

Timothy Topics

Newsletter

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Sunday Worship Service 10am

Fun Fact!

Pentecost is the Greek name for the Jewish festival Feast of Harvest. It is mentioned in five places in the first 5 books.

By the end of day, on the Pentecost when the Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles, 3000 people joined the Christian church!

Minister's Corner

During the season of Pentecost, we are invited to celebrate God as a community. And believing in a triune God changes everything. When we say our God is a triune God, we are saying that the God we worship is a relational and loving God, and that these adjectives, relational and loving, are at work, not only now, but were at work before and separate from all creation. In other words, the triune God is a reminder that God did not finally fulfill himself through creation, but rather the creation was one of the manifestations of who he is.

Trinity invites us to see God for who He is from within, but this doesn't mean that we exhaust the mystery of God. In the contrary, it makes it even bigger in our life. Knowing that God is a community within itself redefines what it means to be in relation with God. It is bigger and deeper than what we know about the dynamics of human relations. When we build a relationship with someone, in the back of our minds, there is an awareness that the legitimacy and meaning of our relationship is inferred from the dynamics of the triune Godhead. When we live together in a community, we have the same awareness at play in our minds, namely, every community is a small reflection of the perfect community within the Trinity. This even holds true for struggling relationships.

These are game changers in respect to Christian faith. At the church, we might function as a wonderful community of faith and be a positive energy among the wider local community where we live. Or, the picture might be just the opposite. Either way, we have to keep reminding ourselves to look toward the community of the Godhead where we can be inspired and humbled.

In other words, the church should not lose track of the fact that it is not about us, it is about God; and God make his choices not as an individual but as a community. The theme of caring for the neighbour in the New Testament, for example, is a milestone that invites us to go beyond ourselves and to reflect, in nanoscale, the God we worship.

Trinity, in our life, has to be turned into a verb, into something practical. It serves as a force to help us get out of our own way and to reach others. We have a God who goes out of his way to reach us, and he does it so well because this is one direct implication of being a community in and of Himself.

In conclusion, to worship a triune God, means to be community oriented, where 'our neighbour' is an opportunity for us to reflect the God we worship. Rev. Reine



Pray 613

The Cornwall and Area Christian Council has launched **Pray 613** to pray for the sick, hurting, disillusioned and others during the pandemic. The Council believes strongly in the power of prayer and praying together at the same time strengthens this sense of God's presence among us. The idea is a simple one, at 6:13 am or 6:13 pm or both, people are invited to stop for 3 minutes and pray.

Café Connections (Virtual)

Virtual meetings of Café Connections are a success! Last Friday, Rev. Reine demonstrated how to make feta cheese. Others plan on sharing recipes during other meetings. Brew your coffee or tea, click on the link provided in Rev. Reine's email and you're in. Practice joining a Zoom meeting by contacting Rev. Reine at 613-255-6787.

School Kits for Kids

This project began at the start of Lent. Though we are not meeting in church, we can still continue this project via on-line donations. The target is \$2000 and the sooner we can raise the money, the sooner our partners in the DR. Congo can prepare for the next school year. To donate, go to www.sttimsottawa.com and click on the "Donate Now" button; then under "Fund" select "Mission Project". Thank you for your support.

Reminders

Virtual Sunday Worship 10am

To participate, go to www.sttimsottawa.com and click on the video available under "Worship" or "Coming Events"; or access it from our Facebook page.

HEFC

Due to Covid-19, the reverse offering at our June Communion Service is cancelled. Please consider donating on-line at www.hefc.ca. HEFC sees many people struggling with food insecurities due to this pandemic.

Pastoral Care

Physical distancing, for many, has led to social distancing. If you are in need, please contact your Elder or Rev. Reine at 613-255-6787. Consider making a 5-minute phone call to someone you know is alone, it will brighten their day.

Offerings

Offerings can be sent in 3 ways:

- "Donate Now" button on the website www.sttimsottawa.com
- Enrol in PAR by contacting the church office and requesting an enrolment form (613-733-0131)
- Mail cheque made out to St Timothy's Presbyterian Church at 2400 Alta Vista Drive, Ottawa, ON, K1H 7N1.

ST TIM'S PICTORIAL: On-going work and activities

Café Connections (Virtual)



Painting Front of Church



Community Garden



Flower Garden

