

Sunday, February 21, 2021 @ 10:00 AM
God Calls Us Together
Worship Service Via Zoom
First Sunday in Lent, Black History Service

St. Timothy's

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WELCOME to our Guest Preacher Rev. Sampson Afoakwah
and 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.

ST. TIMOTHY'S VIRTUAL WORSHIP SERVICES: A Zoom meeting invitation is sent to members of the congregation on the Friday before the Sunday service. You are invited to open your camera so that other participants can feel your presence. Please mute your microphones. The weekly Zoom link is available under Coming Events at <https://sttimsottawa.com/coming-events-2/>. Newcomers are welcome to join!

COVID-19 SITUATION

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 Provincial Government and Ottawa Public Health advice at the end of April to determine how to proceed in May.

OTTAWA PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATES: For regular updates on the Covid-19 virus click here: <https://www.ottawapublichealth.ca/en/public-health-topics/novel-coronavirus.aspx?mid=32064>

COMING EVENTS

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: The annual congregational meeting (ACM) will be held virtually by way of ZOOM at 11 am on **Sunday March 14** immediately following the worship service. All reports will be distributed to Church members prior to the ACM by group e-mail, and hand delivered or mailed to those without access to e-mail. ACM attendees and non-attendees may deliver questions to David Gowdy in advance of the



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

Mar 7 at 10am Communion Service

Apr 2 Good Friday Service

Apr 4 at 10am Easter Sunday

Virtual Sunday School

This Sunday for **JK/SK**, immediately following the worship service on Zoom

DID YOU KNOW THERE ARE NOW **FOUR** WAYS TO DONATE?

1. Interac Electronic bank transfer – please contact your financial institution for complete details on this convenient and safe way to contribute;
2. Numbered Donation Envelopes;
3. Enrollment in PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance); or
4. On our website at www.sttimsottawa.com using the DONATE NOW button

Contact our Office if you need any further assistance.

ACM, by e-mail, or by telephone, or by leaving them in the Church mailbox. Those who will be attending the virtual ACM may remain after the worship service on **March 7th** for an ACM “dry run”, the purpose of which is to explain the voting procedure and other technical virtual related details of the ACM.

ST. TIMOTHY’S YOUTH CORNER

VIRTUAL SUNDAY SCHOOL: Sundays 11am via Zoom; use the same link as the worship service.

Feb 21: Junior Kindergarten to Kindergarten **Feb 28:** Grades 1-4 **March 7:** Grade 5 and up

BEDTIME WITH JESUS: Every **Sat and Sun at 7pm**, Rev. Reine will read a Bible story appropriate for children up to age 8, but older brothers, 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.

YOUTH LEADERS NEEDED: Nic Larouche has been the Youth Programme Coordinator for the last 10 years. In this position, Nic has planned, organised and led all youth-related activities. Nic would like to reduce the workload and is willing to be “coordinator” only, and not be organiser and leader. The Christian Education committee is seeking volunteers willing to plan, organise and lead one or two youth activities starting in Sep 2021. These activities include Sunday School, Toddler Care, Youth Service and Christmas Pageant, youth mission projects, and youth groups.

Please review the activities outlined in the document “Youth Programme: Volunteers Needed” (email attachment) and let Nic know if you are interested in taking on an activity. You will not be left to your own devices; as coordinator, Nic will provide input on scheduling the event, mentor and guide the volunteer on how to organise and plan the event, share resources she already has, and take on the announcing of events via the announcement bulletin, pulpit announcements, website and Facebook. **If an activity is not taken on by a volunteer, that activity will be discontinued.** That said, if a volunteer is willing to develop and lead another activity other than those listed, please discuss with Nic.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS! Every month we will celebrate birthdays. On **Feb 28**, those with February birthdays are invited to stay on Zoom following the worship service for birthday wishes and a song!

VIRTUAL LENTEN DEVOTIONALS: “A Journey to the Cross” so that we might take up our cross and follow him. Come for a time of prayer, praise, Scripture reading and sharing. This weekly, half-hour, Lenten 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!

Mar 5 Sorrow & Betrayal - Matt 26: 36-41 **Mar 12** Jesus condemned & Denial - Matt 26: 69-75

Mar 19 Judgement & Crowning – Mark 15: 1-5 **Mar 26** Helping & Bearing – John 19: 6, 15-17

SCHOOL KITS FOR KIDS: During Lent, this project aims to raise \$2000 to provide school supplies for 100 children in the capital area of DR Congo. To make this a sustainable project, the money collected will first be used to purchase a motorcycle-taxi. The profits made from this venture, will then be used to purchase school supplies. As an added bonus, this strategy provides employment in a time of high unemployment rates. Donations can be made by cheque, via the website Donation Button (select Fund: Mission Project) or by e-transfer. Please include a note: “for School Kits for Kids”. Thank you for your support of our Lenten Mission Project.

2020 TAX RECEIPTS: If you have any questions about your receipt, please contact our Office.

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.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

VISTAS NEWSPAPER: Our local non-profit newspaper has moved on-line for February. Click here: www.vistas-news.ca

