

TIMOTHY TOPICS

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

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Bible Trivia: Finish the verse: "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me..."

Last issue's answer: "In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world." John 16:33

Minister's Corner: The Christian life is not first about mastering ideas or completing a program. It is about staying close to Christ. Spiritual growth happens through proximity. Think about something as natural as your native tongue. Why do you speak this language? Not because, as a baby, you studied grammar or memorized vocabulary. You learned because you lived among people who spoke it. You heard it at the table, in the kitchen, in everyday life. You listened, you imitated, and over time, without even realizing it, the language became part of you. This is how faith is formed. We are shaped by the One we stay close to. As we spend time with Christ (through Scripture, prayer, worship, and daily awareness of His presence) we begin to take on His way of speaking, thinking, and living. His compassion shapes our hearts. His patience reshapes our reactions. His truth begins to guide our steps.

Often, we look for quick growth or clear steps to follow. But Jesus invites us into something deeper and simpler: 'Abide in me...' John 15:4 Over time, what once felt unfamiliar becomes natural. What once felt difficult becomes part of who we are, not because we forced it, but because we lived near Him. So today, the invitation is not complicated: remain in Christ. Stay close. Let His life shape yours, one quiet, faithful step at a time. Rev. Reine

In the Rearview Mirror: - On Sunday, March 1st, we welcomed a speaker from Ridgemont High School who shared about the school's breakfast and lunch program and thanked our congregation for supporting it as our new mission project. It was wonderful to learn more about the needs in our community and how this program helps ensure students have access to nutritious meals during the school day. We are grateful to be part of supporting this important work.

- Another Mission Project took place on March 3rd. 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. It was such a joyful & meaningful ministry. Christ was present in the midst of conversations and interaction

- On March 8th, the Third Sunday in Lent, we gathered for worship and were blessed as the Demaine family led the Lenten responsive Call to Worship. Our African Chorus lifted our spirits with a joyful and uplifting hymn. After the service, we shared a happy moment celebrating the birthday of one of our Sunday School girls.

- On March 15, the SaahFon family led the Lenten call to worship, and Rev. Reine shared a message titled "Finding Our Place in God's Kingdom," preparing our hearts and minds as we gathered with hope for our annual congregational meeting after the service.

- A meaningful Agape Gathering on March 24th, walking with Jesus through Holy Week using our senses. As we walked with Jesus from Palm Sunday to the cross and toward the hope of resurrection, we shared simple foods; olives and Middle Eastern sandwiches echoing the kinds of meals Jesus and his disciples would have known. Water was present among us as a symbol of the washing of feet, drawing us into the humility and love of Christ's service. Holy Communion was shared in the spirit of the Last Supper. It was a moving time of reflection, prayer, and connection. The gathering concluded with fellowship and cake.

- On March 29th, our children brought the story of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem to life, retelling it through a simple drama and waving branches of palms. Joyful hymns filled the service, and Rev. Reine shared a refresh message about following Jesus step by step.

Looking Forward: - St. Timothy's Mission Project 2026 – Food Program at Ridgemont High School: During the Lenten season, St. Timothy's has chosen to support a local need by partnering with the food program at Ridgemont High School, helping ensure students have access to nutritious meals. Our goal is to raise \$2,000 by the end of the summer to give the program a strong start for the new school year. Thank you for your continued generosity and support of this meaningful community outreach.

- Good Friday Service on April 3rd @ 10:00 AM. A time to reflect on Jesus' suffering and sacrifice.

- Experience a joyful worship service on April 5, Easter Sunday, as we celebrate the hope found in the resurrection of Jesus. Holy Communion and Baptism will be part of this service, and a cake reception will follow to celebrate Youssef, who will be baptized.

- St. Timothy's 69th Anniversary on April 26! Join us for worship with guest speaker Rev. Andrew Johnston and special music by our talented members and children, followed by a potluck lunch to celebrate together.

Sunday Worship Services 10:00 am.
Sunday school during the service.
A special program for young adults,
 including Bible study and fun activities.
 If interested, please contact Bertha.

Coming Events
 Good Friday April 3 @ 10:00 am
 Easter Sunday & Communion @ 10 am
 Café Connections April 10 @10:30 am
 Anniversary Service April 26 @ 10 am

Agape Gathering April 28 @10:30 am
 Bible Study, Mondays @10:00 am
 Craft group Mondays @1-3 pm
 Do you have a prayer request or a prayer of
 thanksgiving? Contact the minister or Pastoral
 Care Team.

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