

Sunday, December 6, 2020 @ 10:00 AM  
God Calls Us Together  
Second 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 for the rest of the year. It is highly suggested Worship Services and group meetings continue online. The Committee will review the situation in late December and/or early January based on information available by Ottawa and Gatineau Public Health authorities and make recommendations to Session accordingly. 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

**(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 11, 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 13:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Advent

**Dec 20:** 4<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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 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!

**TONIGHT! Dec 4** Peace - Mark 4:35-41

**Dec 11** Joy - Philippians 4:4-7

**Dec 18** Love - 1 Corinthians 13: 1-13

**TODAY! CHEESE AND HONEY:** Cheese and Honey can be collected from the Goforth Room on Friday December 4<sup>th</sup> between 11 am and 3 pm. For those unable to collect their purchases at that time, please advise Shirley Norris through the church office. On behalf of St. Timothy's, the Stewardship Committee thanks the many people who participated.

**WELCOME IVANA:** Last Sunday afternoon, at St Timothy's, Rev. Reine baptised Ivana, daughter of Samuel and Gifty Acheampong and sister to Tiana. Our St Tim's family is growing with God's blessings!

**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.

**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 through the church office. The "Caring and Sharing Exchange" will be the recipient of any remaining hampers.

**THANK YOU FROM HEFC:** The last Reverse Offering brought in **\$255** in non-perishable food and **\$200** in cash donations! Thank you, St Timothy's! Food donations, such as pasta and tomato sauce, soups, tuna and salmon, dry pasta, rice and canned beans, can be made on **any Friday from 10-11am**. Also needed are empty egg cartons and grocery bags. If you shop at Wilson's YIG, bring in your grocery receipt; HEFC can redeem them for money.

**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.

**SPIRITUAL & SOCIAL GROUPS:** All groups are suspended until further notice.