

Order of Worship

Sunday December 13, 2020 – Third Sunday in Advent

Worship Music to prepare our Hearts

Words of Welcome

Rev. Dr. Heather Vais

Organ Prelude

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

Maria Lim

Call to Worship

Addison and Shelley Ann Gunness

Hymn: “Hail to the Lord’s Anointed”

(words below)

Prayers of Adoration and Confession and Lord’s Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading:

Isaiah 9:2-6

Ivana and Naomi Atem

John 1:1-18

Message:

BREAKING (good) NEWS!

Scene opens at TPC News Desk

TPC (Thornhill Pondcasting Corporation)

Anchor: Penelope Higginbottoms

Roving Reporter – Beazly Binklebop

Joseph

Mary

Junior Choir:

“Mary had a Baby”

Shepherd

Hymn

‘While shepherds watched’

Herod

Hymn

“Unto us a child is born”

Wiseman

Hymn

“We three kings”

Drummer Boy

Anchor person

Special Music: “How Great Our Joy”

Deborah Kerner

Invitation to the Offering

Dedication of the Offering

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The Charge and Benediction

Go Now in Peace

Postlude: “Go, Tell It on the Mountain”

Maria Lim

Please note that the **Longest Night Service** is not going to be on Thursday December 17th as stated in the Open Door Newsletter but on Sunday December 20th at 7:30pm.

Please join us using the following link:

<https://zoom.us/j/4787432839?pwd=TSStKdmRhbDQweTdNZzV3cVY4b2hjdz09>

Meeting ID: 478 743 2839

Passcode: 1CTs4B



THE MITTEN TREE is now up in the foyer.

Suggested donations: water resistant/wind resistant/lined - gloves, mitts, scarves, hats.

Sorry, **NO KNITTED ITEMS** are being received by Evangel Hall this year but let us help the homeless keep warm and dry as they spend many hours out in the cold. **When, where and how to donate:**

Tuesdays and Thursdays 9-1:00PM. Ring the bell and Stephanie will open the door. Place mitts etc. on tree in foyer.

All are Welcome to Worship again on Christmas Eve!

While we traditionally worship together at 11:00 p.m. you can worship any time. We will be celebrating the Sacrament of Holy Communion. A link will be provided.

Weekly Offerings and Gifts

To continue to support the church through your regular offerings during this pandemic there are several options available to do so.

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

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/>

This link can also be found on our web site www.tpchurch.net

If you are interested in Pre-Authorized Debit (PAR) contact Stephanie at the church.

Thank you for your support!

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***Thank you to everyone who participated
in this service of worship!***

Maria Lim – organ and piano
Deborah Kerner – Soloist

The Junior Youth Choir - Mason, Grace, Yoelle,
Olivia, Annabel and Josh

Lighting of the Advent Candle:
Addison H and Shelley Ann Gunness

Scripture Readers: Ivana and Naomi Atem

Children's Time and Sermon:
BREAKING (good) NEWS!
written by Heather Vais

Brett as Roving Reporter Beazly Binklebop
Marissa as Joseph, Simran as Mary
Kiara as the Shepherd, Akash as Herod
Selina as a Wiseman

The voice of Jeremy as the Drummer Boy
Abel Pandy as the Drummer Boy puppet and announcer

Photography by Abel Pandy, Heather Vais
Jane and Jerry Easton

Video editing and production Brett Vais

With Special Thanks to:
Abel Pandy, Brett Vais, Garth Low, Deborah Kerner
Amy Girard, the members of our Senior Sunday School class,
teachers, and parents



REMINDER: Food and money collections continue for our friends down at Evangel Hall. We will be gathering the food sometime on the 20th of December, probably after lunch, and then having it delivered. The exact time period will be posted as we approach the 20th. The members of the youth group will assemble and pack the food at the church.

As usual, we will be accepting not only food items, but money to buy foodstuffs that are not donated. Cash deposits can be dropped at the church anytime during office hours.

Here is the list of food items we will need for our meal of approximately 100 people.

- Cooked chickens (25)
- Cooked hams (6)
- Cooked mashed potatoes (lots)
- Frozen vegetables (they will heat them up there)
(6-8 large bags)
- Bread rolls (100)
- Homemade cookies (lots)

We look forward to your donations. Please let us know what you can donate by emailing Abel Pandy at abelpandy@rogers.com.

Yours truly,

Marissa Whittle
Meal Organizer

A message from Lorraine McBride:

Although I was fairly certain we would not be able to hold a bazaar this year, I did make a significant amount of strawberry jam and a small amount of peach jam and orange marmalade. It's available for sale at \$5 per jar, with all proceeds going to *Presbyterians Sharing*. Delivery within a reasonable distance from TPC will be arranged. If interested, call Lorraine at (905) 737-0735.

Hymn: Hail to the Lord's Anointed

Hail to the Lord's Anointed, great David's greater Son;
hail, in the time appointed, his reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free,
to take away transgression, and rule in equity.

He brings salvation speedy to those who suffer wrong;
he saves the poor and needy, and helps the weak be strong;
they sing who once were sighing,
their darkness turned to light,
for they, who once were dying, are precious in his sight.

He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth,
and love, joy, hope, like flowers, spring in his path to birth.
Before him on the mountains shall peace, the herald, go,
and righteousness, in fountains, from hill to valley flow.

All powers shall bow before him, and gold and incense bring;
all nations shall adore him, his praise all people sing,
for he shall have dominion o'er river, sea and shore,
far as the eagle's pinion or dove's light wing can soar.

O'er every foe victorious, Christ on his throne shall rest,
from age to age more glorious, all blessing and all blest:
the tide of time shall never his covenant remove;
his name shall stand for ever: that name to us is Love.

Hymn: While shepherds watched

While shepherds watched their flocks by night,
all seated on the ground,
the angel of the Lord came down,
and glory shone around.

'Fear not,' said he, for mighty dread
had seized their troubled mind;
'Glad tidings of great joy I bring
to you, all human kind.

Hymn: Unto us a child is born

Unto us a child is born!
Sovereign of creation,
came once to a world forlorn,
the Lord of every nation,
the Lord of every nation.

Cradled in a cattle stall,
held by love maternal,
see the Sovereign of us all,
our Lord of lords eternal,
our Lord of lords eternal.

Hymn: We three kings

We three kings of Orient are;
bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain,
following yonder star.

Refrain:

O star of wonder, star of light,
star of royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light.

