

Sunday December 2, 2018
The First Sunday of Advent
The Sacrament of Holy Communion

We Prepare for Worship

Praise Band

Organ Prelude

*Processional Hymn *On Jordan's bank* #126

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Welcome and Community Life News

Silent Reflection

Prepare for God's arrival! Make the road straight and smooth, a highway fit for our God. Isaiah 40:3 (Msg)

We Worship God

The Call to Worship Led by the Praise Band
Please see the PWS&D First Sunday in Advent insert: Hope

Choral Introit

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Assurance of Pardon

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

People: And also with you.

Sharing the Peace of Christ

*Praise Time *Nothing but the Blood please see yellow insert*

Jr. Youth Choir

We Listen for God's Word

Children's Time

Prayer for Illumination

Responsive Psalm 25:1-10

Garth Low
please see insert

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Choir *Advent Jubilate!* Shackley

Scripture Reading Matthew 3:1-12 p.2

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Making your Paths Straight H. Vais

We respond to God's Word

Invitation to the Table

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Dedication of Offering and Elements

*Hymn *Draw us in the Spirit's tether* #531

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving *please see yellow insert*

The Breaking of the Bread

Distribution of the Elements

Communion Prayer

*Recessional Hymn *Hail to the Lord's Anointed* #115

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.**



There is no pageant rehearsal or Sunday School classes today. Children will stay in church for Communion.

Responsive Psalm 25:1-10

- ¹ In you, LORD my God, I put my trust.
² **I trust in you; do not let me be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.**
³ No one who hopes in you will ever be put to shame, but shame will come on those who are treacherous without cause.
⁴ **Show me your ways, LORD, teach me your paths.**
⁵ Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long.
⁶ **Remember, LORD, your great mercy and love, for they are from of old.**
⁷ Do not remember the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways; according to your love remember me, for you, LORD, are good.
⁸ **Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in his ways.**
⁹ He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them his way.
¹⁰ **All the ways of the LORD are loving and faithful toward those who keep the demands of his covenant.**



This morning we will be celebrating the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

All who profess Jesus Christ as Lord are welcome to the table. This morning we will be inviting you to come forward to receive the Sacrament. If you have mobility challenges, please advise an elder and we will bring communion to you.



Evangel Hall Christmas Dinner

The Senior Youth Group will be serving Christmas Dinner to Evangel Hall on Sunday December 16th. They are asking for food donations of stuffed and cooked turkeys, cooked hams, dinner rolls, potatoes, frozen vegetables and pies. Please see Nora Pandy after the service today to sign-up. If you have any questions, feel free to call Nora at (416) 222-9058.

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Duty Elders: Neil & Doreen Murray and Jessica Chapman

UPCOMING WEEK'S EVENTS AT A GLANCE

Monday December 3, 2018

9:30 am Quilting in the Fellowship Hall

Wednesday December 5, 2018

10:15 am Sandwiches for Evangel Hall

7:00 pm Free ESL classes in the Chapel

Cantata Choir practice in the Sanctuary

Saturday December 8, 2018

12:30 pm Sunday School pageant practice

Sunday December 9, 2018

9:00 am Pageant practice in the Sanctuary

11:00 am Worship Service – Advent II

Sunday School Christmas Pageant

- 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 with an usher
- Large print bulletins are available from the ushers



The 2019 Presbyterian Wall calendars

are now here and can be purchased for \$5.00 each.

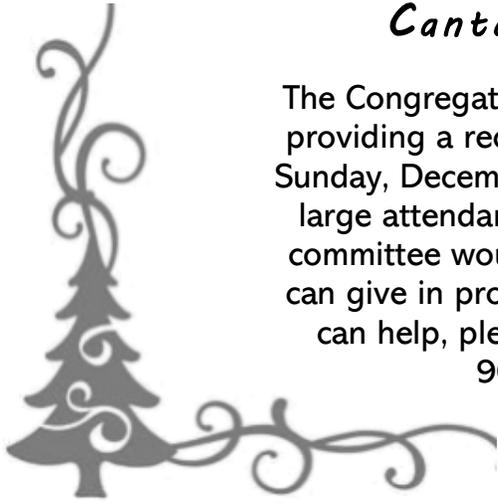
If you would like one please speak with your Administrator Stephanie or one of the ministers.



Pageant and dress rehearsal for the Sunday School will take place next Saturday December 8 at 12.30 pm and Pizza will be served.

Cantata Reception

The Congregational Life Committee will be providing a reception after the Cantata on Sunday, December 16th. We usually have a large attendance with many guests. The committee would appreciate any help you can give in providing refreshments. If you can help, please speak to Sheila Gault 905-884-6568.



Mitten Tree



Please place your new mitts, scarves, gloves, hats or any warm items of clothing on the Mitten Tree and they will be delivered to Evangel Hall before Christmas to provide warmth to those in need.

50 PLUS Christmas dinner

Which will be held in the Fellowship Hall
Thursday December 13 at noon

Full course turkey dinner

Tickets: \$22.00/ea

Contact John Kerr or the office

By or before November 30th.

Donavon Lenabat will be providing Christmas entertainment.



THE THORNHILL CHRISTMAS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Each year at this time the Thornhill Ministerial Association sponsors a hamper program to help needy families in Thornhill.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- A) Bring non-perishable foods, toiletries or toys and place in the boxes in the narthex.
- B) Donate cash in your weekly envelope and mark "Christmas Assistance Program" on the "other" line.
- C) Volunteer to sort food, pack or deliver hampers. Sign-up sheet will be next to the visitor's desk in the narthex.

**Donation deadline is Wednesday December 12th.
Sorry but we cannot accept food items past there
expiry date and please no clothing.**

Thank you for your support for those less fortunate in our community this Christmas. We hope to help almost 130 families this year. If you have any question's please speak to Rev. Tom Vais or Doreen Murray at 416-224-0893.



Thank you!

**Once again TPC had a wonderful Annual Christmas Dinner.
Thank you to Sheila Gault and the Congregational Life
Committee for arranging this festive annual event.**



**The Juman family would like to extend their most grateful
thanks for all of our prayers and for all we did for
them during their time of loss.**



Praise Time



Nothing but The Blood

Your blood speaks a better word
 Than all the empty claims
 I've heard upon this earth
 Speaks righteousness for me
 And stand in my defense
 Jesus it's Your blood

*What can wash away our sins?
 What can make us whole again?
 Nothing but the blood
 Nothing but the blood of Jesus*

*What can wash us pure as snow
 Welcomed as the friends of God?
 Nothing but Your blood
 Nothing but Your blood, King Jesus*

Your cross testifies in grace
 Tells of the Father's heart
 To make a way for us
 Now boldly we approach
 Not earthly confidence
 It's only in Your blood

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*What can wash us pure as snow
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REPEAT LAST TWO CHORUSES

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Communion Prayer The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

*The prayer opens with thanksgiving for creation and
 for God's mighty acts throughout salvation history.*

*The people join in the ancient song after these or similar words:
 ... we join with the whole creation to lift our hearts in joyful praise.*

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
 Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
 Hosanna in the highest.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Hosanna in the highest.**

*Prayers of thanksgiving continue for the work of Jesus Christ, his life,
 death, and resurrection and for the institution of the Lord's Supper. The
 people are invited to "proclaim the mystery of faith:"*

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

*Thanksgiving continues for the gift of the Holy Spirit.
 The presence of the Holy Spirit is invoked followed by
 a doxology and the people say: **Amen.***

As our Lord taught us, we now pray:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
 Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done
 On earth, as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread and
 forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
 Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
 For Thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory
 Forever. **Amen****