



Sunday December 5, 2021
The Second Sunday of Advent
The Sacrament of Holy Communion

We Prepare For Worship

Praise Band
Organ Prelude
Silent Reflection

*"Behold, I send My messenger, and he will prepare the way before Me.
...Behold, He is coming," Says the LORD of hosts.*

Welcome and Community Life News

We Worship God

The Call to Worship Lydia Lai

One: A voice in the wilderness cries out:

All: Prepare the way of the Lord!

One: Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill be made low.

All: The crooked shall be made straight, and rough places, smooth.

One: A voice in the wilderness cries out:

All: All people shall see the salvation of God!

One: Lift up your hearts in expectation!

All: We will lift up our praise to the One who is coming into the world once more.

One: Let us worship God.

Advent Candle liturgy **PWS&D Advent 2 Insert** Janet Gargano

*Opening Hymn Hark the Glad Sound #118

Prayers of Adoration and Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Sharing the Peace of Christ

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

People: And also with you.

*Praise Time Hallelujah (please see insert)

Junior Choir "Come to Us" by Anna Laura Page

We Listen for God's Word

Children's Time

Prayer for Illumination

Jessica Chapman

Scripture Reading Luke 3:1-14

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Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: *A Guide to Christmas*

Rev. Dr. H. Vais

We Respond to God's Word

The Apostles' Creed

(please see insert)

Prayer of Dedication, Thanksgiving & Intercession

The Invitation to the Table

*Communion Hymn: One Bread, One Body

#540

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking of the Bread and Sharing of the Cup

Prayer after Communion

*Closing Hymn *Come, thou long-expected Jesus*

#110

*The Benediction

*Musical 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 He 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.

Thank you to those who are assisting in today's service.

**Thank You and Welcome to Paul Townshend
who is our guest organist today.**

Paul is a graduate of St. Michael's Choir School in Toronto and has his ARCT (Associate of the Royal Conservatory of Music) in piano and organ, a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Music from York University and a B. Ed from the University of Toronto. In addition to being a church organist Paul taught high school music for 31 years.

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The Sacrament of Holy Communion



We invite all who profess Jesus as Lord
to receive the Sacrament.

You will have been given Covid-safe,
individually prepared juice and wafer kits.

COVID Restrictions and Mandates

Due to Covid restrictions, we ask that masks be worn at all
times.

Singing is permitted in a speaking volume.

Building Use During COVID

Due to COVID requirements mandated by the provincial government, Polka Dot Preschool must fully sanitize the washrooms and classrooms each day prior to start of operations. The daycare facilities are fully sanitized on Friday evening in preparation for Monday. Please do not use the washrooms or any other rooms in the daycare area on Sunday so that we do not compromise the cleanliness. This will really help the daycare maintain a safe space for their children.

Thank you for your help and understanding.
Board of Managers

Weekly Offerings and Gifts

To continue to support the church through your regular offerings during this pandemic there are several options available to do so.

Offerings can be mailed (address below) or dropped off at the church mail slot in the old wooden doors to the right of the entryway any time.

You may also donate on-line at Canada Helps through our web site at www.tpchurch.net or directly to Canada Helps.Org at <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/thornhill-presbyterian-church/>

Pre-Authorized Debit (PAR) If you are interested in joining the PAR program contact Nadine at the church.

Thank you for your support!

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Do you have a gift you can share with your church? TPC is in need of individuals who can offer assistance in ushering and greeting, offering counters, readers, participants in Sunday worship services and committee membership.



The 2022 Presbyterian Wall calendars are now here and can be purchased for \$10.00 each.

Proceeds of sales will go towards stewardship initiatives at TPC.

If you would like one please speak with your Administrator Nadine or Rev. Heather.

The Mitten Tree is up in the Foyer for Donations



Water resistant/wind resistant/lined - gloves, mitts, scarves & hats are the most needed items. Donations will be delivered to Evangel Hall. Let's help keep our brothers and sisters warm and dry this winter by placing a gift on the Mitten Tree.

PWS&D Gifts of Change

Do you have someone on your Christmas list for whom it is impossible to buy a gift? Why not consider buying a PWS&D Gift of Change in their honour? A copy of the 2021-22 catalogue can be viewed in the foyer or shop online at presbyterian.ca/giftsofchange.

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR
MAX LUCADO



BECAUSE OF
Bethlehem
LOVE IS BORN
HOPE IS HERE

Thornhill Presbyterian Church invites you to attend our virtual Advent Study series:

Because of Bethlehem: Love is Born, Hope is Here
by Max Lucado

Wednesday December 15 at 7 p.m. on Zoom.
No preparation is required.

