November 29, 2026
1st Sunday of Advent



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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

INTROIT "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

PASTORAL WELCOME

Lighting of the First Advent Candle: Hope
Today, we once more begin the Season of Advent – a season of longing, of waiting, of remembering.
Advent reminds us of the promises of God.
As we turn to God, we come laden with expectations,
And we come filled with hope!

Now we light the candle one.
So the season has begun,
Bringing hope to a world in despair,
Restore our souls, this is our prayer.

Psalm 31:24 declares "Be strong and take heart, all you who hope in the LORD."
Indeed, may we find strength in our God, who fills us with a living hope.

HYMN *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* see insert

CALL TO CONFESSION

SILENT CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION
God-with-us, even in Advent, we confess that you can seem far away. You are hidden when we need you near. In our hurt, doubt, and fear, we do not try to draw closer to you; instead, we lash out—against you, our neighbor, even those we love. Forgive us, we pray, and come to save us! Let your face shine until our tears are dried, our sins are faded, and our hope is restored. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS
The grace of God, given to us in Christ Jesus, strengthens us to the end so that we may be blameless when Christ comes again. Thanks be to God, who is faithful and has called us into the fellowship of the Son, Jesus Christ our Lord! In Christ, our sins are forgiven.
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 64:4-9

A TIME FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN Kathey Turnbull

SPECIAL MUSIC "*Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent"*

GOSPEL READING Mark 13:24-37

SERMON "In Days Like These" Pastor Joel Puntigam

HYMN *Watchman, Tell Us of the Night* see insert

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Apostle's Creed
I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his only son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried, he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

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:
Faithful God, we thank you that Christ is being revealed in every time and place until he comes again in the fullness of glory. Strengthen our testimony and spiritual gifts; increase generosity in us, we pray, as we wait for the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. 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 *Savior of the Nations, Come* see insert

SENDING AND BENEDICTION
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CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!

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

Sunday, November 29th
Following Along in Worship

1. Today is the first Sunday of Advent. Advent means coming. Whose advent are we looking forward to?

2. How many Advent candles did we light today? What is the theme of the candle that was lit today?

3. What was the topic of today's time for all God's children? Circle the correct one:
    a. Shopping is so much fun.
    b. I can't wait for Christmas!
    c. Hope in the Lord

4. What is your favorite thing about the Advent Season?

5. In the sermon, Pastor Joel taught from Mark 13:24-37. Circle all that are true:
    a. Jesus will come back one day
    b. I am ready for him to come back
    c. We need to be alert for his return
    d. Everyone knows when Jesus will return
    e. There will be signs when Jesus is about to return:
        i. Free ice cream for all
        ii. The world will be in darkness
        iii. The Lions win the Super Bowl
        iv. Stars will fall from the sky
    f. Advent is about Christmas
    g. Advent is about Christ

Serving in Worship

Greeter:	Kathryn Radamis
Ushers:	Liana Olko, Dave Olko
Advent Readers:	Patty Kreitmeyer, Carol Ramsay
Bulletins:	Ron Martin
Worship Assistant:	Margaret Barsch
Guest Singer	Shree Amuthan
Saxophonist:	Chris Kateff
Keyboard:	Linda Delezenne
Technology:	Tim Chanko
Safety Officer:	Dennis Delezenne
Tellers:	TBD
Fellowship Hour:	Anything Goes

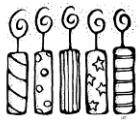
Weekly Bible Studies

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 December 6 – 2 Peter:8-15.


Chancel Flowers

Celebrating David's birthday,
Dave and Beth Olko

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 30	Janet Richardson
December 2	David Olko
December 3	John Burkart

Anniversaries:

No anniversaries this week



Saturday, December 12 – Christmas Salad Luncheon
Sunday, December 13 – Christmas Caroling
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.

We are providing Christmas gifts for several of our Friendship Club folks that have no family. Please see Mary Baum.



