

Sunday, December 13, 2020 @ 10:00 AM
God Calls Us Together
Third Sunday in Advent
Worship Service Via Zoom

St. Timothy's

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WELCOME to all who share in our worship!

St. Timothy's Presbyterian Church is a welcoming, Bible based, Christ centred worshipping community committed to loving God, loving one another, and loving the world to which He sends us.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

COVID-19 COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS: Given that St. Timothy's has congregants from Ottawa and Gatineau, the Covid-19 committee has carefully analyzed the current situation of the pandemic in both cities. While the alert level in Ottawa remains as "orange", Gatineau is on the highest alert "red". This implies those in Gatineau are urged to travel to Ottawa only for essential reasons.

The tone coming from Ottawa Public Health authorities is that it does not take much to tip the alert level from orange to red. The message of social distancing from anyone out of one's household has been reinforced.

Based on the above points and our responsibility to ensure the wellbeing of our congregants, the Committee recommends our Sanctuary should stay closed until the end of January 2021. We will be reviewing this decision at a later date and will keep the congregation informed. Thank you and stay safe.

VIRTUAL WORSHIP SERVICES: A Zoom meeting invitation is sent to members of the congregation on the Friday before the Sunday service. Having everyone join a live service at the same time will add a personal touch and closeness to our gathering. If you are able, you are invited to open your camera so that other participants can feel your presence. Please mute your microphones. The link is also available from the website under Coming Events (<https://sttimsottawa.com/coming-events-2/>). Newcomers are welcome to join!



St. Timothy's Resources

Pastoral Care:

Molly Olshefsky (613-521-3070)

(If you know of anyone in the congregation who is ill or in need of a call, please let Molly know).

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK:

Friday Dec 18, 2020

10:00am to 11:00am

MINISTER OFFICE HOURS:

On Tuesdays Rev. Reine will welcome virtual visits. Please call her at **613-255-6787** to make an appointment.

Upcoming Special Services

Dec 20: 4th Sunday in Advent and Christmas Pageant

Dec 24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service & Holy Communion

DID YOU KNOW THERE ARE THREE WAYS TO DONATE?

1. Numbered Donation Envelopes
2. On-line at www.sttimsottawa.com and press the DONATE NOW button OR
3. Enroll in PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance): contact our Office Administrator and she will assist you with your registration.

TONIGHT! VIRTUAL ADVENT DEVOTIONALS: Turn your heart and soul towards Christmas. Come for a time of prayer, praise, Scripture reading and sharing. This weekly, half-hour, Advent Devotional will occur **on Fridays from 7-7:30 pm**. The zoom link will be emailed to congregants on the Friday morning. You will be encouraged to participate, or just come and partake of The Good News!

Dec 11 Joy - Philippians 4:4-7

Dec 18 Love - 1 Corinthians 13: 1-13

HELP! ONE LEFTOVER CHEESE ORDER! Your Stewardship Committee is finalizing the Cheese and Honey Fund Raising Project, however, there is a problem. We received an order and payment for two specialty cheeses but we don't know who to contact because there was no name on the order. If you could be this person, or know who this person might be, please call either Shirley Norris at 613 523-1091 or Ernie McArthur at 613 521-4658. Thanks!

CHRISTMAS BASKETS: St. Timothy's will be providing Christmas Baskets again this year. Arrangements have been made with Wilson's Independent to assemble and package the hampers for us. Our pickup and delivery date will be Saturday, Dec. 19, 2020. There are usually community requests made to the church for assistance and there may be members of our congregation who could use our help. Elders are asked to identify members of their flock who could benefit from a hamper and advise Shirley Norris by **December 13** at the latest. She can be reached by phone at 613-523-1091 or by e-mail at sa.norris512@gmail.com. The "Caring and Sharing Exchange" will be the recipient of any remaining hampers.

VIRTUAL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT: Join the children and youth of St. Timothy's as they retell the story of Christmas, a story of hope, as part of the worship service on Dec 20, at 10am.

VIRTUAL CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE & HOLY COMMUNION: Join us on Dec 24, at 7pm for a Virtual Christmas Eve Candlelight Service & Communion. Let us celebrate the birth of Christ our Lord. Have a candle ready to light during the hymn Silent Night. Zoom invitation will be sent to the congregation on Dec 23.

MISSION BASKET: Throughout December we will be collecting items for The Ottawa Mission. You can **call Nic Larouche** to arrange a drop off time; or, items can be dropped off at the church on **Fridays between 10-11am**. Items needed include: gently used men's winter coats, winter boots, steel toed work boots, shoes and bath towels; new men's underwear, winter hats, gloves and socks; shoe laces, bus tickets and men's toiletries.

NEW MAIN HALL HEATING SYSTEM: The Stewardship Committee is very pleased to announce that as a result of a generous St. Timothy's giving spirit, the fundraising goal for the new Main Hall Heating System has been met. Thank you, and blessings to those who supported this project.

VIRTUAL CAFÉ CONNECTIONS: Join us with your coffee or tea for a time of fellowship. Gatherings are conducted via Zoom; Rev. Reine emails the link to connect the day prior to the meeting. **Fridays 10 to 11am**. If you have questions about Zoom, please contact Rev. Reine at 613-225-6787.

NO CAFÉ CONNECTIONS DEC 25 & JAN 1: There will be no Café Connections during the Christmas season on Dec 25 and Jan 1. Café Connections will resume on Jan 8.

IN-PERSON SPIRITUAL & SOCIAL GROUPS: All in-person groups are suspended until further notice.