

Sunday, December 20, 2020 @ 10:00 AM
God Calls Us Together
Fourth 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!

CAROL SING: We will have a Carol Sing prior to Sunday's worship service. Louise Thompson will play Christmas carols beginning roughly 10 minutes prior to the service. Slides showing the verses will be shown at the same time so you can sing along at home. We ask that everyone be muted during this time.



St. Timothy's Resources

Pastoral Care:

Molly Olshefsky

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

CHURCH OFFICE HOUR THIS WEEK:

Thursday Dec 24, 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 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.

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.

TONIGHT! VIRTUAL ADVENT DEVOTIONALS: Turn your heart and soul towards Christmas. Come for a time of prayer, praise, Scripture reading and sharing. This fourth and final half-hour Advent Devotional will occur this evening **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 18 Love - 1 Corinthians 13: 1-13

LAST DAY! MISSION BASKET: Throughout December we have been collecting items for The Ottawa Mission. Today is the last day that items can be dropped off at the church **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; shoelaces, bus tickets and men's toiletries.

OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2021: To all of you who have requested Offering Envelopes for 2021, you can pick them up at the church today, Friday Dec. 18, between 10-11am or next Thursday Dec. 24, between 10-11am. After that, please contact your Elder to arrange for pickup/delivery. There are extra boxes available if you did not pre-order and would now like a box. If you wish to contribute by PAR or would like a box of envelopes, please email sttimsoffice@on.aibn.com and our Office Administrator can assist you.

HELP! WE STILL HAVE ONE CHEESE ORDER UNDELIVERED! 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 may 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: Every year at Christmas, St Timothy's provides funds for Christmas Baskets to go to families in need, both in our church and in the community. Donations received at our Christmas Eve service are used to purchase the baskets and to support the Minister's Benevolent Fund. Please consider donating to the fund by either using your Christmas Offering envelope, mailing a cheque to the church or dropping it in the mailbox, or by using the Donation Button on our website at www.sttimsottawa.com and under "Fund" select Christmas Offering. Thank you for your support.

Many thanks to Shirley Norris and those volunteering their time to deliver the Christmas Baskets this weekend.

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.

NO VIRTUAL 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.