Warming Tree

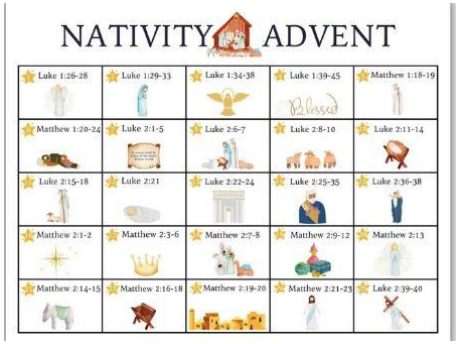
Our warming tree is once again located in the Narthex. All items are welcome, whether made by hand or purchased. Thank you to the STARS for setting it up. The tree will be available to receive donations until Sunday, December 6. We live in a cold winter climate and many people have to be outdoors. Hats, 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
Please see Trish or Patty K. to sign up ($3.00 donation)
Fun Sing-a-Long (with Tim Falk accompanying) and games
Invite: Your family and friends

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. Gifts must be returned today. 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.***



Pick up your copy today the first day of Advent.

Christmas Cookie Exchange

It's time for a Christmas cookie exchange. On Sunday, December 13th, bring 2 dozen of your favorite cookies and take 2 dozen home.



Once again, our Deacons will be caroling to members of our church family this holiday season. We would love to have congregation members join us for this uplifting activity!!! We will be gathering on Sunday, December 13 and contact members via phone as well as visiting some members. It is a great deal of fun and really puts people in the holiday mood. Please sign up on the sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall if you can attend.



Church Weekly Schedule

Sunday 11/29	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
Monday 11/30	6:00 PM	TOPS
Tuesday 12/1	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
	6:30 PM	*Session*
Wednesday 12/2	10:30 AM	COC Arts & Crafts
	7:00 PM	*Total Surrender Brotherhood*
Thursday 12/3	9:30 AM	Bible Study
	6:00 PM	*Compassionate Friends*
	5:55 PM	Handbell Rehearsal
	7:00 PM	*Chancel Choir Rehearsal*
Friday 12/4		
Saturday 12/5	All Day	Kindred Spirits Quilting Guild
Sunday 12/6	9:45 AM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	10:30 AM	*Family Worship*
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	after worship	Fellowship Hour
	12:00 PM	*Afterglow Bible Study*

Upcoming Fellowship Hours

12/6 Favorite Soup
12/13 – Dips, chips, crackers
12/20 – Bagels, muffins, coffee cake
12/27 – Anything Goes

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee.

Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a king,
born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.

By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all sufficient merit raise us to thy glorious throne.

Watchman, Tell Us of the Night

Watchman, tell us of the night, what its signs of promise are.
Traveler, what a wondrous sight: see that glory beaming star.
Watchman, does its beauteous ray news of joy or hope foretell?
Traveler, yes; it brings the day, promised day of Israel.

Watchman, tell us of the night; higher yet that star ascends.
Traveler, blessedness and light, peace and truth its course portends.
Watchman, will its beams alone gild the spot that gave them birth?
Traveler, ages are its own; see, it burst o'er all the earth.

Watchman, tell us of the night, for the morning seems to dawn.
Traveler, shadows take their flight; doubt and terror are withdrawn.
Watchman, you may go your way; hasten to your quiet home.
Traveler, we rejoice today; for Emmanuel has come!

Savior of the Nations, Come

Savior of the nations, come;
virgin's son, make here your home.
Marvel now, O heaven and earth,
that the Lord chose such a birth.

From God's heart the Savior speeds;
back to God his pathway leads;
out to vanquish death's command,
back to reign at God's right hand.

Now your manger, shining bright,
hallows night with newborn light.
Night cannot this light subdue;
let our faith shine ever new.

Praise we sing to Christ the Lord,
virgin's son, incarnate Word!
To the holy Trinity
praise we sing eternally.