November 15, 2026
25th 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.sttimothypcusa.org

Welcome!

PRELUDE

INTROIT "Come Into His Presence"

PASTORAL WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 90: 1,2
Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations;
You have been our home throughout all the ages.
You were there before the world was made and will be forever.
From everlasting to everlasting you are God.

HYMN *Sanctuary* see insert

CALL TO CONFESSION

SILENT CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Loving God, we confess that we have sinned against you by not honoring you or one another. When we place our iniquities before you, it is your love that sheds light on our wayward deeds. As we stand in awe of your steadiness for us, we ask your forgiveness through the mercy of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS
Sisters and brothers, when we acknowledge our human limitations and turn to depend upon our everlasting God, we grow wise in heart to God's commands. Therefore, we are freed to love one another, for our sins are forgiven by the mercy of Christ. Amen.
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 Amos 5:18-24

A TIME FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN Linda Houghtby

SPECIAL MUSIC "*How Great is He*"

GOSPEL READING Matthew 25:1-13

INTERACTIVE SERMON "I Pity the Fool" Tina Puntigam

MOMENT OF COMMITMENT

HYMN *Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers* see insert

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *The Shorter Catechism*
Q45: Which is the First Commandment?
The First Commandment is, "Thou shalt have no other gods before me."

Q46: What is required in the First Commandment?
The First Commandment requires us to know and acknowledge God to be the only true God, and our God; and to worship and glorify him accordingly.

Q47: What is forbidden in the First Commandment?
The First Commandment forbids the denying, or not worshipping and glorifying, the true God as God, and our God; and the giving of that worship and glory to any other which is due to him alone.

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 LORD, you are our home and dwelling place forever. Thank you for giving your people a gift beyond all value, the treasure of eternal life. Bless our gifts that we offer you this day. With them may we share your love with others, that all may enter into your eternal joy. 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 *America, the Beautiful* 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
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.

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

Sunday, November 15th
Following Along in Worship

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

2. Today we celebrate the Veterans who have served our country. Why are you thankful for a Vet?

3. What was the Time for All God's Children about today? Circle the correct one:
    a. God is good, all the time
    b. All the time, God is good!
    c. Watch for Jesus!

4. In the sermon, Tina Puntigam will teach on Matthew 25:1-13. Circle all that are true:
    a. The Kingdom of Heaven will be like:
        i. A non-stop party!
        ii. Like people waiting to get married
    b. Jesus is the groom and we are the bride
    c. If we are not careful, we might miss
        i. Jesus showing up for us
        ii. The hotdog man!
    d. This story is a reminder that now is a good time to make up our minds about Jesus.

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

Serving in Worship

Greeter:	Patty Frutchey
Ushers:	Youth
Bulletins:	Ron Martin
Worship Assistant:	Ava Woodard
Soloist:	David Olko, Jr.
Keyboard:	Linda Delezenne
Technology:	Tim Chanko
Safety Officer:	Rich Belaire
Tellers:	Paula Boegner/Kim Gaines
Fellowship Hour:	Veterans Celebration Potluck

Weekly Bible Studies

Afterglow Bible Study Sunday – ***See you at 12:00 pm*** In Room 16. Study will be an after-service sermon recap.

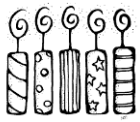
The Word Together Zoom Bible Study Tuesday –***See you at 1:30 pm.*** We continue our study on Romans.
This is the link address to join: https://study.sttimothypcusa.org

Adult Weekly Bible Study - Thursday – ***at 9:30 am***
Our study is on the passage that Pastor Joel will be preaching on November 22 – Matthew 25:31-46.


Chancel Flowers

In memory of Patricia Kieling and Donald Hurley, Sr., Emma Hurley

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:
November 21 Tracey Fukui

Anniversaries:

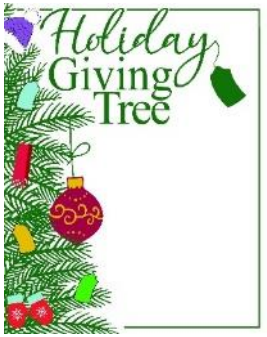
No anniversaries this week



Thursday, November 19 – Heritage HOA
Friday, November 20 & Saturday, November 21 – Project Days
Monday, November 23 – Life Line Screening
Wednesday, November 25 – Soup Dinner
Wednesday, November 25 – Thanksgiving Eve Service
Friday, November 27 – Hanging of the Greens/Potluck
Saturday, December 12 – Christmas Salad Luncheon
Sunday, December 13 – Christmas Caroling
Tuesday, December 15 - Men's Association Xmas Dinner
Thursday, December 24 – Christmas Eve Service
Friday, December 25 – Moravian Love Feast



COC has a craft day in December and they are looking for folks to help. St. Timothy is hosting. Wednesday, December 2 10:30 am. Questions? Please reach out to Mary Baum.



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 St. Timothy Faith Circle invites you to their annual Christmas Luncheon

Date: Saturday, December 12th, 2026
Time: 11:30 am to 1:30 pm
Please bring: a salad
Tickets ($3.00 donation) will be on sale soon
Fun Sing-a-Long (with Tim Falk accompanying) and games
Invite: Your family and friends

Mission & Outreach Opportunities

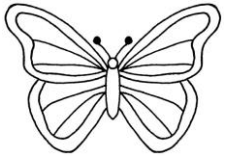


On **Tuesday, November 17th**, we are invited to ride the ADR bus to Detroit to help hand out the lunches. Time is from 11:00-3:00. There is a signup in Fellowship Hall.

