



*Forward together in Faith, Hope, and Love*

Sunday January 14, 2024  
**We Prepare for Worship**

Praise Band

Preparing our Hearts

*And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, 'Here I am! Send me.'* *Isaiah 6:8*

Prelude: Fugue in C ("Jig") Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

\*Processional Hymn: *All who the name of Jesus bear* **#342**

Welcome and Community Life News

### **We Worship God**

The Call to Worship Arshida Taghizadeh

L.: Before we were born, God knew us.

**P: God knit us together in the womb.**

L.: God searches out our paths and tracks us along our way.

**P: So, we praise God, for we are fearfully and wonderfully made.**

L.: There is nowhere we can go where God is not with us.

**P: How wonderful are all God's works!**

L.: Let us worship God.

Choir Introit: *Sing to God* Purcell/Liebergen

Prayers of Adoration and Confession

Lord's Prayer (*debt*s)

The Assurance of Pardon

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

**People: And also with you.**

\*Praise Time: **Day After Day Jesus Reigns**

In the morning as I pray, for the day that You have made  
I have hope and I have peace, for Your presence is with me  
So whatever comes my way, Lord remind me of this grace  
I can face it with this hope, Jesus won't forget His own

*Jesus holds me safely in His hands,  
ever close He leads me in His plans*

*When I can't see the way, I have hope and I have faith  
Day after day, Jesus reigns*

In the evening as I rest, I recall Your faithfulness  
How You never left my side, from the morning to the night  
Now until the dawning sun, be the light that leads me on  
I can face it with this hope, Jesus won't forget His own

*Jesus holds me safely in His hands,  
ever close He leads me in His plans  
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**Always before me, and always beside me  
My Shepherd is always close  
Morning to evening, each day that I'm given  
My Shepherd is always close REPEAT BRIDGE**

For tomorrow this I pray, Father help me live Your way  
Every breath and every word, for the glory of the Lord  
If the day should test my faith, or fill my heart with songs of praise  
I can face it with this hope, Jesus won't forget His own

*Jesus holds me safely in His hands,  
ever close He leads me in His plans  
When I can't see the way, I have hope and I have faith  
Day after day, Jesus reigns  
Day after day Jesus reigns*

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## **We Listen for God's Word**

Children's Time

Prayer for Illumination

Heather-Ann Lowry

Scripture Readings:

Choral Psalm Sentence

Responsive Reading: Psalm: 138

Alireza Taghizadeh

<sup>1</sup> I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart;  
before the gods I sing your praise;

<sup>2</sup> **I bow down toward your holy temple  
and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and  
your faithfulness,  
for you have exalted your name and your word  
above everything.**

<sup>3</sup> On the day I called, you answered me;  
you increased my strength of soul.

<sup>4</sup> **All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O LORD,  
for they have heard the words of your mouth.**

<sup>5</sup> They shall sing of the ways of the LORD,  
for great is the glory of the LORD.

**6 For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly,  
but the haughty he perceives from far away.**

**7** Though I walk in the midst of trouble,  
you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies;  
you stretch out your hand,  
and your right hand delivers me.

**8 The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me;  
your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever.  
Do not forsake the work of your hands.**

Old Testament: 1 Samuel 3:1-20

OT p. 247

New Testament: John 1:43-51

NT p. 92

Leader: The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Anthem: And Still I Dance

David Johnson (1922-87)

Sermon: The Dangers of Sleeping in Church

Rev. Dr. H. Vais

\*Hymn: *I, the Lord of sea and sky*

**#592**

### **We Respond to God's Word**

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Intercession

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

\*Doxology

**#830**

Dedication of Offering

\*Closing Hymn: *When voices are confusing*

**#636**

### **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: Canzona

Jean Langlais (1907-91)

*\* if you are able, please stand*

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# *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. Alternatively for children 5 years old and under, 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.**

### **TPC's 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year!**

The year 2024 marks our congregational 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

There will be many great opportunities to celebrate.

Please circle **Sunday May 26<sup>th</sup>** on your calendar for our Anniversary Celebration with guest preacher The Rev. Dr. Stephen Farris.

