

# Timothy Topics

October 2021 newsletter

St Timothy's Presbyterian Church

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Do you want to meet Rev. Reine? She loves to meet with you online or in person by appointment.

Sunday Worship Service 10:00 am.

Our building is open. Covid 19 restrictions are in place.

Do you want a link to participate online? Please contact the office.

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## -Bible Trivia-

### In which town did Jesus meet the woman at Jacob's well?

Find the answer on your own or wait for our next 'Timothy topic.'

Last issue's answers:

Of the 27 books in the New Testament, 21 are epistles, or letters, many of which were written by Paul.

**Minister's Corner** Usually, as little children, we are loved unconditionally. But before too long, we start going to school and find ourselves in a whole different environment. Some self-absorbed, toxic friends, and widespread misinformation make us to fall from a high place. Our self-value diminishes, and we start the impossible-to-win race of beauty and conformity. This is the day when beauty becomes everything, and beauty stands here for all kinds of deeply-desired and trendy commodities. But there is the second day; the day when we meet the one who believes that 'what's on the inside that counts.' This changes everything....

At some point, Jesus was asked: 'Why do your disciples...eat with defiled hands?' He said words to the effect that it's what's inside that matters (Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23). Truth be told, we are very visual creatures. Our vision senses are by far our most active of the senses as a large percentage of the human brain dedicates itself to visual processing. In other words, our love of appearances lies with our cognition and ability to pay attention. What we see grabs our thinking easily, and we are immediately drawn to them.

But there can be a different day in our life if we choose to. The day when we meet our creator in the person of Jesus Christ. When His mercy and acceptance touch our life, it is a whole different reality. He tells us, you don't need to put make up so maybe they will love you. You are loved anyway. He says you don't have to wear anything that makes you uncomfortable to fit in. You belong to me. Only then we learn that our self-value can't be taken away from us because we are created in His image. We come to understand our existence less as an arbitrary coincidence and more as a deliberate act of love. Now, this changes everything.

## In the rearview mirror



-September was a very special month at St. Timothy's. We came back to the sanctuary for in-person worship services on Sunday, September 5. Our praise team (Molly O., Helen O., and David G. along with our exceptional organist Louise T.) are enriching our services by playing and singing all the hymns we love and miss. And since reopening, new faces are joining us every Sunday as more people are encouraged to come to the building. When people arrive to the narthex, they are received and greeted by our special team who make sure that Covid-19 restrictions are carefully followed. Also, our technical team is working tirelessly to ensure those who are still at home get to participate via our online service.

-On Sunday, September 19, our congregation welcomed baby Laura N. to the family of the church through the sacrament of baptism. We love you Laura!

## Looking forward



For the first time since Sunday, March 15, 2020 we are getting ready to resume our Sunday School programs for children of all ages. On Sunday, October 10, 2021 we will be eagerly waiting to move our Sunday School from online sessions to in-person. It has been a great experience to connect with our little ones via zoom, but we are finally able to have our different classes back again in the building. The Sunday school team are all ready and excited to welcome each age group to their assigned space for a time of learning, fun, and fellowship. We have four age groups: joy, love, peace, and faith. We encourage all parents to join our service in person and bring their little ones for lots of fun and growth.

## Worship Services

Every Sunday @ 10:00 am

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| OCT 03, 2021 | In-person & Online. |
| OCT 10, 2021 | In-person & Online. |
| OCT 17, 2021 | In-person & Online. |
| OCT 24, 2021 | In-person & Online. |
| OCT 31, 2021 | In-person & Online. |

## Coming Events

OCT 3, World Communion Sunday.  
OCT 10, Thanks giving Sunday.  
OCT 1, Fall devotionals @ 7:00 pm.  
OCT 8, Fall devotionals @ 7:00 pm.  
Sunday School Every Sunday during  
worship time.

## Virtual Church Groups

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| 'Bedtime with Jesus' | every Sat & Sun, | @ 7:00 pm  |
| 'Café Connections'   | every Friday     | @ 10:00 am |
| Oct. 1, 8            | Fall Devotionals | @ 7:00 pm  |
| Oct 15, 22, & 29     | Bible Study      | @ 7:00 pm  |

St. Tim's Pictorial

WELCOME BABY LAURA



SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

