

# Timothy Topics

Newsletter

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Sunday Worship Service 10am

## Devotional of the Month

"The Little Drummer Boy" is a popular Christmas song written in 1941. It was originally known as "Carol of the Drum" and is based on a traditional Czech carol. Although there isn't any reference to a drummer boy in the Christmas story in Matthew 1-2 and Luke 2, the point of the carol goes straight to the heart of the meaning of worship. The carol describes how a boy is summoned by the Magi to the scene of Christ's birth. Unlike the wise men, the drummer has no gift; so he gives what he has. He plays his drum, saying, "I played my best for Him." This echoes the worship Jesus described when He told of the widow and her two coins: "Truly I tell you," he said, "this poor widow has put in more than all the others. All these people gave their gifts out of their wealth; but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on" (Luke 21:3-4). **God is worthy of our all.** All the drummer boy had was his drum and all the poor widow had were her two coins, but the God they worshiped was worthy of their all. He is worthy of our all as well, having given His all for us. **Your little is a lot when you give your all.** (By Bill Crowder. Source [www.oddb.org](http://www.oddb.org))

## Meet our new Minister – Reine Boghos

Last month, Reine Boghos preached for the call. At a congregational meeting, St Timothy's members voted to extend a call to Reine and many adherents supported this vote. The call was presented to the Presbytery of Ottawa and in turn to the Presbytery of Seaway-Glengarry, Reine's home Presbytery, who both sustained the call. Now all is in order for Reine to become our new Minister.

Born and raised in Syria, Reine attended the Near East School of Theology in Beirut, Lebanon, and graduated in 2001 with a double major in Theology and Christian Education and then worked as a Christian educator and lay minister. After coming to Canada, she graduated in 2017 from the Presbyterian College, Montreal, with a diploma in ministry. Reine is a people person. She believes our ability to relate to others and have compassion is our truest calling, and that the Good News of our Lord Jesus is what brings healing and joy to our life.

Before Reine can take up the position, there will be an **Ordination Service at her home church at Knox Morrisburg Presbyterian Church, 10 First Street, Morrisburg, at 3pm on December 17.** To formally admit Reine as our Minister within the Presbytery of Ottawa, there will be an **Induction Service at St Timothy's on January 6 at 7pm.** Members and adherents of St Timothy's are encouraged to attend and welcome Reine as our new pastor. Reception and refreshment will follow.

## Christmas Worship

Christmas is a celebration of the birth of our Saviour. It is a festive time with decorations, special treats, lots of food, gatherings of family and friends, even gift giving: all worthy ways to celebrate the birth of our humble King. Worship plays an important part of the Christmas celebration, as depicted by the "little drummer boy" in the popular Christmas carol. We invite you to join us for two special Christmas worship services where we can give our all, in reverence and adoration, to our God Emmanuel.

The **Christmas Pageant & Worship Service, on December 23 at 10am**, led by the youth of St Timothy's, includes a re-enactment of the nativity story presented by the St Tim's kids. The **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, on December 24 at 7pm**, will be led by our new minister-to-be, Reine Boghos. Though not officially our minister, she has agreed to fill in as a pulpit supply for this special worship service.

## Worship Services

Sunday Worship Service & Communion	
Rev. Jack Archibald	Dec 2, 10am
Sunday Worship Service & African Chorus	
Rev. Jack Archibald	Dec 9, 10am
Sunday Worship Service	
Rev. Jack Archibald	Dec 16, 10am
Christmas Pageant & Worship Service	
St Tim's Youth	Dec 23, 10am
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service	
Reine Boghos	Dec 24, 7pm
Sunday Worship Service	
Reine Boghos	Dec 30, 10am

## Upcoming Events

Fun Day	Dec 8, 3pm
Lunch & Games	Dec 9, 11am
Christmas Pageant	Dec 23, 10am
Christmas Eve Service	Dec 24, 7pm

## Church Groups

African Chorus	Dec 2, 11am
Craft Group	Break till January 7, 2pm
Day Bible Study	Dec 5, 12, 19, 10am
Evening Bible Study	Dec 3, 17, 7pm
Senior Youth Group	Dec 10, 7pm
St Tim's Choir	Dec 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 9am