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**THORNHILL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

To Discover, Celebrate and Share God's Love

Sunday October 22, 2023

We Prepare for Worship

Praise Band

Preparing our Hearts

As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek; there is no longer slave or free; there is no longer male and female, for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.

Galatians 3:27-28

Prelude: Fugue & Andante from Sonata VI Felix Mendelssohn (1809-47)

*Processional Hymn: *Through all the changing scenes of life* #18

Welcome and Community Life News

We Worship God

The Call to Worship

Kaleb Nogueron

L.: The prophet Isaiah exults, 'Arise, shine for your light has come.

P: and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.'

L.: Jesus Christ is that light, long promised, now present, and never to be taken from us.

P: He, the light of the world, is light enough for us all, regardless of our problem or perplexity or predicament.

L: Let us worship God.

Choir Introit: Let Thy Holy Presence

Pavel Chesnokov (1877-1944)

Prayers of Adoration and Confession

Lord's Prayer (*debts*)

The Assurance of Pardon

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

People: And also with you.

*Praise Time: Who am I, Jesus, that You call me by name?

Margaret Becker

sung by Jewel Scott

We Listen for God's Word

Children's Time

Prayer for Illumination

Jessica Chapman

Scripture Readings:

Choral Psalm Sentence

1 Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless his holy name.

**2 Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and do not forget all his benefits—**

3 who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,

**4 who redeems your life from the Pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,**

5 who satisfies you with good as long as you live
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

**6 The Lord works vindication
and justice for all who are oppressed.**

7 He made known his ways to Moses,
his acts to the people of Israel.

**8 The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

9 He will not always accuse,
nor will he keep his anger forever.

**10 He does not deal with us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our iniquities.**

11 For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

**12 as far as the east is from the west,
so far he removes our transgressions from us.**

13 As a father has compassion for his children,
so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him.

**14 For he knows how we were made;
he remembers that we are dust.**

15 As for mortals, their days are like grass;
they flourish like a flower of the field;

**16 for the wind passes over it, and it is gone,
and its place knows it no more.**

17 But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to
everlasting

on those who fear him,
and his righteousness to children's children,

**18 to those who keep his covenant
and remember to do his commandments.**

19 The Lord has established his throne in the heavens,
and his kingdom rules over all.

**20 Bless the Lord, O you his angels,
you mighty ones who do his bidding,**

obedient to his spoken word.

21 Bless the Lord, all his hosts,
his ministers who do his will.

**22 Bless the Lord, all his works,
in all places of his dominion.**

Bless the Lord, O my soul.

Old Testament: 1 Kings 8:30-36

OT p. 312

New Testament: 1 Thessalonians 5:12-22

NT p. 205

Luke 11:5-13

NT p. 72

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Choir Anthem: He Watching Over Israel Felix Mendelssohn (1809-47)

Sermon: A Note on Intercession Rev. Dr. Victor Shepherd

*Hymn: *Approach, my soul, the mercy seat* #364

We Respond to God's Word

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Intercession

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

*Doxology #830

Dedication of Offering

*Closing Hymn: *Love divine, all loves excelling* #371

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**

Postlude: Allegro maestoso e vivace from Sonata II Felix Mendelssohn
(1809-47)

** 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. For small children, we have a nursery in the Christian Education wing where the service can still be heard. Our ushers are available to assist you. Children must be accompanied by an adult relative.**

*Please feel free to appreciate the Postlude
at the end of the service!
If you do leave the sanctuary during the postlude,
please do so quietly. Thank you!*

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



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.

You are invited to Dan's Sing Sessions!

The last Sunday of the month, from July until December.

In Fellowship Hall 15 minutes after service end.

What?

Enjoy 30 minutes of instruction by Dan plus Psalm, Hymn, and Spiritual Song singing.

Next Sing Session: October 29

Spiritual songs. Brief discussion of the meaning of personal faith songs.

Pros and cons of their use. Performance vs. personal faith expression.

Examples of spiritual songs.



Ships Ahoy!

Rev. Heather is away with family on a vacation for the last week of her holidays. She will be returning to the office on October 30.

The Rev. Matthew Sams will provide emergency pastoral care. If you have an emergency, contact our Session Clerk, Sheila Gault (905) 751-6568.

Welcome Back!

Today we welcome The Rev. Dr. Victor Shepherd to our pulpit. Victor and his wife Maureen are no strangers to our congregation. Please take time in the coffee hour to welcome them back to TPC.



Thornhill Christmas Assistance (CAP)
The Thornhill Christmas Assistance
Program

was started by local churches in Thornhill thirty years ago to provide assistance to those in need. It is through community cooperation that we are able to support individuals and families who struggle to make ends meet.

