



Sunday February 19, 2023

Transfiguration Sunday

The Sacrament of Baptism and Reception of Members

We Prepare For Worship

Praise Band

Preparing our Hearts

Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust." Psalm 91

Organ Prelude *Hyfrydol* David Schack

*Processional Hymn: *We have come at Christ's own bidding* #187

Welcome and Community Life News

We Worship God

The Call to Worship Arshida Taghizadeh

L.: The Lord rules over the earth in majesty and mystery.

P: We praise God's awesome name!

L.: The Lord loves justice and calls us together in equity.

P: We come to honour God's purposes with love and loyalty.

L.: The Christ of glory shines in this place.

P: With the Spirit's power, we will lift our voices in prayer and praise!

L.: Let us worship God!

Prayers of Adoration and Confession

The Assurance of Pardon

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

People: And also with you.

*Praise Time Michael, Row the Boat Ashore (see insert)

We Listen for God's Word

Baptism and Reception of New Members

Prayer for Illumination George Meek

Scripture Reading

Gospel Reading: Matthew 17:1-9 NT p. 18

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Up and Down the Mountain The Rev. Dr. H. Vais

*Hymn *Lord, I want to be a Christian* #571

We Respond to God's Word

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Lord's Prayer (debts)

Choir Anthem: *We Saw His Glory* Erhard Mauesberger

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

*Doxology #830

*Dedication of Offering

*Closing Hymn: *Lift Every Voice and Sing* (printed)

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 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/Piano Duet Postlude *Dry Bones* Larry Shackley
Garth Low & Dan Werning

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* 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.**

***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.

There is no Sunday School today.

Children will remain in church with their families.

Today's Music Notes from Dan

Prelude: This arrangement of the familiar Hyfrydol tune was composed by David Schack (1947), one of my college organ professors. It is set in a very "bluesy" manner, a music style uniquely created by Black Americans in the 19th and early 20th centuries.

We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding: By Carl Daw, Jr. This is the familiar "Hyfrydol" tune's long Welsh meaning: "Delightful, agreeable, pleasing, pleasant, beautiful, fair, fine; sweet, melodious."

We Saw His Glory: Erhard Mauersberger (1903-1982) was a German choral conductor who was the 14th Thomaskantor since Johann S. Bach. This piece quotes the disciples of Jesus who said, "We saw his glory" on the mountain of the transfiguration, and incorporates the hymn, "Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies" by British hymn writer, Charles Wesley (1740).

Michael, Row the Boat Ashore: This is an old American folk song that hails from the slave era. It was sung through the years and, most notably, became a popular anthem during the civil rights movement. The song talks about crossing the River Jordan. The "Michael" in the song is probably the archangel Michael. It is believed that Michael helps ferry souls of the dead to heaven.

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian: This African American spiritual might have been based on this story in 1756: "A black slave asked Presbyterian preacher William Davies, 'I come to you, sir, that you may tell me some good things concerning Jesus Christ and my duty to God, for I am resolved not to live any more as I have done. . . Lord [Sir], I want to be a Christian.'"

Lift Every Voice and Sing: A hymn with lyrics by the black preacher and poet James Weldon Johnson (1871–1938) and set to music by his brother, J. Rosamond Johnson (1873–1954). Written from the context of African Americans in the late 19th century, the hymn is a prayer of thanksgiving as well as a prayer for faithfulness and freedom, with imagery which evokes the biblical Exodus from slavery to the freedom of the "promised land."

Postlude: The more modern Dry Bones was also written by black preacher and poet James Weldon Johnson and set to music by his brother, J. Rosamond Johnson. It is inspired by Ezekiel 37:1–14, where the prophet Ezekiel visits a valley of dry bones and prophesies that they will one day be resurrected at God's command, picturing the new heaven and earth to come, the one with eternal life and without suffering or death.

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UPCOMING WEEK'S EVENTS AT A GLANCE

Sunday February 19, 2023

9:45 – 10:30 am Sunday Morning Discovery in the Conference room
11:00 am Worship Service – reception of New Members and the Sacrament of Baptism
3:30 pm – 5:00 pm TPC Kids' Skating Party at Ice Pad

Tuesday February 21, 2023

10:00 – 12:00 pm ESL Class in Fellowship Hall
1:30 pm WMS Meeting via Zoom

Wednesday February 22, 2023

6:45-7:30 pm Ash Wednesday Service in the Sanctuary

Thursday February 23, 2023

7:30 pm Book Club meeting via Zoom

Sunday February 26, 2023 – First Sunday in Lent

9:45 – 10:30 am Sunday Morning Discovery in the Conference room
11:00 am Worship Service
11:00 am – 12:00 pm Confirmation Class in the Conference Room
12:10 pm Annual Congregational Meeting in the Sanctuary and by Zoom

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!

Rev. Heather Leaving Early

Rev. Heather will be leaving the service after the sermon today to moderate the Annual Congregational Meeting at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Maple where she is the Interim Moderator.

**Thank you to our Worship and Music Chair,
Garth Low, for taking the remainder of the service.**

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The ACM will take place on Sunday February 26 right after worship. The meeting will be in-person as well as on Zoom. More information will follow.

**Welcome Again to our New Music Director
Dan Werning and his wife Penny!**

Dan's Bio is posted on the TPC News Board.



Welcome to the TPC Family!

Being received into the congregation today are **Asghar Haqani, Akram Ramezani** (Baptism), **Sam Nogueron and Gabby Gamah** (by Profession of Faith)

Sam and Gabby and their son Kaleb were active members of a church in Mexico.

Akram is a new convert to the Christian faith.

Asghar was a Christian in Iran when he came to Canada with his wife and family.

