



Sunday September 3, 2017

### We Prepare For Worship

Organ Prelude

Welcome and Community Life News

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Silent Reflection

*"The Lord takes pleasure in those who fear him, in those who hope in his steadfast love." (Psalm 147:11)*

### We Worship God

Call to Worship

Leader: Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, Let us lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely.

**People: Let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. (Heb. 12:1, 2a)**

\*Opening Hymn *Praise to the Lord* #73

Prayers of Adoration and Confession

Lord's Prayer (*debts*) (please see pew card)

Assurance of Pardon

Minister: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Sharing the Peace of Christ

### We Listen for God's Word

\* Children's Hymn: *One more step along the world I go* #641

Time with the Children A Safe Place for My Treasures

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Genesis 24:22-27 Old Testament p.19

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 New Testament p.225

Leader: The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Special Music: June Graham

Scripture Reading: Luke 12:32-40 New Testament p.75

Leader: The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Faith Is a Journey Rev. Clive Simpson

\*Hymn *Will you come and follow me* #634

### We Respond to God's Word

Prayers for the World

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

\*Doxology #79

\*Dedication of Offering

\*Closing Hymn *Guide me, O thou great Redeemer* #651

### We are Sent Out as God's People

\* Charge and Benediction

\* Sung Benediction

**Go now in peace, never be afraid,  
God will go with you each hour of every day.  
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true,  
Know God will guide you in all you do.  
Go now in love, and show you believe,  
Reach out to others so all the world can see.  
God will be there, watching from above.  
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love. Amen.**

Organ Postlude

\* if you are able, please stand

*Welcome*

We welcome everyone here today. We hope that you feel comforted in our fellowship and that you leave here refreshed and inspired in your personal life. You are invited to fill out a pew card.

**\*\* We welcome all children in worship or, if you prefer, we have a well-equipped nursery in our education wing. If you need to take a child out during the worship service, the service can still be heard in the lobby. Our ushers are available to assist you.**

**Rev. Clive Simpson** is a graduate of Langstaff Public School, Thornhill Secondary School, Waterloo Lutheran University and Knox College. He served there as the pastor at Killam – Galahad and Varsity Acres in Alberta. Returning to Ontario he served at Clarkson and St. Paul's, Burlington. His wife, Donna, was a registered nurse. They have two daughters: Deborah, a Professor at the U. of Regina, and Allison who works at the Telus Spark in Calgary. Since retiring Clive and Donna live in what was his family home growing up, approximately two Km. north of the church.



**Starting on Sunday September 10<sup>th</sup>,  
worship service hours will change  
back to 11:00 a.m.**



**There will be no Sunday School today. Children will remain with their parents/guardians.**

**A very big thank you** to the volunteers who oversaw the children during the summer as they watched the series of DVD's "What's in the Bible?" Your time and commitment made it possible for the Sunday School teachers to have a break. *Many thanks, Barbara Godwin*



**Sandwiches for Evangel Hall will be collected this Wednesday September 6<sup>th</sup>**

This Wednesday is our turn to prepare sandwiches for Evangel Hall. The doors will be open from 9:00am – 1:00pm. and again from 7:30pm – 9:00pm. Our custodian or ministers may be here during other hours. Please ring the doorbell should you be here at different times then specified.

**A WARM WELCOME to Current Choir Members,  
new choir members and instrumentalists.**



**SENIOR CHOIR:** - weekly rehearsals will commence on Wednesday September 6th at 7:30p.m in the sanctuary.  
**JUNIOR YOUTH CHOIR** - weekly rehearsals will commence on Sunday September 24th at 9:45a.m. in the chapel.

**INSTRUMENTALISTS** - occasional performance

**Please give prayerful consideration to serving the Lord through sharing your musical talents in the music ministry.**

**If interested or need further inquiry, please feel free to contact Maria Lim. email:maria.p.lim@gmail.com or phone: 905-508-7913**

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**Duty Elders: George Huang and Russell Morden**

**UPCOMING WEEK'S EVENTS AT A GLANCE**

**Tuesday September 5, 2017**

7:30 pm Board of Managers meeting in the Chapel

**Wednesday September 6, 2017**

Sandwiches for Evangel Hall

10:15 am Free ESL classes in the Chapel

7:30 pm Choir practice in the Fellowship Hall

**Sunday September 10, 2017**

11:00 am Worship Service – Rally Sunday - Sacrament of Baptism

- Please remember to **turn off** cell phones before you enter the Sanctuary. Thank you.
- Hearing assist systems are available for those who need them. Please speak to an usher.
- Large print bulletins are available from the ushers.

**Our free ESL classes will start again on Wednesday September 6<sup>th</sup> in the Chapel. Classes run from 10:15 until 12:15 every Wednesday.**

**50 PLUS Programs**

50 Plus commences it's Fall Program at noon on Thursday the 21<sup>st</sup> of September.

**All are welcome!**

The congregation of Richmond Hill Presbyterian Church invites you to share in their 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary. A service of thanksgiving and celebration will be held on Sunday October 15, 2017 at 2 p.m. in the Sanctuary. A reception will follow in the William Wallace Memorial Hall from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. 10066 Yonge Street in Richmond Hill. Please R.S.V.P. by September 10<sup>th</sup> to Ivi Saumets at 905-884-4211 or e-mail rhpreschurch@hotmail.com.