Most importantly, this program gives all of us an opportunity to think locally and serve others in an important way.

Historically, TPC has been a generous supporter of CAP. We are, once again, inviting you to continue in this important outreach ministry.

You can assist by donating before Friday, December 1.

You may use one of the methods outlined in the "Weekly Offerings and Gifts" section of the bulletin.

Please mark "Christmas Assistance Program" on your donation so it can be transferred to the appropriate account.

Your donation will be used to purchase gift cards for grocery stores and Walmart which will be distributed to Thornhill families who live below the poverty line.

The Thornhill Christmas Assistance Program is supported by Churches in our community.

Although we are a Christian based program, we assist people in need in Thornhill, without consideration of religious belief or practice



Fundraiser Concert and Raffel
November 18, 2023 - 7:00 pm

TPC is pleased to be hosting a fundraising event in support of the Christmas Assistance Program.

If you like popular music, you are going to love The Craig McRae Band, including Martin and Judy Chen in the supporting band.

The evening will include a concert, dessert & coffee, raffles, and a Silent Auction.

Tickets (\$15.00) will be available starting on October 29th. More details to come!

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 Rev. Heather. A brief membership class will be offered to those who wish to learn about the faith.



**Become
Part of
Our
Church
Family**

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UPCOMING WEEK'S EVENTS AT A GLANCE

Sunday October 22, 2023

9:45 – 10:30 am

Sunday Morning Discovery **CANCELLED**

11:00 am

Worship Service followed by the Opening of the
TPC Community Pantry

Tuesday October 24, 2023

10:00 – 12:00 pm

ESL Classes in the Chapel & Conference Rm.

7:30 pm

Board of Managers Meeting - Zoom

Sunday October 29, 2023

9:45 – 10:30 am

Sunday Morning Discovery – Conference Room

11:00 am

Worship Service – Reformation Sunday

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 as you enter the Sanctuary.

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!



The Mission and Outreach Committee is excited to be launching a new initiative this fall.

We have become aware that there may be those within our church community who are experiencing food insecurity.

We would like to lend a helping hand and need YOUR help.

We will be creating a pantry cupboard from which people may help themselves to food or household items that they need.

The cupboard will be open every Sunday following worship, starting **TODAY!**

Shopping bags are available at the Welcome Desk.

Donations will be needed on an on-going basis.
We know we can count on your support.

Donated items must be within the best before date, not expired, and unopened.

Here are some suggestions for items to buy:

**Boxed cereal, Peanut Butter, Jam
Canned fruit, Canned vegetables, Canned soup
Canned meat, fish, and stew
Pasta, Pasta Sauce, Rice
Instant coffee, Tea, Juice
Toothbrushes, Toothpaste
Bar soap, Toilet Paper, Dish soap...etc.**

This project is on a trial basis. Presently the pantry will be open Sunday mornings after church. The committee will keep the congregation updated.

Hymn

Through all the changing scenes of life

Through all the changing scenes of life,
in trouble and in joy,
the praises of my God shall still
my heart and tongue employ.

Oh magnify the Lord with me;
with me exalt God's name;
when in distress and fear I called,
God to my rescue came.

The hosts of God encamp around
the dwellings of the just;
deliverance God affords to all
who seek and hope and trust.

Oh taste and see that God is good:
experience will decide
how blest are they, and only they,
who in God's truth confide.

O saints, fear God, and you will then
have nothing else to fear;
make holy service your delight;
your wants shall be God's care.

The Lord preserves the souls of those
who on God's truth depend;
to them and their posterity
God's blessing shall descend.

Hymn

Approach, my soul, the mercy seat

Approach, my soul, the mercy seat,
where Jesus answers prayer;
there humbly fall before his feet,
for none can perish there.

Thy promise is my only plea,
with this I venture nigh;
thou callest burdened souls to thee,
and such, O Lord, am I.

Bowed down beneath a load of sin,
by Satan sorely pressed,
by war without and fears within,
I come to thee for rest.

Be thou my shield and hiding place,
that, sheltered near thy side,
I may my fierce accuser face,
and tell him thou hast died.

O wondrous love! to bleed and die,
to bear the cross and shame,
that guilty sinners, such as I,
might plead thy gracious name.

Hymn

Love divine, all loves excelling

Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down;
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, oh breathe thy loving Spirit
into every troubled breast!
Let us all in thee inherit,
let us find the promised rest;
take away our love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.

Come, almighty to deliver,
let us all thy grace receive;
suddenly return and never,
never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray and praise thee, without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly re stored in thee,
changed from glory into glory
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love and praise.