Sunday, December 3, 2023 @ 10:00 AM
God Calls Us Together
First Sunday of Advent
Worship Service In-Person and on Zoom

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:** Each Friday morning, an email invitation, outlining the Order of Service, is sent to all members of the congregation. It provides a list of the Scripture readings and the title of the Minister's Message for the upcoming Sunday and can be reached at the zoom link below. Everyone is invited to open their camera so that other participants can feel your presence. Newcomers are welcome to join.

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#### **GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**HOLY COMMUNION**: December 3rd, First Sunday of Advent is Communion Sunday. On this Communion Sunday, elders will be serving the elements to the congregation. If you are joining us on Zoom, please have bread and wine (juice) available so you can participate virtually.

**HEFC**: As is the custom at St Timothy's we share our blessings and good fortune by holding a food drive for HEFC. Nonperishable and canned goods are always in demand. Monetary donations can be made through the church. As Communion happens quarterly, during these trying times items can be dropped off on any Sunday and be delivered when an amount accumulates. This is a ministry of Mission and Outreach.

**WEEKLY ADVENT DEVOTIONALS:** Weekly online Friday evening Advent Devotionals will begin on December 1<sup>st</sup>. Please join us each Friday in December (1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>) at 7:00 p.m. for the half-hour Devotion with the Zoom link below.

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# St. Timothy's Resources

### **Pastoral Care:**

(If you know of anyone in the congregation who is ill or in need of a call, please let Molly know)

613 521-3070

#### CHURCH OFFICE:

The Church Office is open Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 9:00 – 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**

**Communion Sunday:** 3 December 2023, + Food Donations for HEFC

**Weekly Advent Devotionals**: Friday evening Advent Devotionals will begin on December 1<sup>st</sup>. Please join us each Friday in December at 7:00 p.m. for the half-hour Devotion.

**Café Connections**: Friday, December 8, 2023, 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

**Gingerbread Houses:** December 10, 2023. Please join us after church for a pizza lunch and gingerbread houses. Please let Rev. Reine know if you want to participate.

Christmas Pageant: December 17, 2023.

**Christmas Eve Service:** December 24, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. Candlelight Service with Communion

Bible Study: Wednesdays, at 10:00 a.m.

# Ways to Donate:

- 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 <a href="https://www.sttimsottawa.com">www.sttimsottawa.com</a>

Contact our Office if you need any further assistance.

**CHRISTMAS FOOD HAMPERS**: ST Timothy's provides food hampers containing a complete Christmas dinner each year in partnership with Caring and Sharing Ottawa. These are prepared by our local Wilson's Independent and financed by the gifts given at our Christmas Eve Service and St Timothy's Benevolent Fund. If your family, or you know of a family, who would benefit from this mission please contact Rev Reine by December 12, 2023.

MISSION BASKET: Please share in a Christmas tradition at St. Timothy's. Help ease the life of someone in need. During Advent a basket will be in the Narthex to receive your gifts for The Ottawa Mission. Men's clothing and shoes, new underwear, gloves, hats, socks and towels are very welcome. Toiletries in demand include disposable razors, shaving cream, deodorant, toothpaste, and toothbrushes. Monetary donations are also gratefully received. Thank you for caring.

**CAFÉ CONNECTIONS:** The next Café Connections will be on Friday, December 8, 2023. Join us in the Goforth Room on the second Friday of each month from 10:00 to 11:00 for a time of light refreshments and socializing.

**BIBLE STUDY**: Weekly, in person Bible studies take place at the church on Wednesdays, at 10 a.m. Mike Powell leads the meeting and he can be contacted at 613-731-1688.

#### ST. TIMOTHY'S YOUTH CORNER

**GINGERBREAD HOUSES**: All youth and children are invited for a fun activity of making gingerbread houses and having pizza after church on December 10<sup>th.</sup> Please come and join us! Please let Rev. Reine know if you would like to participate.

**CHRISTMAS PAGEANT**: This year's Christmas Pageant will take place December 17<sup>th</sup> during the Worship Service. Work has already begun, and we ask children who wish to participate to please be present for Sunday School over the following weeks. The final practice will be December 10<sup>th</sup>.

**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.

Join Zoom Meeting - https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81577206367?pwd=enliRIVQeVA3K3BPRTRuRWRVanBsQT09

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## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

**CAMPUS MINISTRY AT ALGONQUIN COLLEGE**: Algonquin College is home to an ever-increasing number of international students. Two particular needs have emerged for which local churches and individuals may wish to assist.

- 1. Donations of small toiletries (toothbrushes, tooth paste, lip balm, sanitary items, shampoo / conditioner, soap / body wash, or hair ties) and winter mittens, scarves, hats and socks. These are being collected between now and 1 December 2023 to be given to students in need beginning 4 December.
- 2. Hosting a student or students for dinner during Christmas.

Many students will not be returning home for Christmas and would welcome not only a dinner but the social interaction with Canadian families. For both initiatives, please contact me, Yuriy Derkach at Algonquin College at derkacy@algonquincollege.com