



Sunday, March 16, 2025
The Second Sunday in Lent

The Sacrament of Baptism and Reception of Members

We Prepare for Worship

Praise Band

Preparing our Hearts

Then he said to them all: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me..." Luke 9:23

Prelude Nearer, my God to Thee (Bethany) arr. Norman Johnson

*Processional Hymn: *Stand up and bless the Lord* #411

Welcome and Community Life News

Second Sunday in Lent Liturgy (see insert)

We Worship God

The Call to Worship Olivia Garduno

L.: We are called by God to be disciples:

P.: To follow where Christ leads;

L.: and obey what Christ commands;

P.: To follow when it is not easy;

L.: To follow when the world thinks we are foolish;

P.: To follow where love guides us;

L.: To follow when it is difficult.

P.: To follow even when it leads to the cross.

L.: Come let us worship the living God who loves us and leads us
in the right paths.

Introit: Nearer, my God to Thee Sarah Flower Adams

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 **In Christ Alone**

In Christ alone my hope is found

He is my light, my strength my song

This Cornerstone, this solid Ground

Firm though the fiercest drought and storm

What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My Comforter, my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fulness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
'Til on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave he rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life no fear in death
This is the pow'r of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
'Til He returns or calls me home
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand
(Repeat last 4 lines)

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We Listen for God's Word

Baptism and Reception of New Members

Prayer for Illumination

Nima Khazaei

Scripture Readings:

Responsive Reading – Psalm 27

Heather Ann Lowry

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.**

New Testament: Luke 9:18-27

NT p.69

Leader: *The word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem: "Jerusalem" from the Oratorio "St. Paul" Felix Mendelssohn

Sermon: Cross Roads Rev. Dr. Heather Vais

*Hymn: Take up your Cross #211

We Respond to God's Word

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Intercession

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

*Doxology #830

*Dedication of Offering

*Recessional Hymn: *Lift high the cross* #643

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

Repentance

Franklin Ritter

**if you are able, please stand*

Welcome

We welcome everyone who is worshipping 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.**

There is no Sunday School today. Coloring pads are available in the Lobby. For children under 6 we have a nursery. Please speak to an usher for assistance.

Baptism and Reception of New Members

Through the Sacrament of Baptism and Profession of Faith:

Zahra (Sima) Roeintanlahiji

Fatemeh (Sara) Ebrahimi

Pardis (Paradise) Ilami

Pooria Moeinjahromi

Sogand Tetarche

Samaneh Ziyari

Ali Davoodi



Child Baptism:

Mahoor Davoodi son of Samaneh and Ali

Profession of Faith (already baptized)

Beheshteh Asil

*We welcome our newest members and pray for God's
blessings*

on them as they grow in their faith.

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



LENTEN BIBLE STUDY
 Monday Evenings
 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
March 17, 2025 – April 10, 2025
 Dessert will be Served!
 Please register in the Lobby.

Walking with Jesus through Lent



**Become
Part of
Our
Church
Family**

Baptism and Reception of New Members
 This month and next month we will be receiving
 new members through Profession of Faith
 and some by Baptism.
 If you are interested in joining the church,
 please speak with the Minister.

ESL Classes

We now have two ESL classes at TPC!

Tuesdays 10:00 a.m. to noon

English Conversation Level

Classes postponed until March 25

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

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



Thornhill Ministerial Lenten Series 2025

One Body, Many Parts

Sunday, March 23, 2025 4:00 p.m.

The Diversity of the Body

Thornhill United Church

25 Elgin Street

Speaker: The Rev. Paul Gibbon

The Open Door

The Spring issue of "The Open Door" is ready for pick-up in the lobby.

THORNHILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Custodian: Shadrack Obodai

Duty Elders: Pascal Atem and Jessica Chapman

UPCOMING WEEK'S EVENTS AT A GLANCE

Sunday, March 16, 2025

9:40 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

10:20 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

12:30 – 1:30 p.m.

Children's Choir – Chapel

Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Worship Service Baptism/New Members

ESL – Chapel

Monday, March 17, 2025

7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Lenten Bible Study (please register)

Tuesday, March 18, 2025

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 pm

ESL Class (cancelled today)

Thursday, March 19, 2025

7:30 p.m.

Chancel Choir Practice – Sanctuary

Saturday, March 22, 2025

3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Art Class (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, March 23, 2025

9:40 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

10:20 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

12:30 – 1:30 p.m.

4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Children's Choir – Chapel

Chancel Choir

Worship Service

ESL – Chapel

Lenten Series (THUnited Church)



Join Earth Hour

**On Saturday, March 22,
from 8:30 pm to 9:30 pm.**

we are being called to switch off our lights
and dedicate an hour to Earth.

Spend these 60 minutes doing something positive for our planet. In our divided world, Earth Hour offers a precious moment of unity, reminding us that our shared home needs our help. Let's show that we all can—and must—play a part in protecting it.

For more information, visit earthhour.org.