



Sunday January 22, 2023
We Prepare For Worship

Praise Band

Preparing our Hearts

"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." John 8:12

Organ Prelude

*Processional Hymn: *The Lord's my light* #15

Welcome and Community Life News

We Worship God

The Call to Worship

Doug Miron

L.: The Lord is our light and salvation.

P: We will not be afraid.

L.: Behold the beauty of the Lord!

P: God will shelter us on any day of trouble and set us high upon a rock.

L: Let God's people shout for joy!

P: For Christ calls us and claims us as his own.

L: Come in unity and love.

P: Let us rejoice together.

L: Let us worship God.

Prayers of Adoration and Confession

Lord's Prayer (*depts*)

The Assurance of Pardon

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

People: And also with you.

*Praise Time I Saw The Light (see insert)

We Listen for God's Word

Children's Time

Prayer for Illumination

Clare Mezes

Scripture Readings

Responsive Psalm – Psalm 27:1-6 (see insert) Sam Nogueron

Gospel Reading: Matthew 4:12-17 NT p. 3

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: Where the scary things are Rev. Dr. Heather Vais

*Hymn: *Lord, the light of your love is shining* #376

We Respond to God's Word

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Intercession

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

*Doxology #830

*Dedication of Offering

*Closing Hymn: *I heard the voice of Jesus say* #671

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

**if you are able, please stand*

Welcome

We welcome everyone who is worshiping 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.**



Sunday School Classes!

A one-room Sunday School class is available for our junior youth today after Praise Time.

All children grades 1-6 are welcome.

***Thank you to those who are assisting in today's service.
 If you wish to help reading scriptures contact the church office or speak with Garth Low or Rev. Heather***

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



Praise Time I Saw The Light



I wandered so aimless, life filled with sin
I wouldn't let my dear Saviour in
Then Jesus came like a stranger in the night
Praise the Lord! I saw the light

*I saw the light, I saw the light
No more in darkness, no more in night
Now I'm so happy, no sorrow in sight
Praise the Lord! I saw the light*

Just like a blind man, I wandered along
Worries and fears I claimed for my own
Then like the blind man that God gave back his sight
Praise the Lord! I saw the light

*I saw the light, I saw the light
No more in darkness, no more in night
Now I'm so happy, no sorrow in sight
Praise the Lord! I saw the light*

I was a fool to wander and stray
Straight is the gate and narrow the way
Now I have traded the wrong for the right
Praise the Lord! I saw the light

*I saw the light, I saw the light
No more in darkness, no more in night
Now I'm so happy, no sorrow in sight
Praise the Lord! I saw the light*

REPEAT

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UPCOMING WEEK'S EVENTS AT A GLANCE

Tuesday January 24, 2023

10:00 – 12:00 pm	ESL Class Cancelled for this week
1:00 pm	Funeral for Elizabeth Bailie in the Sanctuary
7:30 pm	Board of Managers meeting by Zoom

Thursday January 26, 2023

7:30 pm	Book Club meeting by Zoom
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Sunday January 29, 2023

11:00 am	Worship Service
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Weekly Offerings and Gifts

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

Offerings may be placed in the offering plate at the entry to the sanctuary each Sunday.

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!

Offering Envelopes

The 2023 Offering envelopes are available for pick up from the church.

Please contact the church office to pick up your envelopes or arrange to have them delivered to you.

Pre-Authorized Remittance

As an alternative to regular offering envelopes, this is a perfect time to join our PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance) program. In doing so you don't have to worry about picking up your envelopes or mailing/dropping off cheques. Here is the information you need to know about the PAR program.

Under this arrangement, a monthly debit is made to your account on the 20th of each month and credited the same day to TPC's account. You can allocate funds the same way you do with your regular offering envelopes. You can also make changes, (increasing, decreasing, or cancelling) your pre-authorized amount at any time.

If you have any questions about the PAR program, please contact Nadine Calfa, at 905-889-5391 or admin@tpchurch.net.

TAX RECEIPTS ARE READY!

Tax receipts will be available for pick-up at church on Sunday. Alternatively, please call the church office to arrange pick-up or drop-off.

Receipts have been mailed for those living out of town.

Thank You

Thank You for Your Generosity!

