

Sunday August 28, 2022
We Prepare For Worship

Organ Prelude *Voluntary in D* *Croft*

Welcome and Community Life News

Silent Reflection

But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" God said, "I will be with you; ..."
Exodus 3: 11-12a

We Worship God

The Call to Worship *Rev. Kathy Brownlee*

L.: Our prayers and praises rise to You, O God.

P: You search us and know us; You love us and claim us for Your own; You bless us with Your grace. We praise You, O God.

L.: Lord of Life and Giver of Grace and Hope, this day is Your gift to us.

P: Let our worship be our gift to You, O God.

L: Let us worship God.

*Opening Hymn *Joyful, joyful we adore you* **#410**

Prayers of Adoration and Confession

Lord's Prayer (*debts*)

Assurance of Pardon

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

People: And also with you.

We Listen for God's Word

*Children's Hymn *All things bright and beautiful* **#435**

Children's Time

Prayer for Illumination *Sharon Miron*

Scripture Readings

Responsive Psalm - Psalm 139:1-12 (see insert) *Alireza Taghizadeh*

Exodus 3:1-12 *OT p.50*

St. Matthew 28:16-20 *NT p.34*

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: "Promises! Promises!"

Rev. Kathy Brownlee

*Hymn *How firm a foundation*

#685

We Respond to God's Word

Presentation of the Offerings

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Intercession

*Closing Hymn *Great is thy faithfulness*

#324

We are Sent Out as God's People

*Charge and 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 *Trumpet Voluntary*

Bennett

**if you are able, please stand*

Welcome

We welcome everyone who is worshipping here with us 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. 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.**

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

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

Thank you and welcome once again to
John Charles
 who is playing the organ for us today.

Responsive Psalm

Psalm 139: 1-12

- ¹ O Lord, you have searched me and known me.
- ² **You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from far away.**
- ³ You search out my path and my lying down
and are acquainted with all my ways.
- ⁴ **Even before a word is on my tongue,
O Lord, you know it completely.**
- ⁵ You hem me in, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.
- ⁶ **Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain it.**
- ⁷ Where can I go from your spirit?
Or where can I flee from your presence?
- ⁸ **If I ascend to heaven, you are there;
if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.**
- ⁹ If I take the wings of the morning
and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,
- ¹⁰ **even there your hand shall lead me,
and your right hand shall hold me fast.**
- ¹¹ If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me,
and night wraps itself around me,"
- ¹² **even the darkness is not dark to you;
the night is as bright as the day,
for darkness is as light to you.**

L: The word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God

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Custodian: Vacant



The administrator's office hours for July and
August will be Wednesday to Friday
From 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.

- 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.

*Due to severe allergies and/or disabilities with some individuals please refrain from using products containing **PERFUMES** or **SCENTS** (including cologne, hair sprays or after-shave lotions). **Thank you.***



Through the months of July and August,
TPC welcomes our friends
from St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Maple,
who will be worshipping with us in person and online.

Rev. Dr. Heather is the Interim Moderator of the
congregation during their vacancy.
If you see someone new at church,
please extend a warm welcome to all our visitors!

Minister Away

Rev. Heather will be away on summer holidays
from August 8 and will not return until September 6.

In the case of an urgent matter, please contact
our Session Clerk, Sheila Gault at 905-751-6568.

For all other, non-urgent matters, please phone or email
the church office and our Administrator, Nadine
will respond during her summer office hours.

Welcome to our Guest Preacher

**Rev. Kathy Brownlee, B. A., M. Div., Th. M., M. Ed. in
Counselling** is a graduate of Queen's University, Knox College
and the University of Toronto. Her Master of Theology degree is in
Pastoral Care.

From 1990-1996, she was a member of the Committee on History
of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. Rev. Kathy Brownlee has
served congregations in Northern Ontario, Summerside, P. E. I.,
Barrie, Toronto and Richmond Hill.

From 1997 until she retired from full-time ministry in late 2015, she
was the minister of St. Mark's Presbyterian Church, a culturally
diverse congregation. Some of her community involvement has
included: The Board of Directors of the Y.W.C.A., The Consent
and Capacity Board of Ontario (for 12 years), and the Pastoral
Relations Committee of the Roval Victoria Hospital in Barrie.

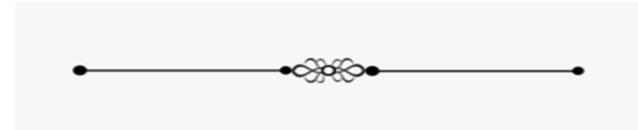
Our TPC Custodian Kirk McLeod

It is with deep regret that we announce the retirement of
Kirk McLeod as TPC custodian due to health reasons.
Kirk has been a faithful contractor of TPC for many years.
We have benefited from his meticulous attention to detail
and the care he took in his job.

Our church was very well taken care of by Kirk.
We will all miss Kirk's approachable nature, his friendly
personality, and his love of a good conversation.

Kirk has asked for your prayers as he deals
with his health concerns.

We will have a formal farewell to Kirk in the fall.



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!

Hymn

Joyful, joyful we adore you

Joyful, joyful we adore you,
God of glory Lord of love.
Hearts unfold like flowers before you,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
drive the dark of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.

All your works with joy surround you,
earth and heaven reflect your rays;
stars and angels sing around you,
centre of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadows, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowering fountain,
join to praise you joyfully.

You are giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blessed,
wellspring of the joy of living,
ocean depth of happy rest.
God Creator, Christ our Saviour,
all are yours who live in love.
Teach us how to love our neighbour;
lift us to your joy above.

Morning stars, awake the chorus,
mortals join with every part,
for what joy is set before us
as Christ's love joins heart to heart!
Ever singing, march we onward,
victors in the midst of strife;
joyful music leads us sunward
in the triumph song of life.

Hymn

All things bright and beautiful

Refrain:

All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful,
in love God made them all.

Each little flower that opens,
each little bird that sings,
God made their glowing colours;
God made their tiny wings.

(Refrain)

The cold wind in the winter,
the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruits in the garden,
God made them, every one.

(Refrain)

The rocky mountain splendour,
the haunting curlew's call,
the great lakes and the prairies,
the forests in the fall,

(Refrain)

God gave us eyes to see them,
and lips that we might tell
how great is God almighty
who has made all things well.

(Refrain)

Hymn

How firm a foundation

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in God's excellent word!
What more can God say than to you hath been said,
to you that for refuge to Jesus have fled?

'Fear not, I am with thee; oh be not dismayed!
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee and cause thee to stand
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

'When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
the rivers of woe shall not thee over flow,
for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

'When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
my grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply:
the flames shall not hurt thee; I only design
thy dross to consume and thy gold to refine.

'The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose
I will not, I will not, desert to his foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavour to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake!

Hymn

Great is thy faithfulness

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not;
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is thy faithfulness;
Great is thy faithfulness;
morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
join with all nature in eloquent witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

[Refrain]

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

[Refrain]