



Order of Worship
Sunday November 8, 2020
Remembrance Day

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

One: Bless the Lord, O my soul

All: And forget not all his benefits

One: Who redeems your life from the pit

All: And crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

One: Let us worship God

Hymn: *O God our help in ages past*
An Act of Remembrance

Let us remember before God, those who have died for their country and for peace and freedom in war; those whom we knew, and whose memory we treasure; and all who have lived and died in the service of humanity.

Let us pray

Almighty and eternal God,
from whose love in Christ we cannot be parted,
either by death or life:

Hear our prayers of thanksgiving
for all whom we remember this day;
fulfil in us the purpose of your love;
and bring us all, with them,
to your eternal joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord

Amen.

They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.

Last Post

A Minute of Silence

Reveille

The National Anthem

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 43:14-21 Old Testament p.672
 Philippians 3:2-14 New Testament p.198

Children's Time

Sermon: Fuhgedaboudid! Rev. Stephen Farris

Hymn *Through all the changing scenes of life*

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Offering Invitation Ubi Caritas
 Where there's charity
 And steadfast love,
 Where there's charity,
 There will God be found.

Doxology Hymn *Live in charity*

Prayer of Dedication

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn *Let all things now living*

The Benediction *Go Now in Peace*

Organ Postlude

At the request of The Rev. Dr. Heather Vais, the Presbytery of Oakridges has appointed The Rev. Matthew Sams as a short-term Interim Moderator during this time of grieving. We all look forward to the day when Heather is back in the pulpit.

This Covid era has been challenging for all of us. Tom's sudden death is all that more shocking to us who are already weary. Reach out to one another in kindness, humility, and a good listening ear.

Thank you for worshipping with us today!

Thank you to all who helped in this worship service.

Rev. Stephen Farris

Garth Low – Guest Organist

Melvin Suwarno – Video Editing

Weekly Offerings and Gifts

To continue to support the church through your regular offerings during this pandemic you may donate through the website www.tpchurch.net or offerings can be mailed or dropped off at the church mail slot in the old wooden doors to the right of the entryway any time. If you are interested in Pre-Authorized Debit (PAR) contact Stephanie at the church. Thank you for your support

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Stephen Farris is a semi-retired Presbyterian minister and is presently serving as Visiting Professor of Preaching at Knox College, University of Toronto. He is a graduate of the University of Toronto, Union Theological Seminary in Virginia, and Cambridge University, England, from which he received his PhD. He is Dean Emeritus of St. Andrew's Hall, Vancouver, and Professor Emeritus of Preaching of Vancouver School of Theology. Dr. Farris was elected Moderator of the 140th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, has served on the Executive Committee of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches, and as President of the Academy of Homiletics, the international association of teachers of preaching. He has preached and taught internationally and nationally, and is the author of four books, many academic and popular articles, and a murder mystery short story. His most recent book is *So, Tell Me a Story: The Art of Storytelling for Preaching and Teaching*.

Stephen Farris is married to Patricia Farris, a retired school principal, and has two sons, two daughters in law, and four grandchildren.

A Remembrance Day Prayer
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*Loving God,
have mercy on your people,
and open our hearts to peace and love.
Reward all who have died for their country,
and grant that Canada and all nations
may continue to work for peace and justice.
Bless us in your service,
and help us to follow Jesus Christ,
who is our Saviour and our Lord
for ever and ever.
Amen.*

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