

Order of Worship

Sunday December 20, 2020 – Fourth Sunday in Advent

Worship Music to prepare our Hearts

Words of Welcome

Rev. Dr. Heather Vais

Organ Prelude

Joy to The World

Maria Lim

The Lighting of the Advent Candle: led by Delacey and Kiara Graham

Hymn: Angels we have heard on high *(words below)*

Prayers of Adoration and Confession and Lord's Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

Special Music

"Light of Jesus Shine Forever"

Lydia Lai

Time with the Children "Leonard Learns a Lesson about Love"

By Rev. Heather and featuring Brett Vais as Leonard

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Luke 2:8-20 (New Testament p.58) Indy Hardeo

Message: "Do You Hear What I Hear?"

Rev. Dr. Heather Vais

Special Music: "Do you hear what I hear?"

June Graham

Dedication of the Offering

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Closing Hymn: It came upon a midnight clear *(words below)*

The Charge and Benediction

Go Now in Peace

Postlude:

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Maria Lim

### 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 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/>

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

**Thank you for your support!**

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**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:** Tuesday next week 9-1:00PM. Ring the bell and Stephanie will open the door. Place mitts etc. on tree in foyer.

### Important Notice:

Christmas Eve Candle Lighting Service

**Please send us pictures of you and your family,** or just a lit candle, in a darkened room for our Christmas Eve service.

**Pictures need to be submitted to [admin@tpchurch.net](mailto:admin@tpchurch.net) by or before December 21<sup>st</sup> at noon.**

### 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.

### Christmas Eve Worship

Please join us on Christmas Eve for a special evening of Lessons and Carols  
Candlelight Communion Service

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

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

*Hymn: Angels we have heard on high*

1. Angels we have heard on high,  
sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
and the mountains in reply  
echoing their joyous strains.

Gloria in excelsis Deo.

2. Shepherds, why this jubilee?  
Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be  
which inspire your heavenly song?

Gloria in excelsis Deo.

3. Come to Bethlehem and see  
Christ whose birth the angels sing;  
come, adore on bended knee,  
Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.

Gloria in excelsis Deo.

4. See him in a manger laid,  
whom the choirs of angels praise;  
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,  
while our hearts in love we raise.

Gloria in excelsis Deo.



*Hymn: It came upon a midnight clear*

1. It came upon the midnight clear,  
that glorious song of old, from angels bending near the earth  
to touch their harps of gold:  
'To all the earth goodwill and peace,  
from heaven's all gracious King!'  
The world in solemn stillness lay  
to hear the angels sing.

2. Still through the cloven skies they come  
with peaceful wings unfurled, and still their heavenly music floats  
o'er all the weary world;  
above its sad and lowly plains  
they bend on hovering wing,  
and ever o'er its babel sounds  
the blessed angels sing.

3. But with the woes of sin and strife,  
the world has suffered long; beneath the angel strain have rolled  
two thousand years of wrong,  
but we, through din of war, hear not  
the love song which they bring.  
Oh hush the noise, Oh still the strife  
and hear the angels sing.

4. And ye, beneath life's crushing load,  
whose forms are bending low, who toil along the climbing way  
with painful steps and slow,  
look now! for glad and golden hours  
come swiftly on the wing.  
Oh rest beside the weary road  
and hear the angels sing.

5. For lo! the days are hastening on,  
by prophets seen of old, when with the ever circling years  
shall come the time foretold,  
when peace shall over all the earth  
God's promised splendours fling,  
and all the world take up the song,  
which now the angels sing.

## *Longest Night Service*



Together with others  
virtually: 7:30 tonight, Sunday  
Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> via Zoom. We will  
gather then watch the video and  
have a time of fellowship  
afterwards.

<https://zoom.us/j/4787432839?pwd=TStKdmRhbDQweTdNZzV3cVY4b2hjdz09>

Meeting ID: 478 743 2839

Passcode: 1CTs4B

On-line anytime: <https://youtu.be/SyRA6B-8QVA>

### ***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.

