Sunday, March 13, 2022 @ 10:00 AM God Calls Us Together Worship Service In-Person and Via Zoom 2nd Sunday in Lent

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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.

WELCOME BACK!

St. Timothy's has resumed its in-person 10 AM worship as of March 13, 2022 - Praise the Lord!

While recognizing that restrictions are being lifted by the Ontario Ministry of Health, which effectively moves us from a <u>mandated</u> stage to a <u>choice</u> stage on 21 March, the COVID-19 Committee, with the concurrence of Session, has chosen to act with caution so that all may remain comfortable and safe in our return to in-person worship.

Therefore, for the remainder of March (until 3 April), most of the routine followed previously is implemented once again: Sanctuary capacity is limited to 80; COVID screening at the entrance; hand sanitizing; masks; physical distancing; no food or beverages to be served indoors. No proof of vaccination is required.

St. Timothy's Worship Services will continue on ZOOM with the link + ID and Passcode sent out each Friday:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82857108790?pwd=WnBWdDdFMXNaRlh6 Y2FoVWhvYUUvZz09 Meeting ID: 828 5710 8790 Passcode: 933308

The COVID-19 Committee will continue to review the guidelines from the Provincial Government and Ottawa Public Health and make recommendations to Session accordingly.

ST. TIMOTHY'S VIRTUAL WORSHIP SERVICES: Each Friday morning, an email invitation is sent to all members of the congregation providing the Worship Service zoom link, a list of the Scripture Readings and the title of the Minister's Message for the upcoming Sunday. Everyone is invited to open their camera so that other participants can feel your presence. Please mute your microphones. Newcomers are welcome to join!



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 open Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9:00 am – noon.

MINISTER OFFICE HOURS:

Rev. Reine welcomes in person or virtual visits. Please call her at 613-255-6787 or send an e-mail to reineboghos@gmail.com to make an appointment.

Upcoming Events

Ways to Donate:

- 1. Interac Electronic bank transfer using sttimsoffice@on.aibn.com;
- 2. Numbered Donation Envelopes;
- 3. Enrollment in PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance); or
- 4. DONATE NOW button on our website at <u>www.sttimsottawa.com</u>

Contact our Office if you need any further assistance.

GENERAL ACCOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP ELDER: The Worship Elder for this Sunday is Sam Asomani.

REVERSE OFFERING FOR HEFC: As is our custom at St Timothy's our reverse offering for Heron Emergency Food Centre usually takes place on Communion Sunday. We were unable to meet last Sunday, however canned goods and non-perishable can be brought to Church this Sunday. A monetary donation can be made by sending an e-transfer or by selecting the Donate Now button on our website and selecting the fund HEFC. If you prefer, a cheque made payable to St Timothy's with HEFC clearly marked on the envelope and the cheque can be mailed or placed in the collection plate. Let's share our abundant blessings with those who are struggling during these difficult times. This is a wonderful time to show our thanks to God that we are able to gather again and join in worship together.

MISSION AND OUTREACH PROJECT: SEMOH-EMPOWERING WOMEN IN CAMEROON: One of our own members presented an opportunity to us to support women in his home church in Cameroon and we are tying this into Mother's Day. To this end we are endeavoring to provide 50 women with \$55 each so they might build a business to support their families. These women have no means of financial support, so by supplying them with the initial sum of money we would be enabling them to start a business and build on it to become providers for their families. Donations will be received until the end of May through the usual ways of contributing found weekly on the announcement page. Contribution envelopes will be placed in the pews. Let's share our many blessings with these mothers.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – IN PERSON AND ON ZOOM, SUNDAY, 27 MARCH 2022 10:45 AM: Session has agreed the Annual Congregational Meeting to be held on Sunday, 27 March 2022, will be conducted in the Sanctuary as well as on ZOOM at the conclusion of the Worship Service. The Worship Service will be from 10 am to 10:30 am. The ACM will start 15 minutes later at 10:45 am.

Children will proceed to the Church Hall at 10 am where they will be accommodated until the end of the Meeting.

VIRTUAL CAFÉ CONNECTIONS: Join us with your coffee or tea for a time of fellowship on **Fridays 10 to 11am**. Gatherings are conducted via Zoom; the link to join is sent out the day prior to the meeting.

The weekly Café Connections Zoom link is: <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86826568027?pwd=SW5jRWFmbXVOaVpCZnpnRDdOVVF6Zz09</u> Meeting ID: 868 2656 8027 Passcode: 508632

BIBLE STUDY COURSE: The Presbyterian College is making this course available at no cost to all members of the congregation. It will be presented by the Rev. Dr. Karen Petersen Finch and takes place Thurs nights on Zoom, running from Feb 3 to Mar 24. Different challenging passages and the questions they raise will be investigated each week. Please contact Kelvin Lee if you would like to join or have any questions.

More information and a study outline can be found here: <u>https://www.presbyteriancollege.ca/2022/01/06/open-online-courses/?fbclid=IwAR2d0iPnwZQMq3rbI0MIFD2BPuHxAUqEHHC4pFa4rB-nMSHuMiUvFQ1mekY</u>

FRIDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY: Friday evening Bible Study will not be held during the Bible Study Course being presented by Presbyterian College. It will resume on Fri, Mar 25th.

ST. TIMOTHY'S GARDEN PLOTS: Gardening season is fast approaching. If you have thought about tending a vegetable garden at St. Timothy's, now is the time to look into it. Plot rental of \$35 includes compost, tilling and water. Gardeners are responsible for planting, weeding, watering, harvesting and putting the garden to bed in the fall. If you were not a gardener last year and are interested in the possibility of a plot this year, please contact Helen Lee at (613-731-8238) before the end of March.

ST. TIMOTHY'S YOUTH CORNER

BEDTIME WITH JESUS: Every **Sat 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.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

OTTAWA INNERCITY MINISTRIES is seeking a Manager of Fundraising. Applications are being accepted until March 31. This is a new position with plenty of opportunity for growth and development. For more information about the position, visit OIM's website: <u>www.ottawainnercityministries.ca</u>.