

# Timothy Topics, March 2024 newsletter.

St Timothy's Presbyterian Church  
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Sunday Worship Service @ 10:00am

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Do you want to meet the minister? Rev. Reine loves to meet with you, by appointment.  
Do you want a link to participate online? Please contact the office.

## -Bible Trivia-

### Who washed Jesus's feet?

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

Last issue's answer: Samaria (Acts 8:4-14)

**Minister's Corner:** Jimmy is the nicest person you can ever meet. He likes to listen to classical music and does not like anything to disturb his life routine. He loves to have his meals on time & you can set your watch on his coffee time in the morning & tea time in the afternoon. Though he does not do any gardening, he has a little plant that has been sitting in his front porch for as long as he can remember. Its size stays the same, but every spring a beautiful white flower opens & stays until mid-summer, which he loved. However recently, Jim realized that the plant was not doing very well; it didn't look healthy. After a couple of days, he decided to take it inside & look after it. But much to his dismay that did not help at all. Jimmy started to panic & finally decided to ask an older lady who lives next door. She told him 'This plant is an outdoors one & you did not do her any favor taking it inside. Sometimes weather can be tough, but still, it is better for this kind to stay out. It might survive inside, but it will never thrive.'

It is not a secret that the church is not blooming as before. Culture & society, in many different parts of the world, seem to have turned against religion in general for many different reasons. As a result, we have decided to "take it inside". When this beautiful plant was not doing well outside, we figured out that we better take it in & nurse it. Since then, we have set the church on survival mode; fear dictated what we do & how we do it. This meant that very little experimenting took place & we learned almost nothing on how to relate to the new culture that surrounded us. Inside our own world we kept the routine we are used to & listened to the music we love, but the world around us is changing all the time. **The gospel has always been an outdoors plant.** When Jesus said: **"Foxes have dens and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head."** (Luke 9:58) he meant every letter of it. He was trying to tell those who wish to follow him that the message they will carry is meant to endure whatever tomorrow brings on it. Every day in His mission was a new day: He did not have regular audience; anyone who came to listen was one of His; He did not stay long enough in any place for people to write their names on the pews; the order of the services He led was dictated by people's needs & He did not need to look up current illustrations for His messages because He already spoke in daily-life parables. We really need to be inspired by the kind of ministry Jesus led & we need to keep experimenting. We need to get out of our way to reach people even if it meant to change the routine we are used to. Let us dare to take our ministry outside and dare to not aim for surviving but for thriving. Rev. Reine

**In the rearview mirror:** - "Listening to our coach, Jesus" was the theme of the special children's lesson John W. presented during story time. The kids came to church wearing a soccer jersey and enjoyed learning a bible lesson inspired by a sports' theme.

- Sundays February 4 & 11 seven people joined the confirmation sessions offered to them by Rev. Reine. Interesting conversations and questions were raised by the participants who reflected a desire to know more about their faith journey and discipleship.
- Ash Wednesday marked the start of the Lent season and a zoom service was held on Wednesday Feb.14. During the First Sunday in Lent on Feb. 18, communion was served and Rev. Tom H. co-officiated and sang a beautiful hymn. The children choir concluded the service with their angelic voices singing "Jesus loves me". What a blessing!
- Sunday February 25 was a special day at St. Timothy's. We had a wonderful service to commemorate Black History month. Some members of the African Chorus led the worship service, and Rev. Denise Allen M., our guest minister, presented a great sermon titled: 'Faith. Courage. Mercy'. Everyone enjoyed the uplifting, joyful music all through the service. After worship, a wonderful time was spent by all who enjoyed the exotic international cuisine. Big thanks to all who made our Sunday service a big success.

**Looking forward:** -Sunday March 3<sup>rd</sup> is a joyful Sunday at St. Tim. The seven people who joined the confirmation sessions will be welcomed at our church family as members. Also, the four Eyongorock young boys will be baptized. What a blessing!

- Save the date! March 24 is our annual congregational meeting after the Palm Sunday worship service. Please be there to participate and be part of this important event in the life of our church.
- The Good Friday service will be on March 29 @ 10:00 am. It's a time of reflection on the suffering of Jesus and His sacrifice for us.
- Join us celebrating the great news of the resurrection of our Lord on Sunday March 31. Communion will be served.
- Café Connections, Agape gatherings & the fellowship after worship are great times of social and spiritual growth. Don't miss it!

### Sunday Worship Services @10 am

In-person & Online  
March 3,10,17,24,31

### Sunday school during the service

Youth Group meeting March 17 after  
the service

Children's choir March 17 during  
worship service

### Coming Events

In-person Bible Study, Wednesdays	@ 10:00 am
Craft Group, Mondays	@ 2:00 pm
Café Connections, March 8	@ 10:00 am
Palm Sunday, March 24	@ 10:00 am
Annual Congregational Meeting, March 24	@ 10:45 am
Agape Gathering, March 26	@ 10:30 am
Good Friday service, March 29	@ 10:00 am
Easter & Holy Communion March 31	@ 10:00 am

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

-ST. TIMOTHY'S FAMILY PRAYER BOOK: A reminder that we are putting together a St Timothy's Family Prayer Book for our anniversary in April. Please send your family's prayer to the office or Rev. Reine.

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