



Sunday, February 2, 2025
4th Sunday in Epiphany
Celebrating Black History Month

We Prepare for Worship

Praise Band

Preparing our Hearts

"Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering and come before him. Worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness." 1 Chron. 16:29

Organ Prelude Kum bah yah, my Lord arr. Roger. C. Wilson

*Processional Hymn: *God is Love: come heaven adoring* #314

Welcome and Community Life News

We Worship God

The Call to Worship Grace Girard

L: Come all people! Come let us sing praise to our loving God!

P: We are called to obey God's commandments and live in love!

L: The ways which God ordains are ways of peace and hope.

P: The love of God shall conquer the world.

L: Rejoice, O people of God, for God is near!

P: We praise the Lord for His goodness, grace, and mercy.

L.: Let us worship God!

Introit: Worship God with music Natalie Sleeth

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 **I Stand Amazed**

I stand amazed in the presence, of Jesus the Nazarene
And wonder how He could love me, a sinner condemned unclean

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How marvelous how wonderful, is my Savior's love for me*

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He took my sins and my sorrows, He made them His very own
He bore the burden to Calvary, and suffered and died alone

- REPEAT VERSE

*Singin', how marvelous how wonderful, and my song shall ever be
How marvelous how wonderful, is my Savior's love for me*

- REPEAT CHORUS 2X

And with the ransomed in glory, His face I at last shall see
It will be my joy through the ages, to sing of His love for me

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How marvelous how wonderful, is my Savior's love for me*

- REPEAT CHORUS

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We Listen for God's Word

Children's Time

Prayer for Illumination

Clare Mezes

Scripture Readings:

Responsive Reading – Psalm 71:1-8

Zhenyi Li

¹ In you, O LORD, I take refuge;
let me never be put to shame.

² In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me;
incline your ear to me and save me.

³ Be to me a rock of refuge,
a strong fortress to save me,
for you are my rock and my fortress.

⁴ Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked,
from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.

⁵ For you, O Lord, are my hope,
my trust, O LORD, from my youth.

⁶ From my birth I have leaned upon you,
my protector since my mother's womb.
My praise is continually of you.

⁷ I have been like a portent to many,
but you are my strong refuge.

⁸ **My mouth is filled with your praise
and with your glory all day long.**

New Testament: Luke 4:16:30

NT p. 61

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem: Amen (Spiritual)

arr. Gilbert Allen

Sermon: The Limits of Love

Rev. Dr. Heather Vais

*Hymn: Lord, I want to be a Christian

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We Respond to God's Word

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Intercession

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

*Doxology

#830

*Dedication of Offering

*Recessional Hymn: Amen (Spiritual)

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 March

Frank L. Moir

**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. For children 5 years old and under, we have a nursery in the Christian Education wing. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Children over 5 will go to Sunday School after the Children's time

Fun in February!

Ballroom Dancing Classes

Postponed until further notice



Pencil Sketch Drawing Classes

Learn to create and draw through pencil sketching, watercolour, and pencil crayon techniques.

Saturdays in February and March (begins Feb.8)

Time: 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

The class is for children over grade 6 and adults

Register in the Lobby

Attention Committee Chairs & Groups Leaders!

The Annual Congregational Meeting is approaching!

Please Submit Your REPORTS

in a Word Document (or compatible) NO PDF please!

by email to admin@tpchurch.net

by or before

Sunday February 9th

Black History Month 2025

February marks Black History Month in Canada.

By way of honouring the legacy of black Canadians in their communities, our country, and the world, we will be celebrating with music and story in worship.

Today, we enjoy some beautiful spirituals dating back 150 years.

Please visit our table in the lobby featuring artifacts from Angola!

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Office Hours: Tuesday – Friday from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

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Duty Elders: Sandra Bhikram-Lee & Julie Meek**UPCOMING WEEK'S EVENTS AT A GLANCE****Sunday February 2, 2025**

9:40 am – 10:15 am	Children's Choir – Chapel
10:20 am	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
11:00 am	Worship Service

Tuesday February 4, 2025

10:00 am – 12:00 pm	ESL Class
2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Communion at Glynnwood

Wednesday February 5, 2025

7:30 – 8:30	Christian Education Cttee (Zoom)
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Thursday February 6, 2025

7:30 pm	Chancel Choir Practice – Sanctuary
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Sunday February 9, 2025

9:40 am – 10:15 am	Children's Choir – Chapel
10:20 am	Chancel Choir
11:00 am	Worship Service

Important Notice from the Office

We are presently without a church Administrator.

The office phones will be monitored, however, for urgent matters please contact Rev. Heather directly 416-949-3465. All bulletin announcements should go to Rev. Heather too.

Tax Receipts

Your 2024 Tax receipts are ready for pick-up in the Lobby. Please pick up your offering envelopes as well.

New Elders Nominations Close Today at Midnight

The Session is looking to add new elders to its membership.

Nomination forms are available in the lobby and through email to all members of the church.

Mission and Outreach at TPC**A Valentine's Day Mission of Love****Palm Pals Helping People!**

A generous and talented participant in the ESL class has donated a collection of exquisite handmade stuffed toys and gift items to be used for fundraising. Members of the Mission & Outreach Committee will be selling these items at Coffee Hour, **next Sunday, February 9th** to raise funds in support of the **Coldest Night of the Year** walk.

In communities all across Canada, people will be participating in CNOY walks on February 22nd 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 will be forming a team from TPC to participate in this year's walk. If you are interested in joining us, please visit us at Coffee Hour next week or contact Lorraine McBride at lorrainemcb@gmail.com or (416) 738-9799.



A letter of thanks is posted on the bulletin board in the hallway.

Food Bank Donations

Thank you for your donations to the Richmond Hill Community Food Bank last Sunday. Our collection was gratefully received at the Food Bank on Monday morning.

ESL Classes**We now have two ESL classes at TPC!**

Tuesdays 10:00 a.m. to noon
English Conversation Level

Sundays after church – 12:30 – 1:30 (in the Chapel)
Pre-Intermediate and Intermediate Level

PLEASE sign-up for the Sunday class in the Lobby.