

Sunday, January 17, 2021 @ 10:00 AM
God Calls Us Together
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

NEW - ONTARIO COVID-19 UPDATE: In response to the latest restrictions announced by the Provincial Government to curb the spread of COVID-19 throughout the province, Session has made the following decisions:

- **St. Timothy's Worship Services** will continue via Zoom until **May**;
- **The Church Office** will be closed until further notice. The church can be contacted by mail, email and voicemail;
- **Rev. Reine** can be contacted by phone and email;
- **All in-person meetings** at the church are suspended;
- **Church Mailbox** will be cleared daily; and
- **Banking** will still be done weekly - so please continue to drop off your donations as we did last Spring.

The COVID-19 Committee will review the Provincial Government and Ottawa Public Health advice at that time to further assess how to proceed going forward.

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!

NEW - OTTAWA PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE: OPH has asked that faith communities inform their congregants of a new service available for eligible residents needing support self-isolating; as well, OPH has provided an update on the COVID-19 vaccination effort.

1. Ottawa Voluntary Isolation Centre (VIC)

- A hotel in downtown Ottawa providing secure, comfortable and private temporary space for people who cannot safely self-isolate at home.



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:

The Church Office is closed until the provincial lockdown is over.

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

Jan 31 Family Service

Feb 17 at 7pm

Ash Wednesday Service

Feb 21 at 10am Black History Service

Virtual Sunday School

Coming Soon!

Feb 7: Grades 5 and up

Feb 21: Junior and Senior Kindergarten

Feb 28: Grades 1-4

- Includes those who have tested positive for or are a probable case of COVID-19 (priority), e.g., health care workers and international travelers without other quarantine plans.
- VIC will be operational from 21 Dec 2020 to 30 June 2021, with a possibility of extension.
- For more information, visit the Ottawa Voluntary Isolation Centre web page;

<https://www.ottawapublichealth.ca/en/public-health-services/ottawa-voluntary-isolation-centre.aspx> or call 613-580-2424 ext. 25890; or email OPHisolationcentre@ottawa.ca

2. Vaccines

- In the first phase, long-term care and retirement home workers (and designated essential caregivers), as well as select healthcare workers, are receiving their vaccinations; it is expected that vaccines will become available for the general population in late winter and spring of 2021.
- For information about the first phase of the COVID-19 vaccination effort, visit: COVID-19 Vaccination in Ottawa Long Term Care and Retirement Homes
- For updates on the COVID-19 vaccine, see OPH web page: [OttawaPublicHealth.ca/COVID19Vaccine](https://www.ottawapublichealth.ca/COVID19Vaccine)
- For a short video explaining how the vaccine works see: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UYd2kZz2JmQ&feature=emb_logo

BEDTIME WITH JESUS: Every **Sat and Mon at 7pm**, Rev. Reine invites all the little children to listen to a bedtime story. She will meet with the children on Zoom, and will read a children's Bible story appropriate for children up to age 8, but older brothers and sisters, and parents, are welcome to listen in. What a wonderful way to end the day. Parents are asked to teach their children how to mute/unmute. The Zoom link will be provided by Rev. Reine. For more information, contact Rev. Reine.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: Although subject to Covid-related changes, the Annual Congregational Meeting (ACM) will be held virtually at 11am on **Sunday March 14** immediately following the worship service by way of Zoom. Committee and other Reports must be forwarded to David Gowdy electronically by February 7th, must be kept as brief as possible, and will be subject to editing. All reports will be distributed to Church members prior to the ACM by St. Timothy's group e-mail, and hand delivered or mailed to those without access to e-mail.

VIRTUAL SUNDAY SCHOOL: Starting in February, following the worship service, the children will have a virtual Sunday school on Zoom. They will meet **only once per month**. Parents are asked to teach their child how to mute/unmute. Use the same link as the worship service for that Sunday.

February Schedule:

Feb 7: Grades 5 and up

Feb 21: Junior and Senior Kindergarten

Feb 28: Grades 1-4

OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2021: Arrangements have been made to deliver requested 2021 Envelopes within the month. 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.

ST. TIMOTHY'S DIRECTORY: A new Directory has been compiled. It was distributed by email this week. Paper copies of the new Directory will be made available for pickup through the Elders.

2020 TAX RECEIPTS: Tax receipts for 2020 givings will be issued and mailed out before the end of February.

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.

IN-PERSON SPIRITUAL & SOCIAL GROUPS: All in-person groups are suspended until further notice. with email addresses. This information and links to more detailed information are available on our website.