

Timothy Topics

St Timothy's Presbyterian Church
2400 Alta Vista Drive, Ottawa
Sunday Worship Service @ 10:00 am

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

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Bible Trivia

Finish the verse:

Jesus said to him, "I am the way...."

Last issue's answer: 'We love because He first loved us' 1 John 4:19

Minister's Corner: We use our senses to engage life, to encounter different experiences, and to gain a 360-degree understanding of the environment around us. Each sense provides different information which is combined and interpreted by our brain. And it is interesting to realize the different levels of control we have over each one of them. For example, if you go into a food court, three of our senses (sight, smell & sound) will immediately engage us with the 'food experience'. The two other senses are not so. We have more control over the touch and taste senses as we can decide what we want to handle, and more so what we want to taste. Sight, smell & sound will work to tempt us to taste and try, and this is how we end up eating more than what we need! Now, as far as sight is involved, we come equipped with a mechanism to block the light or the picture if we choose to do so. And when it comes to hearing, it is a little trickier to control, but still doable. We have figured many inexpensive ways to manage the noise around us. But smell is very different in that respect. It stands in a category of its own. It is almost the unavoidable sense that engages us with our environment whether we like it or not. Given all of this, and in response to health concerns (like fragrance sensitivities, asthma, allergies) more and more workplaces and public buildings are introducing a scent-free policy. Maintaining good air quality for everyone is certainly both considerate and beneficial. But there is another kind of fragrance that today's world wants to neutralize and make it disappear: It is the verbal and nonverbal truth and meaning that believers communicate and emit in their environment. Whether intentionally or unintentionally, we reflect what we believe in. St. Paul in his second letter to Corinthians puts it this way: **"through us spreads in every place the fragrance that comes from knowing Christ. For we are the sweet aroma of Christ"** Aroma is the testimony of daily living; it is the weekdays wordless preaching. The aroma of Christ is telling about Christ without necessarily using words. It makes people ask and wonder about the reason behind what they encounter in you. Being the aroma of Christ means being the good news to others before sharing the Good News with them. And taking all this away from the public atmosphere is not a considerate or a good thing to do. Emptying life from spiritual meaning and connection with our creator can't be helpful to anyone. On the contrary it will make people dehydrated, tired, or indifferent at best. May we carry Christ's fragrance everywhere. Rev. Reine

In the Rearview Mirror: - Another Mission Project took place on April 1st. Our amazing team at St. Timothy's has taken on the task of putting together a home-made meal to Ottawa U students: home-meal away from home. We partnered with the chaplaincy office at the university in their "Feast and Faith" program. Having prepared our meals, St. Tim's team packed our goodies and headed to our destination. It was such a joyful & meaningful ministry. Christ was present in the midst of conversations and interaction with the students. Thanks to the presbytery of Ottawa for their support.

- Holy Week is a time to reflect on the final days of Jesus Christ's life, including His crucifixion, death, and glorious resurrection. As part of our observance of the Holy Week, the sanctuary was open on Tuesday, all day, for anyone who wished to spend time in prayer, reflection, and quiet meditation in the sanctuary.

- Easter Sunday at St. Timothy's was a joyful and hope-filled celebration! The Singing Saints blessed us with a beautiful rendition of "Easter Hallelujah," while our children explored the meaning of Easter and the promise of new life through special Easter eggs. During the service, we shared in Holy Communion, and afterwards, the kids had a blast with an outdoor Easter egg hunt.

- On April 27, we came together to celebrate 68 years of God's faithfulness — We are so grateful for our growing family of faith, from our long-standing members to all the wonderful new faces who have joined us. Our service was truly special. Rev. Anita Van Nest inspired us with a powerful message titled "What We Learned After Easter." Our amazing Nepali brothers and sisters moved us all with two beautiful hymns that filled the sanctuary with awe. The Singing Saints performed a wonderful rendition of "Song of the Nation". The Children's Choir touched our hearts as they sang "A Gift to You." We were blessed to receive video greetings from former active members who now live outside Ottawa. We concluded the service with a beautiful video reflecting the many activities and blessings at St. Timothy's over the past year, a perfect ending to a wonderful celebration. After the service, everyone enjoyed a delicious lunch together, sharing laughter, stories, and fellowship.

Looking Forward: - Join us as we celebrate Christian Family Sunday and Mother's Day on May 11. Our service will be led by members of our church families, and as always, a great fellowship time follows the service.

- Save the date: May 24 at 3 PM at St. Tim's! Join us for a vibrant Multicultural Show celebrating the rich diversity within our congregation. Enjoy lively performances and delicious finger foods from around the world. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children, and \$25 for families. **All are welcome!**

Sunday Worship Services @10 am

May 4,11,18,25
Sunday school during the service
Youth group May 4,25

Coming Events

Praise Dance May 4, 2025 10 am
Christian Family Sunday May 11,2025 10 am
Multi-Cultural Show May 24,2025 3 pm

Café Connections May 9,2025 10:30 am
Agape Gathering May 27,2025 10:30 am
Bible Study, Wednesdays 10:00 am
Craft Group, Mondays 01:00 pm

St. Tim's Pictorial

