

Timothy Topics

Newsletter

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Sunday Worship Service 10am

Minister's Corner

A word of hope for 2018

Each new year brings with it all the uncertainties that change brings. Yet the Christian has cause for hope and confidence. In Deuteronomy chapter 33, verse 27, we read: "The eternal God is your refuge and underneath are the everlasting arms."

The eternal God. Change is a constant factor in our lives. It can be either helpful or harmful. In contrast, the one who is changeless is God. He cannot change because nothing can be added to His perfection. We are stronger in the midst of change when we are living in harmony with the eternal God, and in His Son Jesus.

Eternal God is your refuge. A refuge is a place of security no matter what may happen. Those who find refuge in the eternal God are able to meet the problems of life with clear minds and a careful consideration of the facts. They have an infallible centre in the reality of God, and in the person of Jesus, who said, "I am the way the truth, and the life."

Underneath are the everlasting arms! The picture is that of a child falling into the protecting arms of a loving parent. We live and rest in the "arms" of God.

Yes, the future has its uncertainties. But each step of the way, we will be able to experience God as our refuge, and His loving protecting arms surrounding us and holding us to Himself. "May the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way." (2 Thessalonians 3:16). May you be filled with hope as you embrace the year 2018. Rev. Floyd

Search for a new Minister

Last May, a Search Committee was formed and tasked to undertake the process of finding a new Minister. The first step, to establish a congregational profile, has been completed. This profile, based on the results of the congregational survey held last May and June, provides general information about the congregation and community, the goals and objectives of the congregation, the pastoral skills it needs and a position description for the minister. Using this profile, a job posting will be made available in January on the Presbyterian Church in Canada website. Though we have an established process to guide us, we also call on our Eternal God, to bolster us with his everlasting arms as we continue in our search.

Men's Breakfast

The next Men's Breakfast, on **January 27 at 8:30am**, features **Dr. Paul Wheatley-Price** as our guest speaker. Dr. Wheatley-Price is a medical oncologist at The Ottawa Hospital, with an academic appointment at the University of Ottawa. He is originally from the UK, where he attended medical school and worked for a number of years afterward. He then married a Canadian and has been in Ottawa since 2009. He specializes in the treatment of lung cancer and is active in lung cancer advocacy, currently serving as President of Lung Cancer Canada, a national charity supporting lung cancer patients and their caregivers, and promoting advocacy and research. He is also the Deputy Division Head of Medical Oncology, the Board President at his children's school, a runner, a soccer coach and an amateur history enthusiast. Dr. Wheatley-Price and his wife, Alison, attend St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Ottawa, where Alison is also an elder and member of the Missions committee. Paul has taught grade 8/9 Sunday school and has made the occasional visit to the pulpit. Be sure to invite your male friends and family. Free will offering.

Worship Services

Sunday Worship ServiceJan 7, 10am
Sunday Worship Service &
African Chorus.....Jan 14, 10am
Sunday Worship ServiceJan 21, 10am
Family Worship Service.....Jan 28, 10am

Up-coming Events

Prayer Sundays, 8:30am
Men's Breakfast.....Jan 27, 8:30am
Baking Fun Day Sat, Jan 27, 2pm
Family Worship Service Sun, Jan 28, 10am

Church Groups

African Chorus Jan 7, 11am
Bible Study Jan 10, 17, 24, 31, 10am
Craft Group Jan 8, 15, 22, 29, 2pm
Not So Young Adult Group Jan 14, 11am
Senior Youth Group.....Jan 28, 8:30am
St Tim's Choir Jan 7, 14, 21, 28, 9am