Operation Good Cheer provides Christmas gifts for children and teens that are in the foster care system through out the state of Michigan. St. Timothy is sponsoring 48 this year. Packets will be available starting Sunday, November 1st. Gifts must be returned by Sunday, November 29th. See Patty Kreitmeyer or Mary Baum if you have any questions. ***On Friday, December 4th at 8:00am we will meet to get ready for the loading Operation Good Cheer gifts onto the semi truck (arrives between 8:00 and 9:00 am. If you can help please sign up in the fellowship hall.***

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

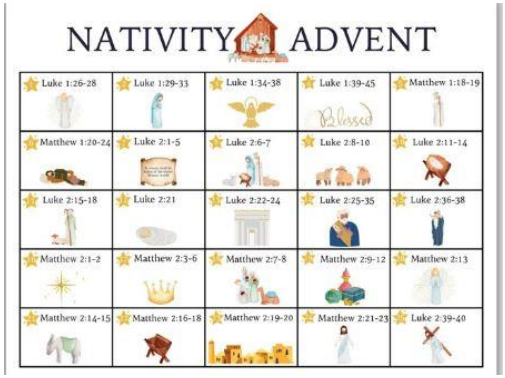
Faith Education Butterfly Offering



The monthly (3rd Sunday) butterfly offering is utilized by Faith Education. Thanks to all who donate – your generosity is wonderful!



The T-shirts are in! If you have ordered one, you and pick it up during Fellowship Hour on Sunday. Remember that the cost is $15. Preferred method of payment is by check, made out to St. Timothy. We won't have change, so please have the exact amount if you are paying by cash. If you were unable to pre-order one, we do have limited extras on a first come first served basis.



Be on the lookout for the 2026 St. Timothy Advent Calendar. It will be filled with fun and reflective options to hopefully enhance the anticipation of our Savior's arrival. Plan on picking up your copy on November 29, the first day of Advent.

St Timothy Project Days

All are welcome!!

Join us for a fun, relaxing time with your fellow crafters at St. Timothy's Project Days! Bring a project you have been meaning to begin or finish. Or, plan to play cards with friends.

November 20 from 1 – 9 pm, dinner included
November 21 from 8 am - 4 pm, lunch included
Cost is $7.50/day, $15.00 for both days
Under 18 FREE

Forms are on the table in the Narthex. Please turn in forms by November 15 to Carol, Dorothy or Sue.
Or put forms (but no cash) in Carol's Deacon box.

Questions? Carol Prevost, Dorothy Sanchez, or Sue Zabell



Christmas Morning
Moravian Love Feast Breakfast
10:00 am

Please join us for a St. Timothy Family Christmas Celebration. We will read and listen to the Christmas Story. There will be opportunities for each of you to share your favorite personal story or a favorite poem.
We will also be singing some Christmas carols.
A light continental breakfast will be served – remember to bring your favorite mug.

Church Weekly Schedule

Sunday 11/15	10:30 AM	Family Worship
		https://video.sttimothypcusa.org
	after worship	*Fellowship Hour - Stewardship*
	12:00 PM	Afterglow Bible Study
Monday 11/16	*5:30 PM*	TOPS
	6:00 PM	*Deacons*
Tuesday 11/17	7:30 AM	Prayer and Praise Call
		https://study.sttimothypcusa.org
	11:00 AM	*ADR bus to downtown*
	1:30 PM	The Word Together Zoom Bible Study
		https://study.sttimothypcusa.org
	4:30 PM	*Kindred Spirits Quilting Guild*
	6:30 PM	Nominating & Personnel
Wednesday 11/18	6:30 PM	Strategic Planning via Zoom
	7:00 PM	*Total Surrender Brotherhood*
Thursday 11/19	9:30 AM	Thursday Morning Bible Study
	5:55 PM	*Handbell Rehearsal*
	6:30 PM	Heritage HOA
	7:00 PM	*Chancel Choir Rehearsal*
Friday 11/20	All Day	Project Days
Saturday 11/21	All Day	Project Days
Sunday 11/22	9:30 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	Afterglow Bible Study

Upcoming Fellowship Hours

11-22 Mitchell Confirmation Faith Ed *11/29 – TBD*
12/6 – Favorite Soup *12/13 – Dips, chips, crackers*

Sanctuary

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,
Pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
Sanctuary for you.

I am a temple, God's holy temple,
For his spirit lives in me,
Created as a sacred dwelling of the most High God!

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,
Pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
Sanctuary for you.

Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers

Rejoice! Rejoice, believers, and let your lights appear;
the evening is advancing and darker night is near.
The Bridegroom is arising, and soon he will draw nigh.
Up, watch with expectation; at midnight comes the cry.

See that your lamps are burning; replenish them with oil;
look now for your salvation, the end of sin and toil.
The marriage feast is waiting; the gates wide open stand;
arise, O heirs of glory; the Bridegroom is at hand!

Our hope and expectation, O Jesus, now appear; arise,
thou Sun so longed for, above this shadowed sphere!
With hearts and hands uplifted, we plead, O Lord, to see
the day of earth's redemption, and ever be with thee!

America, the Beautiful

O beautiful for spacious skies,
For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain!
America! America! God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!

O beautiful for pilgrim feet,
Whose stern impassioned stress
A thoroughfare for freedom beat
Across the wilderness!
America! America! God mend thine every flaw,
Confirm thy soul in self-control,
Thy liberty in law!

O beautiful for heroes proved
In liberating strife,
Who more than self their country loved,
And mercy more than life!
America! America! May God thy gold refine,
Till all success be nobleness,
And every gain divine!

O beautiful for patriot dream
That sees beyond the years
Thine alabaster cities gleam,
Undimmed by human tears!
America! America! God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!!