Thank you to everyone for helping us meet our annual financial goals for 2022. The response to our appeal in November was overwhelming. Your tithes and offerings are invaluable in helping support the mission and ministry of the congregation.

We are grateful.

Sincerely,
Your TPC Stewardship Committee

New Members!

We will be soon receiving new members into our church family.

If you are not a member and wish to become one, please speak with the Minister or an Elder.



Calling All Teens!

Confirmation Classes are beginning!!!

Starting Sunday February 5th

from 12:30 until 2:00 p.m.

Classes will be held between Feb. 5th until April 2nd with an Easter Sunday Confirmation service.

Please see Rev. Heather or contact the church office.

Lunch Hosts Needed!



Anyone willing to volunteer to provide lunch for our confirmation classes is asked to speak with the Minister or contact the office to sign up for a date.

Sunday Morning Discovery!

Sunday mornings from 9:45 - 10:30 beginning February 5th.

Coffee will be provided.

This is a **basic** study group that deals with **basic** faith issues in **straight forward** ways.

Speak to Rev. Heather, Edmond Lee, or contact the office.

With Deepest Sympathy

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to the family of Elizabeth Bailie, who passed away peacefully, surrounded by her loving family on Tuesday January 17th.

Elizabeth and her late husband Warren were long-time active members at TPC.

The funeral will be held at the church on Tuesday January 24th at 1:00 p.m.

Visitation is on Monday January 23rd at 2-4 pm and 6-8 pm at: Marshall Funeral Home
10366 Yonge Street, Richmond Hill

We are looking for 4 or 5 volunteers to help in the kitchen for set-up and preparing coffee and tea. Food will be provided by the family. Please speak to Sheila Gault if you are able to help 905-751-6568.

Responsive Psalm

Psalm 27:1-6

1 The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold[a] of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?

**2 When evildoers assail me
to devour my flesh—
my adversaries and foes—
they shall stumble and fall.**

3 Though an army encamp against me,
my heart shall not fear;
though war rise up against me,
yet I will be confident.

**4 One thing I asked of the Lord;
this I seek:
to live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life,
to behold the beauty of the Lord,
and to inquire in his temple.**

5 For he will hide me in his shelter
in the day of trouble;
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;
he will set me high on a rock.

**6 Now my head is lifted up
above my enemies all around me,
and I will offer in his tent
sacrifices with shouts of joy;
I will sing and make melody to the Lord.**

Hymn

The Lord's my light

The Lord's my light and saving health;
who shall make me dismayed?
God is the stronghold of my life:
who shall make me afraid?

Though wars arise and armies camp
against me, I'll not fear;
I will stand firm and confident:
I know that God is near.

One thing I asked of God the Lord,
and will seek to obtain,
that all days of my life I may
within God's house remain;

that I the beauty of the Lord
may worship and admire,
that I in God's most holy place
may reverently enquire.

Hymn

Lord, the light of your love is shining

Lord, the light of your love is shining
In the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us.
Set us free by the truth you now bring us.
Shine on me; shine on me.

Refrain:

*Shine, Jesus, shine;
fill this land with the Father's glory;
blaze, Spirit, blaze,
set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow;
flood the nations
with grace and mercy;
send forth your word,
Lord, and let there be light.*

Lord, I come to your awesome presence,
from the shadows into your radiance;
by your blood I may enter your brightness.
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness.
Shine on me; shine on me.

(Refrain)

As we gaze on your kingly brightness,
so our faces display your likeness,
ever changing from glory to glory:
mirrored here may our lives tell your story.
Shine on me; shine on me.

(Refrain)

Hymn

I heard the voice of Jesus say

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'Come unto me and rest;
lay down, thou weary one, lay down
thy head upon my breast!'
I came to Jesus as I was,
weary and worn and sad;
I found in him a resting place,
and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'Behold, I freely give
the living water; thirsty one,
stoop down, and drink and live!'
I came to Jesus, and I drank
of that lifegiving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived
and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'I am this dark world's light;
look unto me, thy morn shall rise,
and all thy day be bright.'
I looked to Jesus, and I found
in him my star, my sun,
and in that light of life I'll walk
till traveling days are done.