

Timothy Topics, May 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-

What musical instrument did David play?

Find the answer on your own
or wait for the next *Timothy Topic*.
Last issue's answer: Mary Magdalene

Minister's Corner: When Jim, the only child to his mom and dad, reached school age, his parents decided to send him to the most prestigious private school in their metropolitan city. They weren't rich by any measure, but they vowed to work extremely hard to make it happen, and they did. Eventually, he finished grade 12 in that school and moved with the cohort of his school friends to law school that echoed the same demographics and culture of their grade 1 to 12 school. Again, the parents signed all the cheques, Jim did his part, and graduated few years later. Down the road, Jim had a good paying career that supplied a nice home and life style. However, all his 'friends' did much better since their parents had enough influence and connections to secure high-profile jobs. At first, it did not bother Jim, but slowly -being the least successful in that circle- it started to take its toll. Every time they met in the arena's parking lot or a backyard BBQ dinner, he felt the weight of people's looks and whispers. At some point, Jim felt too miserable and decided to quit his job, sell his home, and move away. In many ways, he was a rich and successful person, so why did he feel that way? The answer has to do with 'sense of identity'; he had lots of money, but he saw himself as the least successful. As long as our sense of worth comes from comparing and competing with others: we will either live in misery (because others are better than you) or you will live in fear (I am the best, but what if someone takes it from me -cold war). C.S. Lewis says: 'we're not really proud of having money, we're proud of having more money than the next person. We're not really proud of being smart, we're proud of being smarter than the next person'. Tim Keller argues that any identity that's achieved rather than received is exclusionary. In other words, you feel better because these other people aren't as good as you. The truth of the matter is, we need an identity that is received not achieved. Any achieved identity is exclusive and toxic. Back to Keller, you need the love, approval, and esteem of someone you esteem if you are going to have any self-esteem. The praise of the praiseworthy is above all rewards. Your identity from those who truly and deeply love you. In this way we understand how our identity is rooted in God's love. Jesus Said: **'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower'**. If you truly take this to heart, not only do you have something that no one can take away, but instead of misery and fear, you shall live in peace and practice compassion on daily basis. Rev. Reine

In the rearview mirror: - On Sunday April 14, our congregation came together and gave thanks to God for His faithfulness in the last 67 year. We are blessed at St. Timothy's to be a growing family of faith. We are thankful for our long-standing members and blessed to welcome new members all the time. Our Anniversary service was very special. The Rev, Dr. Tom Hamilton, our Guest speaker, inspired us with a great message titled "The Best Is Yet to Come". Rev. Tom's powerful message encouraged us to look to the future with Hope and faith. Our amazing soloist Mr. Loyal Beggs, sang "Bless This House" & "How Great is thou Art". His beautiful voice filled us all with Awe. The Singing Saints along with our talented organist Louise Thompson performed "Following Jesus Medley" which was just wonderful. Children's Choir had their role in the service by sharing why they like to come to St. Timothy's and then sang "A Gift to You". Some elders took part in the service and three of our members (Bertha SaahFon, John Wambombo & Mike Powell) shared their 'St. Timothy's Faith Story'. The service concluded with a short video clip reflecting the activities of St. Timothy's in the last year. What a blessing! A yummy lunch was enjoyed by all. You want to see the video clip! please click this link: <https://www.facebook.com/share/v/weZSF1cBu6ekzv79/?mibextid=WC7FNe>.

-On April 21, the Vision Team met for the first time. It is a blessing to have a group of creative people planning new vision for St. Timothy and looking to the future with Hope and Faith.

Looking forward: - Save the date! May 12 is Christian Family Sunday. It is a great opportunity for our families to take part in the service and witness God's love and His presence in our lives.

-M&O mission Project 2024: This year, thanks to your donations, we have chosen to contribute to the mission and ministry of The Presbyterian College in Montreal by supporting international students from Syria, Nepal, Ghana, and Kenya. Those will be the future leaders of the Presbyterian church domestically and abroad. On May 19, Rev. Dr. Roland De Vries, principal of the Presbyterian college in Montreal is visiting St. Timothy and will be our guest preacher. Please be there and meet Rev. Dev. De Vries & learn more about the Presbyterian college and its ministry.

Sunday Worship Services @10 am

In-person & Online
May 5,12,19,26

Sunday school during the service

Youth Group meeting May 26 after the service

Coming Events

In-person Bible Study, Wednesdays	@ 10:00 am
Craft Group, Mondays	@ 2:00 pm
Café Connections, May 10	@ 10:00 am
Christian Family Sunday May 12	@ 10:00 am
Presbyterian College Sunday May 19	@ 10:00 am
Agape Gathering, May 28	@ 10:30 am

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

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