May 26<sup>th</sup> is also our **Great Day Capital Campaign.**

Our project this year is to raise money for the restoration of the Manse.

Also, circle **Sunday February 11<sup>th</sup>** for our first event, **Soup and Stories.**

After church stay to enjoy a lovely soup lunch and listen to a narrative history of our congregation as told by some of our long-serving members.



### **The 2024 Presbyterian Wall Calendars**

are available and can be purchased for \$10.00 each.

Please reserve yours today by calling your Administrator Nadine or Rev. Heather

### **TPC Community Pantry**

The pantry is open on Sunday mornings from 10:30 am onwards, and is located directly across from the Chapel in the back hallway.

If you or someone you know has a need during these challenging times, please help yourself.

## 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 as you enter church.

**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](http://www.tpchurch.net) or directly to Canada Helps.Org at <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/thornhill-presbyterian-church/>

**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 20<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:admin@tpchurch.net).**

**Thank you for your Support.**

## 2024 Offering Envelopes

Please pick up your offering envelopes in the lobby when you are able.

## 2023 TAX RECEIPTS

Tax receipts are available for pick-up at the church **today**.

Alternatively, please call the church office to arrange pick-up or drop-off.

Receipts are being mailed for those living out of town.



## **Coldest Night of the Year – February 24, 2024**

In communities all across Canada, people will be participating in CNOY walks to raise much-needed funds to support those experiencing homelessness. In York Region, the walk supports Blue Door and their

shelter and Out of the Cold programs.

We are hoping to form a **Team TPC** to participate in this year's walk. If you are interested in joining us, please visit our table at Coffee Hour or contact Lorraine McBride at [lorrynemcb@gmail.com](mailto:lorrynemcb@gmail.com) or (416) 738-9799.

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**Duty Elder: Pascal Atem and Doug Miron**

## UPCOMING WEEK'S EVENTS AT A GLANCE

### Sunday January 14, 2024

11:00 am                      Worship Service

### Tuesday January 16, 2024

10:00 am                      ESL Classes – Fellowship Hall and  
Conference Room

### Wednesday January 17, 2024

3:30 pm                        Worship and Music Committee Meeting –  
Zoom

### Sunday January 21, 2024

9:45 – 10:30 am              Sunday Morning Discovery – Conference  
Room

11:00 am                      Worship Service



The deadline for the next issue of our congregational newsletter, "The Open Door" is **Sunday February 25th**.

For this 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary year, we invite people to submit to Garth Low at [garth.low@garthlow.com](mailto:garth.low@garthlow.com) the impact TPC has had on your faith, including how TPC has helped nurture your faith, and how you see yourself growing in faith and being transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Please include when you first came and why you still come today.

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

## Hymn

### ***All who the name of Jesus bear***

All who the name of Jesus bear,  
his sacred steps pursue;  
let that same mind which was in Christ  
be also found in you.

Christ, being in the form of God,  
for us this glory veiled;  
in human likeness lived for us,  
his majesty concealed.

Forsaking rank, with humble strength,  
as servant Jesus came,  
obeyed till death, and bore the cross  
in agony and shame.

And therefore God exalts the one  
whose name shall be adored,  
that every tongue with joy confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord.

# Hymn

## *I, the Lord of sea and sky*

I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.  
I who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

### **Refrain:**

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night;  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them: they turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?

### ***(Refrain)***

I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them; my hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide  
till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

### ***(Refrain)***

# Hymn

## *When voices are confusing*

When voices are confusing,  
when right and wrong are blurred,  
we need your help in choosing  
the way to be preferred;  
our feet are prone to wander  
in paths untrue, untried:  
O Christ, our strong commander,  
become our trusted guide.

When truth is hard to follow  
and fact is hard to find,  
when crowd-appeals are shallow,  
reshape, renew our mind.  
Your ways we would be learning:  
oh make our choices clear,  
that we, the more discerning,  
the more may persevere.

Our lives are yours: oh take us  
and shape our destiny:  
through willing service make us  
all you would have us be.  
Confirm this high endeavour  
against the reign of strife;  
great Love, be ours forever,  
the Way, the Truth, the Life.