swim after eating
 - ii. To love dogs
 - iii. To love God wholeheartedly
 - b. There was a second commandment
 - i. To love the Wolverines
 - ii. To love people
 - c. Everything we do is fulfilled through love!

Serving in Worship

Greeter: Chris Korne
 Ushers: Chris Korne, Lou Suveg
 Bulletins: Ron Martin
 Worship Assistant: Beth Olko
 Prayer Partners: Mary Baum, Greg Kateff
 Carol Prevost, Dennis Delezenne
 Keyboard: Linda Delezenne
 Technology: Tina Puntigam
 Safety Officer: Dennis Delezenne
 Tellers: Paula Boegner, TBD
 Fellowship Hour: Anything Goes

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.sttimothypcusa.org>

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

Our study is on the passage that Pastor Joel will be preaching on November 1 – Matthew 5:1-12.



Chancel Flowers



Remembering and missing Kathy Sautter,
 Carol Prevost

.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 25

October 26

October 26

Anniversaries:

Carol Prevost

Jean Suveg

Lois Coman

No anniversaries this week



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

Wednesday, November 25 – Thanksgiving Eve Service

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.

thank
 you

A big thank you to all who participated and all who enjoyed the Talent Show. It was a huge success!



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.



On Sunday, November 1st, St Timothy will remember the saints that have gone before us with a special commemoration during worship. I will be announcing the names of those from St Timothy who have died within the last three years, and you are invited to submit to me the names of any friend or family member that have died at any point in the past so that they may be announced as well. The deadline for names is Thursday, October 29th. There will also be an opportunity to light a candle in memory of your loved one during the commemoration. If you have any questions, please reach out to me – thank you!

Blessings,
Pastor Joel



*Land of the free
because of the brave*

On Sunday, November 15th, we will be celebrating our Veterans! There will be a PowerPoint full of Veterans who have served, which will play before worship, after worship, and during fellowship hour. There will also be a special fellowship hour in honor of those who have served. For those who have served, you are welcome to wear your uniform to worship and fellowship! If you would like yourself or a close family member to be remembered in the PowerPoint presentation, please submit a picture, their name, rank, and where they served to the office by Wednesday, November 11th. Thank you!

Peace,
Pastor Joel

Mission & Outreach Opportunities



The Mission/Outreach Committee will be packing lunches for Another Day Resource on **Tuesday, November 10th** at 10:00 am. If you would like to help, sign up on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall.



On **Tuesday, November 17th**, we are invited to ride the ADR bus to Detroit to help hand out the lunches. Time is from 11:00-3:00. There is a signup in Fellowship Hall.



Operation Good Cheer is just around the corner. We are sponsoring 45 children and teens that are in our foster care system. Information and packets will be available soon.



We are providing Christmas gifts for several of our Friendship Club folks that have no family. More details soon.

Church Weekly Schedule

Sunday 10/25	9:45 AM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	10:30 AM	<i>Family Worship</i>
		https://video.sttimothypcusa.org
	after worship	Fellowship Hour
	12:00 PM	<i>Afterglow Bible Study</i>
Monday 10/26	5:30 PM	TOPS
Tuesday 10/27	7:30 AM	Prayer and Praise Call
		https://study.sttimothypcusa.org
	1:30 PM	<i>The Word Together Zoom Bible Study</i>
		https://study.sttimothypcusa.org
	6:30 PM	Kindred Spirits
Wednesday 10/28	7:00 PM	Total Surrender Brotherhood
Thursday 10/29	9:30 AM	Thursday Morning Bible Study
	5:55 PM	<i>Handbell Rehearsal</i>
	7:00 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Friday 10/30		
Saturday 10/31		
Sunday 11/1	9:45 AM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	10:30 AM	<i>Family Worship</i>
		https://video.sttimothypcusa.org
	after worship	<i>Fellowship Hour</i>
	12:00 PM	<i>Afterglow Bible Study</i>

Upcoming Fellowship Hours

11/1 – Favorite friend/family recipe

11/8 – Finance

11/15 – Veterans Celebration Potluck

11-22 Mitchell Confirmation Celebration

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

A mighty fortress is our God,
A bulwark never falling:
Our helper He amid the flood
Of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe Doth seek to work us woe—
His craft and pow'r are great, And armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide,
Our striving would be losing,
Were not the right man on our side,
The man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He—
Lord Sabaoth His name, From age to age the same,
And He must win the battle.

And tho this world, with devils filled,
Should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed
His truth to triumph thru us.
The prince of darkness grim, We tremble not for him—
His rage we can endure, For lo, his doom is sure:
One little world shall fell him.

That word above all earthly pow'rs,
No thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours
Thru Him who with us sideth.
Let good and kindred go, This mortal life also—
The body they may kill; God's truth abideth still"
His kingdom is forever.
Amen

Love the Lord Your God

*Love the Lord, your God, with all your heart.
Love the Lord, your God, with all your soul.
Love the Lord, your God, with all your mind.
Love the Lord, your God, with all that you are.*

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O God, Our Help in Ages Past

*O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, And our eternal home!*

*Under the shadow of Thy throne Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone, And our defense is sure.*

*Before the hills in order stood, Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting Thou art God, To endless years the same.*

*A thousand ages in Thy sight Are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night Before the rising sun.*

*Time, like an ever-rolling stream, Bears all its sons away;
They fly, forgotten as a dream Dies at the op'ning day.*

*O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come.
Be Thou our guide while life shall last, And our eternal home.
Amen.*