

October 4, 2026
19th 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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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 19:1-4

The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge.

Their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world.

Let us join our voices with the voice of creation in declaring God's glory!

HYMN

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

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CALL TO CONFESSION

SILENT CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, you have planted us like a vineyard on a fertile hill. You cleared away the stones, planted us with choice vines, and kept watch over us by night and day. But we have not yielded the good fruit that you expected or desired. We are overgrown with sin, choked with violence and injustice. Forgive us, we pray. Uproot our evil, prune away our sin, and shower upon us the gift of your grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Our salvation does not depend on anything we have done, but comes from the grace of God alone through faith in Jesus Christ. This is the good news: 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

Isaiah 5:1-7

A TIME FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

Greg Kateff

HYMN

Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

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GOSPEL READING

Matthew 21:33-46

SERMON

“God’s Patience”

Kathery Turnbull

Affirmation: from *The Shorter Catechism*

Q14: What is sin?

A: Sin is any conformity unto, or any transgression of, the law of God.

Q15: What was the sin by which our first parents fell from the state in which they were created?

A: It was their eating the fruit that God had forbidden.

Q18: What is the sinfulness of that state into which man fell?

A: It consists in the guilt of Adam’s first sin, the lack of original righteousness, and the corruption of his whole nature, which is commonly called Original Sin; together with all actual sins which flow from it.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

Doxology

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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

We give you thanks and praise, O God, for all your good gifts, and above all, for the gift of knowing Christ our Savior. Strengthen us as we continue to strive for the heavenly prize that you offer: eternal and abundant life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Take and Eat”

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

A communion server will come to your row to distribute the elements. Eat the bread individually when you are ready. Then wait until everyone has been served the cup and we will drink together as a congregation.

THE CELEBRATION

The Invitation

The Words of Institution

The Prayer of Consecration

The Bread

The Cup

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

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

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SENDING AND BENEDICTION

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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.***

POSTLUDE

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

Sunday, October 4th Following Along in Worship

1. Every week, we sing the Doxology after we take the offering. Why do we “praise God”?

2. Name the 3 parts of the Trinity:
 - a. God the _____
 - b. God the _____
 - c. God the _____

3. What was the Time for All God’s Children about today?
Circle the correct one:
 - a. Bow down to Washington
 - b. The Ultimate Showdown: Hot vs Cold
 - c. God vs People

4. What are some things that are great about God?

5. In the sermon, Kathey Turnbull will teach from Matthew 21:33-46. Circle all that are true:
 - a. Jesus tells a parable about:
 - i. The best tasting wine in Israel
 - ii. The tenants of a vineyard
 - b. Those tenants were faithful and true
 - c. Those tenants mistreated the fruit collectors
 - d. The owner was totally ok with the tenants
 - e. The owner will kick them out
 - f. The owner is God, the tenants are the people
 - g. As the people, we answer to God for our actions

Serving in Worship

Greeter:	Patty Kreitmeyer
Ushers:	Dorothy Sanchez, Linda Houghtby
Bulletins:	Ron Martin
Worship Assistant:	Tim Chanko
Communion Servers:	Carol Prevost, Tim Chanko
Keyboard:	Paula Boegner
Technology:	Scott Gaines
Safety Officer:	Chris Korne
Tellers:	Scott Gaines, Bob Taylor
Fellowship Hour:	A dish that starts with your initial

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 11 – Matthew 22:1-14.



Chancel Flowers
Patty Frutchey



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:

No birthdays this week

Anniversaries:

October 7

Mike & Mary Baum (48 years)



Saturday, October 10 – Church Clean Up Day

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

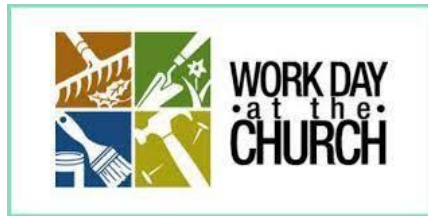
Monday, November 18 – Life Line Screening

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.



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.



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



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



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 10/4	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 10/5	5:30 PM	TOPS
Tuesday 10/6	7:30 AM	Prayer and Praise Call
		https://study.sttimothypcusa.org
	9:00 AM	STARS
	10:30 AM	Janet Richardson - PEO set up
	1:30 PM	The Word Together Zoom Bible Study
		https://study.sttimothypcusa.org
	5:00 PM	Mission & Outreach
	6:30 PM	Session
Wednesday 10/7	10:30 AM	Janet Richardson - PEO
	7:00 PM	Total Surrender Brotherhood
Thursday 10/8	9:30 AM	Thursday Morning Bible Study
	5:55 PM	Handbell Rehearsal
	7:00 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Friday 10/9		
Saturday 10/10	All morning	Church Clean Up day
Sunday 10/11	9:30 AM	Handbell Rehearsal
	9:45 AM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	10:30 AM	Family Worship
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Upcoming Fellowship Hours

10/11 – Favorite Mexican Dish

10/25 – Anything Goes

10/18 – Potluck and Talent Show

11/1 - TBD

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

*Holy God, we praise Thy name;
Lord of all, we bow before Thee;
All on earth Thy scepter claims,
All in heaven above adore Thee:
Infinite Thy vast domain,
Everlasting is Thy reign.*

*Hark, the glad celestial hymn
Angel choirs above are raising:
Cherubim and seraphim,
In unceasing chorus praising;
Fill the heavens with sweet accord:
Holy, holy, holy Lord.*

*Holy Father, holy Son,
Holy Spirit: three we name Thee,
Though in essence only one;
Undivided God we claim Thee,
And adoring, bend the knee
While we sing our praise to Thee.
Amen.*

Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling

*Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,
Calling for you and for me;
See, on the portals He's waiting and watching,
Watching for you and for me.
Come home, come home, who are weary, come home;
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, O sinner, come home!*

*Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading,
pleading for you and for me?
Why should we linger and heed not His mercies,
mercies for you and for me?
Come home, come home, you who are weary, come home;
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, O sinner, come home!
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*O for the wonderful love He has promised,
promised for you and for me!
Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon,
pardon for you and for me.
Come home, come home, you who are weary, come home;
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, O sinner, come home!*

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

*God, be the love to search and keep me;
God, be the prayer to move my voice;
God, be the strength to now uphold me:
O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.*

*Bind to myself the Name of Holy,
great cloud of witnesses enfold;
prophets, apostles, angels witness:
O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.*

*Brightness of sun and glow of moonlight,
flashing of lightning strength of wind,
depth of the sea to soil of planet:
O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.*

*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.*

*Christ in the eyes of all who see me,
Christ in the ears that hear my voice,
Christ in the hearts of all who know me:
O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.*