See the worship email for the Link



Christmas Assistance Program 2021

We are grateful for the many years that Thornhill Presbyterian Church

has supported the Thornhill Christmas Assistance Program. Since the challenges of COVID-19 remain with us, we will be providing gift cards for families in need again this Christmas season. For obvious reasons we will not be able to collect food or gifts for distribution, but we feel that gift cards, especially for grocery stores, will be easier to administer by our small committee.

This year, we will be accepting financial donations. You can help by donating in your weekly envelope and marking "Christmas Assistance Program" on the "Other" line. Donation deadline is Friday, December 10, 2021.

Please contact Sharon Miron at sharonmiron24@gmail.com with questions you may have.

Evangel Hall Christmas Dinner



On Sunday, December 19th, the youth group will be going to Evangel Hall in downtown Toronto to serve their annual Christmas meal. Our church has always been a big supporter of Evangel Hall, as we even sent food last year, at the height of the pandemic. This year, there will be modified serving of the meal due to safety precautions. But the need is still there, and we will once again serve those in dire situations.

We will look for your support again this year with contributions of cooked turkeys, hams, potatoes, buns, vegetables and pies, or financial contributions towards this endeavour. There will be further announcements and updates during services in December to accept your pledges for this very worthwhile cause.

A New Day!

Help us celebrate our re-opening and bring about a 'New Day' at the luncheon on December 12th after worship. Lunch will be prepared by the Congregational Life Committee and safety protocols will be in place. To help us plan we are asking everyone who wants to attend to please jot down your name on the sign-up sheets in the front lobby or speak with Julie Meek or Jessica Chapman. We hope to see you there!



Bible Time with Rev. Heather!

Hey Kids and Parents!

Our next Bible Time will be
Sunday December 12 @ 6:45
We will share a link so you can hear
a great story with great pictures
all about Christmas!

*NOTE: Bible Time with Rev. Heather
will not be held on the 19th
because Rev. Heather will be with TPC team
preparing the Evangel Hall dinner.*

The Open Door

The Open Door newsletter is available for pickup after the service. The newsletter will also be emailed.



Praise Time HALLELUJAH



I've heard about this baby boy
Who's come to earth to bring us joy
And I just want to sing this song to you
It goes like this

The fourth, the fifth
The minor fall, the major lift
With ev'ry breath I'm singing Hallelujah
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah

A couple came to Bethlehem
Expecting child, they searched the inn
To find a place, You were coming soon
There was no more room for them to stay
So in a manger filled with hay
God's only Son was born, oh Hallelujah
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah

The shepherds left their flocks by night
To see this baby wrapped in light
A host of angels led them all to You
It was just as the angels said
You'll find him in a manger bed
Emmanuel and Saviour, Hallelujah
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah

A star shone bright up in the east
To Bethlehem, the wise men three
Came many miles and journeyed long for You
And to the place at which You were
Their frankincense and gold and myrrh
They gave to You and cried out Hallelujah
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah

I know you came to rescue me
This baby boy would grow to be
A man, and one day die for you and me
My sins would drive the nails in You
That rugged cross was my cross too
Still every breath You drew was Hallelujah
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah (Em)
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah (G D G)

Words and music by Leonard Cohen
Words adapted by Cloverton

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.

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.*

(Hymn #829)

**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

Hymns

Hark the glad sound

Hark the glad sound! The Saviour comes,
the Saviour promised long;
let every heart prepare a throne,
and every voice a song!

You come the prisoners to release
in Satan's bondage held;
the gates of brass before you burst,
the iron fetters yield.

You come the broken heart to bind,
the wounded soul to cure,
to bring the treasures of God's grace,
good tidings for the poor.

Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,
your welcome shall proclaim,
and heaven's eternal arches ring
with your most honoured name.

Hymns

Come, thou long-expected Jesus

Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us;
let us find our rest in thee.

Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art,
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver;
born a child and yet a king,
born to reign in us forever;
now thy gracious kingdom bring.

By thine own eternal Spirit
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all sufficient merit
raise us to thy glorious throne.

Hymns

One bread, on body

One bread, on body, one Lord of all,
One cup of blessing which we bless,
And we, though many through-out the earth,
We are one body in this one Lord.
Gentile or Jew, servant or free,
Woman or man, no more.

One bread, on body, one Lord of all,
One cup of blessing which we bless,
And we, though many through-out the earth,
We are one body in this one Lord.
Many the gifts, many the works,
One in the Lord of all.

One bread, on body, one Lord of all,
One cup of blessing which we bless,
And we, though many through-out the earth,
We are one body in this one Lord.
Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,
Gathered to one, for all.

One bread, on body, one Lord of all,
One cup of blessing which we bless,
And we, though many through-out the earth,
We are one body in this one Lord.
Fruit of the vine, gathered and crushed,
Poured out and blest for all.