



November 28, 2021
 First Sunday of Advent
 Service of Lessons and Carols for Advent

Organ Prelude

Silent reflection:

*Look up and raise your heads because your redemption is drawing near.
 Luke 21:28*

Welcome and Announcements

The Call to Worship The Rev. Dr. Heather Vais

Leader: Lord, open our lips;

People: And our mouth shall sing your praise.

Leader: Praise the Lord.

People: The Lord's name be praised.

Leader: The kingdom of God is at hand

People: O come, let us worship.

***Hymn** *Come, thou Redeemer of the earth* (see insert)

Advent Candle liturgy **PWS&D Advent 1 Insert** Clare Mezes

Scripture reading Isaiah 40:1-8 and Jeremiah 23:5-6 Sheila Gault

Solo anthem *Oh come, Oh come, Emmanuel* June Graham

Scripture reading Haggai 2:6-9 Bob Gargano

Solo anthem *King Jesus has a Garden* Deborah Kerner

Scripture reading Isaiah 35:1-6 Eric Gault

***Praise song** *Hope is a Star* #119

Scripture reading Luke 1:26-35 and 38 Lorraine McBride

Duet anthem *The angel Gabriel from heaven* June Graham

and Deborah Kerner

Choir anthem *Sleepers Awake*

Scripture reading Mark 1:1-4a and 7-15 Garth Low

Solo anthem *I wonder as I wander* Deborah Lee

Advent Prayer (unison)

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility, that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

The Lord's Prayer (*debts*)

***Hymn** *Lo, Christ comes with clouds* #120

*Benediction

*Sung 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 God 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

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 *If you are able, please stand

Welcome

We welcome everyone here today. We hope that you feel comforted in our fellowship and that you leave here refreshed and inspired in your personal life. Whether you are simply visiting or actively seeking a worshipping community, we look forward to responding to you. You are invited to fill out a pew card.

Today's Service Notes: Today's service of worship is inspired by a long-standing Procession with Carols on Advent Sunday, at King's College, Cambridge. The readings, carols and hymns reflect the dual nature of Advent, as both an anticipation of the birth of our Saviour and an anticipation of our Saviour's second coming. The symbolism of this Service is that of moving from darkness to light, from the hope of the Old Testament to its fulfilment in the New. Christ's coming into the world has brought light to mankind. Thank you to all who participated in the service and to Garth Low for creating and organizing it.

COVID Restrictions and Mandates

Due to Covid restrictions, **we ask that masks be worn at all times.**

Singing is permitted in a speaking volume.

Building Use During COVID

Due to COVID requirements mandated by the provincial government, Polka Dot Preschool must fully sanitize the washrooms and classrooms each day prior to start of operations. The daycare facilities are fully sanitized on Friday evening in preparation for Monday. Please do not use the washrooms or any other rooms in the daycare area on Sunday so that we do not compromise the cleanliness. This will really help the daycare maintain a safe space for their children.

Thank you for your help and understanding.

Board of Managers

Thank you to those who are assisting in today's service.

Thank You and Welcome to Heather Newsome who is our guest organist today.

Heather is a retired Music Teacher. She has taught in England, and Kenya, and for the last 15 years of her career at St. Clement's School, Toronto where she conducted the Choirs, taught Music in the Elementary School, and co-directed 6 Musicals with the Upper School. Heather is enjoying supply teaching at Havergal Junior School, and organ playing, as well as singing with two Church choirs, and a Rock Choir.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Do you have a gift you can share with your church?

TPC is in need of individuals who can offer assistance in ushering and greeting, offering counters, readers, participants in Sunday worship services and committee membership.



The deadline for the next issue of our congregational newsletter, "The Open Door" is Monday November 29th. Please forward your articles to Garth Low at garth.low@garthlow.com. Written submissions can be put in the Open Door newsletter mail box located by the Chapel.

We are looking for stories on how you plan to celebrate Christmas this year and/or how you celebrated Christmas last year, during the height of the second wave of the Covid-19 Pandemic, when in-person worship was suspended and gatherings outside one's household were discouraged.

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR
MAX LUCADO



BECAUSE OF
Bethlehem
LOVE IS BORN
HOPE IS HERE

**Thornhill Presbyterian Church
invites you to attend our virtual
Advent Study series:**

***Because of Bethlehem:
Love is Born, Hope is Here***
by Max Lucado

Wednesdays December 1 and 15 at 7 p.m. on Zoom.

No preparation is required.

See the worship email for the Link



Christmas Assistance Program 2021

We are grateful for the many years that Thornhill Presbyterian Church has supported the Thornhill Christmas Assistance Program. Since the challenges of COVID-19 remain with us, we will be providing gift cards for families in need again this Christmas season. For obvious reasons we will not be able to collect food or gifts for distribution, but we feel that gift cards, especially for grocery stores, will be easier to administer by our small committee.

This year, we will be accepting financial donations. You can help by donating in your weekly envelope and marking "Christmas Assistance Program" on the "Other" line. Donation deadline is Friday, December 10, 2021.

Please contact Sharon Miron at sharonmiron24@gmail.com with questions you may have.

A New Day!

Help us celebrate our re-opening and bring about a 'New Day' at the luncheon on December 12th after worship. Lunch will be prepared by the Congregational Life Committee and safety protocols will be in place. To help us plan we are asking everyone who wants to attend to please jot down your name on the sign-up sheets in the front lobby or speak with Julie Meek or Jessica Chapman. We hope to see you there!

Presbyterian Church in Canada Calendars are Here!

Calendars are \$10.00 each.

Proceeds of sales will go towards Stewardship initiatives at TPC

Please ask Rev. Heather to get yours!



Praise Time Hope is a Star



Hope is a star that shines in the night,
leading us on till the morning is bright.

Refrain:

When God is a child there's joy in our song.
The last shall be first and the weak shall be strong,
and none shall be afraid.

Peace is a ribbon that circles the earth,
giving a promise of safety and worth.

(refrain)

Joy is a song that welcomes the dawn,
telling the world that the Saviour is born.

(refrain)

Love is a flame that burns in our heart.
Jesus has come and will never depart.

Hymns

Come, thou Redeemer of the earth

Come, thou Redeemer of the earth,
Come, testify thy wondrous birth:
All lands admire, all times applaud:
Such is the birth that fits our God.

From God the Father he proceeds,
To God the Father back he speeds;
Runs out his course to death and hell,
Returns on God's high throne to dwell.

Thy cradle here shall glitter bright,
And darkness breathe a newer light,
Where endless faith shall shine serene,
And twilight never intervene.

All laud, eternal Son, to thee
Whose advent sets thy people free,
Whom with the Father we adore,
And Holy Ghost, for evermore.

Words: St. Ambrose (340-397); Trans. J.M. Neale (1818-1866)
Music: M. Praetorius (1571-1621)

Hymns

Lo! Christ comes with clouds

Lo! Christ comes with clouds descending,
Lamb of God for favoured sinners slain;
thousand thousand saints attending
swell the Lord's triumphant train:
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!
God appears on earth to reign.

Every eye shall now behold thee
robed in awe and majesty;
we, who scorned and mocked and sold thee,
pierced and nailed thee to the tree,
deeply grieving, deeply grieving, deeply grieving
shall the true Messiah see.

Now redemption long awaited,
see in glorious life appear!
All God's creatures freed from groaning,
sounds of liberation hear:
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah,
See the day of God appear.

Ever more let all adore them
high on thine eternal throne;
crowns and empires fall before thee:
thou shalt reign and thou alone.
Come, Lord Jesus; come, Lord Jesus, come, Lord Jesus!
Claim all glory for thine own.