

Sunday, March 9, 2025
The first Sunday in Lent
Ordination of Elders

We Prepare for Worship

Praise Band

Preparing our Hearts

"For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted." Hebrews 2:18

Organ Prelude Forty days and Forty nights arr. Lyndell Leatherman

*Processional Hymn: *The glory of these forty days* #192

Welcome and Community Life News

First Sunday in Lent Liturgy (see insert)

We Worship God

The Call to Worship Arshida Tagazedeh

L.: We live in the shelter of the Most High,

P.: We abide in the shadow of Almighty God.

L.: Let us worship God who is our refuge and our strength,

P.: For God is the One in whom we trust.

L.: The Lord will deliver us from the perils that threaten us.

P.: Under God's wings, we will find refuge and not be afraid.

L.: So let us praise God, in song and in silence, with thankful hearts!

P.: We will worship God with heart, mind, soul and strength, now and always.

L.: Let us worship God!

Introit: Lord, be thy word my rule Maria Tiddeman

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 What Love My God

What love my God, could bring You down to earth?

What king would take a low and lonely birth?

Yet to this dark and broken place You came

To sleep beneath the stars that You had made

What love my God, would send the Way of Life?

To walk the road rejected and despised

That You might know the weakness I possess

And be my rock of strength and righteousness

REFRAIN:

O Your love my God, like a flood

As heaven opened up, pouring out on us

O praise the King who came to the world

In His love like a mighty flood

What love my God, could hold You to the tree?

To hear that overwhelming debt for me?

The Son of heaven leaves the Father's side

The Healer bleeds, the Life was made to die

REFRAIN

What love my God, so gracious and extreme

Was strong enough to come and fight for me?

To go through hell and down into the grave

And raise me up to see You face to face

You raise me up to see You face to face

REFRAIN X2

Words and music by J. Robinson, R. Thompson & M. Farren CCLI License #993446

We Listen for God's Word

Children's Time

Prayer for Illumination

Lorraine McBride

Scripture Readings:

Responsive Reading – Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

Zhenyi Li

¹ You who live in the shelter of the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,

² **will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress;
my God, in whom I trust."**

⁹ Because you have made the Lord your refuge,
the Most High your dwelling place,

¹⁰ **no evil shall befall you,
no scourge come near your tent.**

¹¹ For he will command his angels concerning you
to guard you in all your ways.

- ¹² **On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.**
- ¹³ You will tread on the lion and the adder;
the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot.
- ¹⁴ **Those who love me, I will deliver;
I will protect those who know my name.**
- ¹⁵ When they call to me, I will answer them;
I will be with them in trouble;
I will rescue them and honor them.
- ¹⁶ **With long life I will satisfy them
and show them my salvation.**

New Testament: Luke 4:1-13

NT p.61

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem: Lord, who throughout these forty days arr. Mark Schweizer

Sermon: Tempted to be what we are not Rev. Dr. Heather Vais

*Hymn: Lord Jesus, who through forty days **#200**

The Ordination of Elders (please come forward as you are called)

We Respond to God's Word

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Intercession

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

*Doxology **#830**

*Dedication of Offering

*Recessional Hymn: *Throughout these Lenten days and nights* **#196**

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 A Lenten Prayer (Antonin Dvorak) arr. John Troutman

**if you are able, please stand*

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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. All children under the age of 5 are welcome to remain in worship or go with a parent or guardian to our pre-school and nursery room in the Christian Education Wing. Please speak to an usher for assistance.**



Sunday School Today

A one-room Sunday School class is available for our junior youth today after Praise Time. All children grades 1-6 are welcome.



Thornhill Ministerial Lenten Series 2025

One Body, Many Parts

Today at 4:00 p.m.

Unity of the Body

Thornhill Baptist Church

8018 Yonge Street

Speaker: The Rev. Maria Ling

Tonight

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Exploring the Psalms

with

The Rev. Dr. Pat Dutcher-Walls

Past professor of Old Testament studies and

Moderator of the 149th General Assembly of the PCC


Enjoy a delicious potluck meal and engage in interactive learning of some of the most inspiring passages in the Bible!

Register in the Lobby

with the food and number of people in your group.

The Open Door

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



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



Baptism and Reception of New Members

This 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.

New Elders Ordination

Being Ordained as Elders today are:



Sheryl Barton Hope
Duane Girard
David Hope
Deborah Lee
Eva Lewis Morden
Shirin Shafiei
Alireza Taghizadeh

*May God give them strength and wisdom
 to fulfill the vows they have taken here today.*



PRESBYTERIAN Connection

Check out the new **Spring issue** available in the Lobby.
 You will find lots of interesting content, including a feature about our Church!

THORNHILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Duty Elders: Russell Morden and Sheila Gault

UPCOMING WEEK'S EVENTS AT A GLANCE

Sunday, March 9, 2025

9:40 a.m. – 10:15 am

10:20 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

12:30 – 1:30 p.m.

4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Children's Choir – Chapel

Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Worship Service

ESL – Chapel

Lenten Series (THBaptist Church)

Exploring the Psalms Potluck Dinner

Tuesday, March 11, 2025

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 pm

7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

ESL Class (cancelled today)

Session Meeting (Zoom)

Thursday, March 13, 2025

7:30 p.m.

Chancel Choir Practice – Sanctuary

Saturday, March 15, 2025

3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Art Class (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, March 16, 2025

9:40 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

10:20 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

Children's Choir – Chapel

Chancel Choir

Worship Service (Baptism /
 New Members)

12:30 – 1:30 p.m.

ESL – Chapel

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.