

Sunday, March 28, 2021 @ 10:00 AM
God Calls Us Together
Worship Service Via Zoom
Palm Sunday

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. 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 open 10-11am on Fridays. Please ring the doorbell before entering. 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 Apr to determine how to proceed in May.

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

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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. Our final, half-hour, Lenten Devotional will occur this **tonight from 7-7:30 pm**. The zoom link was emailed to congregants earlier this morning. You are encouraged to participate, or just come and partake of The Good News!

Mar 26 Helping & Bearing – John 19: 6, 15-17



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 will not be open on Good Friday.

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

Apr 2 at 10am Good Friday

Apr 4 at 10am Easter Sunday

Apr 11 at 10am Session Worship Service – Sermon by Ken Saah Fon
Apr 25 St. Tim's Anniversary at 10am

Virtual Sunday School

Apr 11 Not So Young adult group meeting after the service

Apr 18 Junior & Senior Kindergarten & Grades 1-4

Apr 24 Grades 5 and up at 6pm

Ways to Donate:

1. Interac Electronic bank transfer;
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.

WORSHIP SERVICE RECORDINGS: The Worship Committee is pleased to announce that members of St. Timothy's can now view the Zoom worship service recordings. The recordings are only available for members and adherents of St. Timothy's Presbyterian Church in Ottawa and access can only be granted by the church Google Drive administrator. To request access to the videos, please email churchsttims@gmail.com.

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**.

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

2020 TAX RECEIPTS: If you have any questions about your receipt, please contact our Office. If you made contributions via the DONATE button on our website, please go to this link for information on how to directly print your tax receipt from CanadaHelps <https://donorhelp.canadahelps.org/en/articles/how-do-i-get-my-tax-receipt/>

VIRTUAL CAFÉ CONNECTIONS: Will not take place on Apr 2 **Good Friday**. It will resume on Friday Apr 9.

ST. TIMOTHY'S YOUTH CORNER

BEDTIME WITH JESUS: Will not take place on Sat Apr 3 and Sun Apr 4. It will resume the following weekend on Sat **Apr 10** and Sun **Apr 11**. 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 Sept 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.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

GRACEFIELD CHRISTIAN CAMP AND RETREAT CENTRE: In addition to Day and Overnight camp programs, GCCRC offers a leadership development program at summer camp known as "LIT" for 16 and 17year olds. GCCRC is an outdoor ministry of the Synod of Eastern Ontario and Quebec, of which our church is a member. For more info about the LIT program, call (819) 463-2465 or email leadersintraining@gracefieldcamp.ca

GCCRC is hiring both residential camp programs and operations staff. They need camp counselors, lifeguards, and support staff. Staff members help to make the camp a success and have a lasting impact on the life of children and all guests. Head to www.gracefieldcamp.ca to complete an employment application or email work@gracefieldcamp.ca or call **(819) 463-2465** for more information.

GCCRC appreciates all the volunteers who give of their time to help keep the property in great shape! We have many volunteer opportunities, if you enjoy gardening, painting, wood splitting or small renovations we would love to hear from you as we prepare to reopen this spring. You can email us at info@gracefieldcamp.ca for more information.