Thank you to Alireza Taghizadeh for translating from English to Farsi.

Please join us for coffee hour after church to welcome our newest members!

The Open door

The deadline for the next issue of our congregational newsletter, "The Open Door" is Monday February 27th.

Please forward your articles to Garth Low at garth.low@garthlow.com.

Written submissions can be put in the Open Door newsletter mail box located by the Chapel.

Sunday Morning Discovery!

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

Coffee will be provided.

Topic: Strength in Weakness

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.

Hey Kids!

You're invited to a

Super Fun Skating Party!

When? Sunday February 19th at 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.

Where? Ice Pad at the Dufferin Clark Community Centre

What to Bring? Skates, Helmet,

A HAPPY FACE!

What More? There will be hot chocolate and cookies for the hungry bellies!

Parents are more than welcome!

Note: If you do not have skates, please speak to Amy Girard or Rev. Heather with a shoe-size





Praise Time

Michael, Row the Boat Ashore



Michael, row the boat ashore, Hallelujah!
Michael, row the boat ashore, Hallelujah!

Michael's boat's a gospel boat, Hallelujah!
Michael's boat's a gospel boat, Hallelujah!

Michael's boat's a music boat, Hallelujah!
Michael's boat's a music boat, Hallelujah!

Gabriel blow the trumpet horn, Hallelujah!
Gabriel blow the trumpet horn, Hallelujah!

Sister help to trim the sails, Hallelujah!
Sister help to trim the sails, Hallelujah!

Brother lend a helping hand, Hallelujah!
Brother lend a helping hand, Hallelujah!

Jordan stream is wide and deep, Hallelujah!
Jordan Stream is wide and deep, Hallelujah!

Jesus stands on the other side, Hallelujah!
Jesus stands on the other side, Hallelujah!

The Lord, he plants his garden, Hallelujah!
The Lord, he plants his garden, Hallelujah!

Sinner, row to save your soul, Hallelujah!
Sinner, row to save your soul, Hallelujah!

Hymn

Lift Every Voice and Sing

Lift every voice and sing
Till earth and heaven ring.
Ring with the harmonies of liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise
High as the listening skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.

Sing a song full of the faith
that the dark past has taught us;
Sing a song full of the hope
that the present has brought us.
Facing the rising sun
of our new day begun.
Let us march on till the vict'ry is won.

God of our weary years,
God of our silent tears,
Thou who has brought us thus far on the way;
Thou who has by Thy might
Led us into the light,
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.

Lest our feet stray from the places,
our God, where we met Thee;
Lest our hearts drunk with the wine of the world
we forget Thee.
Shadowed beneath Thy hand
May we forever stand
True to our God, True to our native land.

Question: What is Ash Wednesday?

Answer: The first day of Lent and 40 days (Sunday's excluded) before Easter.



This is a brief service where participants receive ashes in the sign of the cross on their forehead. The purpose is to remind us of our human frailty and need for healing.

**Please join us on Ash Wednesday
February 22, from 6:45pm – 7:30pm.**



With Deepest Sympathy



The sympathy of the congregation is extended to the family of Jan Campbell, who entered the presence of the Lord on Monday February 13th.

Jan and her late husband Bill were active members at TPC for many years.

The funeral was held at the church on Saturday February 18th at 3:30 p.m.



Confirmation Classes

Hey Teens!

Due to the Congregational meeting, **our second confirmation class** will take place during church

NEXT SUNDAY, February 26th.

Please go straight to the conference room outside the copy room by Rev. Heather's office to meet with Abel Pandy.

Thornhill Ministerial
Lenten Series 2023
Sundays at 4:00 p.m.

Gathering



as God's People

February 26

Gathering for Worship
Thornhill Baptist Church
8018 Yonge Street
Speaker: Rev. Dr. Heather Vais

March 12

Gathering to Grow
Thornhill United Church
25 Elgin Street
Speaker: Rev. Paul Gibbon

March 26

Gathering for Service
St. Luke's Roman Catholic Church
39 Green Lane
Speaker: Mini Choi

And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together...Hebrews 10:24-25

Hymn

We have come at Christ's own bidding

We have come at Christ's own bidding
to this high and holy place,
where we wait with hope and longing
for some token of God's grace.
Here we pray for new assurance
that our faith is not in vain,
searching like those first disciples
for a sign both clear and plain.

Light breaks in upon our darkness;
Splendour bathes the flesh-joined Word;
Moses and Elijah marvel
As the heavenly voice is heard.
Eyes and hearts behold with wonder
How the Law and Prophets meet:
Christ, with garments drenched in brightness,
Stands transfigured and complete.

Strengthened by this glimpse of glory,
fearful lest our faith decline,
we like Peter find it tempting
to remain and build a shrine,
but true worship gives us courage
to proclaim what we profess,
that our daily lives may prove us
people of the God we bless.

Hymn

Lord, I want to be a Christian

Lord, I want to be a Christian
in-a my heart, in-a my heart;
Lord, I want to be a Christian in-a my heart.
In-a my heart, in-a my heart,
Lord, I want to be a Christian in-a my heart.

Lord, I want to be more loving
in-a my heart, in-a my heart;
Lord, I want to be more loving in-a my heart.
In-a my heart, in-a my heart,
Lord, I want to be more loving in-a my heart.

Lord, I want to be more holy
in-a my heart, in-a my heart;
Lord, I want to be more holy in-a my heart.
In-a my heart, in-a my heart,
Lord, I want to be more holy in-a my heart.

Lord, I want to be like Jesus
in-a my heart, in-a my heart;
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in-a my heart.
In-a my heart, in-a my heart,
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in-a my heart.