

Sunday, February 7, 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.

**ST. TIMOTHY'S 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 together adds 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 weekly Zoom link is also available on our website under Coming Events (<https://sttimsottawa.com/coming-events-2/>). Newcomers are welcome to join!

### COVID-19 UPDATES

**ONTARIO 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.

**OTTAWA PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE:** OPH has asked that faith communities inform their congregants of the Voluntary Isolation Centre service available for eligible residents needing support self-isolating. For details click here: <https://www.ottawapublichealth.ca/en/public-health-services/ottawa-voluntary-isolation-centre.aspx>

For regular updates on the administration of the Covid vaccine and how it works, click here: [OttawaPublicHealth.ca/COVID19Vaccine](https://OttawaPublicHealth.ca/COVID19Vaccine)



### 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

**Feb 17** at 7pm

Ash Wednesday Service

**Feb 21** at 10am Black History Service

#### Virtual Sunday School

Starts this Sunday **Feb 7** 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](http://www.sttimsottawa.com) using the DONATE NOW button

Contact our Office if you need any further assistance.

## COMING EVENTS

**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 7<sup>th</sup>, 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.

### ST. TIMOTHY'S YOUTH CORNER

**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 children how to mute/unmute their microphones. Use the same link as the worship service for that Sunday.

**Feb 7:** Grades 5 and up

**Feb 21:** Junior and Senior Kindergarten

**Feb 28:** Grades 1-4

**BEDTIME WITH JESUS:** Every **Sat and Sun at 7pm**, Rev. Reine invites all the little children to listen to a bedtime story. She will meet with them 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.

### GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CHRISTMAS HAMPER THANK YOUS!** Here is an excerpt from a thank you note from Rebecca Nagrodski, Program Coordinator of Caring and Sharing Exchange, the charity with whom we partnered to provide Christmas Hampers: "Thanks to the incredible sponsorship of the St. Timothy's Presbyterian Church and the help of other generous Ottawa citizens, **we were able to provide everyone who registered for our program with a food hamper or a voucher this Christmas: that's over 19,000 individuals!** From the bottom of our hearts, thank you for the part you played in ensuring that thousands of struggling members of our city did not go without during the holidays."

Here is an excerpt from a thank you note from a Christmas Hamper recipient: "This year has been very hard on everyone and it is amazing to see that people still have enough positivity and love in their hearts to show such care and generosity...When our hamper was delivered, we felt such joy, happiness and kindness...You put a smile on my baby girls face...Thank you a million times over..."

Thank you, St Tim's, for supporting our Christmas Hamper mission project. Your Christmas Offerings this past Christmas have already replenished the Minister's Benevolent Fund from which we finance this project.

**ELDER SELECTION:** Session continues to seek more Elders to add to our existing group. If you are called to serve as an Elder or, if there is someone you would like to suggest, please contact your Elder or St Tim's office to let us know. Your Elder will also be able to explain the responsibilities associated with that position. Please give this prayerful consideration; we are hoping to hear from you before our next Session meeting on Feb 9.

**2020 TAX RECEIPTS:** Tax receipts for 2020 offerings 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.

### COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**VISTAS NEWSPAPER:** Our local non-profit newspaper has moved on-line for February. You can view it here: [www.vista-news.ca](http://www.vista-news.ca)

**CHRISTIAN REDEEMER HIGH SCHOOL ON-LINE AUCTION:** You can support education fundraising efforts by contributing items for auction or by making a purchase during the week long event. Bidding opens on Feb 20 and continues through Feb 27. For more information go to: [auction@rchs.on.ca](mailto:auction@rchs.on.ca)