

Timothy Topics

December 2022 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. Do you want a link to participate online? Please contact the office.

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-Bible Trivia-

What is the shortest book in the Bible?

Find the answer on your own or wait for the next *Timothy Topics*.

Last issue's answer: Philip

Minister's Corner: A few weeks ago, we were driving along a field as a farmer was harvesting his crops. We were trying to explain to the girls that harvest is not an ordinary time; it is a moment of awe & thanksgiving. We pulled over to have a closer look and the girls' first reaction was: 'look at that combine, we never imagined it to be that big!' Technology is a wonderful thing and we are increasingly benefiting from what it has to offer. But, on the other hand, those little eyes somehow couldn't see the more meaningful thing and the true miracle in that scene; that is, the transformation of a few seeds into a bountiful crop that sustains us. We seem to marvel at what we are doing and oversee what God is doing. Humankind survived long ago with very basic farming tools and pieces of equipment, but we wouldn't have been around today without the miracle of life bursting underneath our feet in the soil. Sadly, today we enjoy and rejoice in technology and we miss "the little things" that tell the most meaningful & joyful story ever happened: the story of God's love & care for us. According to Isaiah: **Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.** We are not able to shout with Joy simply because we don't see Him & His life-giving hand in our midst as we are busy with our own work and the next big thing we're about to build. When will the eyes of the blind be opened? When will the speechless tongues sing for Joy? We need to focus on God again and on what He provides all the time, which sadly we continue to take for granted. Sometimes God can't be any nearer or clearer but we still don't see Him. Humanity today is like a doctor going to the delivery room; he or she is impressed by the beeping & flashing monitors much more than the miracle of life taking place right in front of her. "Well, a new baby is another day at work!" Advent is all about helping us to focus on the small -yet huge- story taking place in a remote & unimportant corner of the world: a little family of two having a baby. It is not a big castle or fancy house, just a stable. It is not an expansive bed, just a manger. No fancy ride, just a donkey. At a time when we are trying to find meaning and happiness in materialistic life and new toys, this season is trying to remind us that the old story of the seed going down to earth and dying to give and sustain life is about to happen all over again in the birth, life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We need to learn the importance of the small things again because the real joy comes from there; the real joy comes from discovering God's life-giving power in everyday life. Jesus' birth allowed the eyes of the blind to be opened, the ears of the deaf to be unstopped; the lame to leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless to sing for joy. Rev. Reine

In the rearview mirror - Reformation Sunday was celebrated on October 30, 2022. Five members of our church family took part in the scripture readings, and reflections explaining the Five Solas. The highlight of our Sunday was the children's Story Time where Mr. Martin Luther was our guest speaker.

- November 19th was St. Timothy's Church bazaar day. All worked hard with a spirit of joy & excitement to exhibit their goodies. People from church & community joined and enjoyed a time of shopping & a meaningful fellowship with others. A Yummy meal was enjoyed by all. A big thank you goes out to all those who made our Bazaar a big success.

- Session Sunday took place on November 20. Our elders led the service and Mike Powel delivered a great message.

- O come, O come, Emmanuel, this is how the first Sunday in the Advent season sounded like at St. Timothy's. Our talented musician Karen A played on her violin the tune of this hymn while we listened to an inspiring meditation preparing us for welcoming our Lord. The Ginting family led the call to worship and lit the candle of Hope. The joyful Noise Team along with our organist performed a beautiful hymn "Hope is a star". Rev. Reine, Molly O., & Kelvin L. led us with a great message reflecting on the Story of Hope that goes back hundreds of years ago and invites us to look forward to the future in anticipation. It was a pleasure to have Rev. Tom Hamilton of St. Mark's PEI take part in the communion service.

Looking forward: - on Dec. 4, after the worship service, the CE committee is planning a Christmas event for our families to decorate Gingerbread houses, enjoy Christmas music, decorate the Christmas tree & a yummy pizza for lunch.

- You love to sing Christmas carols? Come & join us for a time of music and fellowship with light refreshments on December 6, 2022 from 10:30 am. to noon. Communion will be served.

- CE committee & Sunday school teachers are getting the Christmas pageant production ready for Dec 18th Worship service. What a joy! All our children are encouraged to join the Christmas Pageant as the practices are taking place every Sunday during worship time.

- Welcome with us the birth of The Savior on December 24 @ 7:00 pm. 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

December 4,11,18,2022

In-person & Online

Christmas Eve service

December 24 @7 pm In-person & Online

December 25, 2022 Zoom only

Sunday school during the service

Coming Events

Dec 4 The African Chorus (during service).

Dec 4 Family Christmas event @ 11:30 am.

Dec 6 Hymn sing & Christmas Carols @ 10:30

Dec 18 Christmas Pageant @ 10:00 am.

Dec 24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service & communion @ 7:00 pm

Virtual Church Groups

'Bedtime with Jesus' every Sat @ 7:00 pm

'Café Connections' every Fri @ 10:00 am

Prayer Time: Do you have a prayer request or a prayer of thanksgiving? Please contact Rev. Reine or a member of the Pastoral Care Team.

ST. TIM'S PICTORIAL Bazaar 2022



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First Sunday in Advent

Reformation Sunday



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St. Timothy's Session



Session members: Ken SaahFon (clerk), Molly Olshefsky, Asliena Bukit-Ginting, Phoebe Gowdy, Mike Powell, Joanne Payne, Michael Orock, Juliet Bosompem, Linda Walker and Rev. Reine Boghos (Moderator).

The Kirk Session is the lowest court of the Presbyterian Church, comprised of the Minister, or teaching elder, and ruling elders, whose ministries center upon leadership, nurture, and the pastoral care of members and adherents of the congregation. The corporate nature of the Session is seen in the exercise of its leadership and authority, which resides in the Session. It is the responsibility of the Session to oversee the observance of the sacraments, the time and place of worship services, the stewardship needs for ministry, the spiritual nurturing of the congregation, including all aspects of Christian education, and the encouragement of potential candidates for ministry within the church. The Session is also responsible for the supervision and oversight of all associations of members and adherents, all policies and procedures with respect to the use of church buildings and property, the election and admission of elders, and such other duties as may be directed to it by a higher court of the church. The Session is not responsible to the congregation, but to God, and is under the authority of the Presbytery, Synod, and General Assembly. Elders are not spokespersons for the congregation; elders are rulers who provide thoughtful supervision and oversight to encourage growth in the Kingdom of God. St. Timothy's Kirk Session meets regularly on the second Tuesday of each month, except July and August, for establishing leadership, pastoral care, and oversight of the congregation, and at such other times as may be required to deal with specific issues

