

Timothy Topics

December 2021 newsletter
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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.

-Bible Trivia-

Gabriel was the angel who announced to Mary that she would conceive and give birth to Jesus. What does the Hebrew name Gabriel mean?

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

Last issue's answers: A burning bush

Minister's Corner Advent and Christmas are the season of music and lights. This is how we celebrate 'the best time of the year!' But behind all those dazzling colors and beautiful melodies are stories waiting to be told. And as always, the most important part of any story is the people behind it. So, as far as your story is concerned, who are you? Life and people put this question to us in different and creative ways all the time, let alone in this festive season. How do you answer this question? Christmas is an invitation to all of us to identify and perceive ourselves in relation to God who was born in a manger. When we do, suddenly our life story is lit with a different color and everything we do plays a melody that talks about the love of God. John said: *'I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal.'* God is among us always. This is the promise of Christmas, **Immanuel – God with us!** God is soaked in our world. God's Spirit lives and breathes in and through all that is. We are lost only when we do not understand that God is already with and in each one of us.

Our task is recognizing God's initiative to be at home in us— acceptance of God-With-Us. Then, we can understand and identify ourselves in relation to Him and nothing else. 'Who are you?' is a difficult question the answer of which can only make sense when answered in relation to the one who comes to our world. So, when the scriptures ask us who are you, they are asking us if we see God in our world and connect our existence to His. Do you?

In the rearview mirror



On Sunday, November 7, St Timothy's held our Remembrance Day service. In Flanders Fields was read by David Gowdy. The congregation sang O Canada and God Save Our Queen. Members of The Joyful Noise performed new music. Erynne McPhee, a third-year university Trombone student and member of our congregation, presented a perfect rendition of Taps and Reveille. It was a beautiful and moving service.

- St Timothy's pie makers gathered on a Saturday morning to wash, peel, slice and spice a bushel of Northern Spy apples, as well as roll pastry. Other goodies were prepared at homes and brought in ready to church. Sunday, November 28 was the big day. Wendy Baston and her wonderful team decorated the place beautifully and welcomed everyone with a cheerful smile. Many thanks go to our capable bakers & dedicated Stewardship cmte. members who made this day possible.

-Sunday November 28, Communion was celebrated and the first candle of Advent (Hope) was lit by the Asmoani family who shared a touching testimony about Hope in their life.

- Food collected from the Reverse Offering has been delivered to HEFC by David Gowdy and was valued at \$500.

Looking forward



-The congregation of St. Timothy's has approved the election of Juliet Bosompem and Michael Powell to be ruling elders and serve on St. Timothy's session. Big congratulations to Juliet & Mike. May God bless you and use you for His glory. Ordination service: Sunday Dec 5, 2021. All are welcome.

- CE cmte & Sunday school teachers are getting Christmas pageant production ready for Dec 19 Worship service. What a joy.

-Welcome with us the birth of the saviour on December 24@7pm. Enjoy the Christmas carols & the biblical nativity story. We'll conclude with communion followed by a candlelight singing of Silent Night. Bring the family and join in a joyous celebration of Christ's birth. May hope, peace, joy & love fill your life this season& always.

Sunday Worship Services @10 am

Dec. 5, 2021 In-person & Online
Dec.12, 2021 In-person & Online.
Dec.19, 2021 In-person & Online,
Dec.26 2021 In-person & Online.

In Person Sunday School every Sunday during service time.

Coming Events

Dec 5 @ 10 am Ordination of the new elders
Dec 19 @ 10 am Christmas Pageant
Dec 24 @ 7pm Christmas Eve Candlelight service & communion.

Virtual Church Groups

'Bedtime with Jesus' every Sat @ 7:00 pm
'Café Connections' every Friday @ 10:00 am
Bible Study every Friday @ 7:00 pm

Prayer Time

prayer can be over the phone, in groups or individually with Rev Reine or a member of the Pastoral Care Team, as well as on Zoom individually or in groups.

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Remembrance Sunday Service



Bake Sale Preparation

