



December 26, 2021
 First Sunday after Christmas
 Service of Lessons and Carols for Christmas

Organ Prelude

Silent reflection: The sun of righteousness has dawned with healing in his wings.

Welcome and Announcements

The Call to Worship The Rev. Dr. Heather Vais
 Leader: The people who walked in darkness
People: have seen a great light.
 Leader: For unto us a child is born
People: to us a son is given.
 Leader: His name will be called Wonderful counsellor, mighty God,
People: the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.
 Leader: Glory to God in the highest
People: and peace to his people on earth.

***Hymn** **Christians, awake** **#135**

Scripture lesson Sheila Gault
 Solo anthem Veronica Anissimova (VA)
 Of eternal love begotten
 (Corde Natus Ex Parentis)

Scripture lesson Nora Pandey
 Solo anthem VA
 Es ist ein Ros entsprungen
 (Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming)

Scripture lesson Doreen Murray
***Hymn** **The angel Gabriel from heaven** **#156**

Scripture lesson Jasmine Low
 Jr. Youth Choir Neil Murray
 Solo anthem Neil Murray
 I wish I was in Bethlehem
 In the bleak mid-winter

Scripture lesson Luke 2:8-16 Marton Pandey
 Solo anthem "Quelle est cette odeur agréable?" VA

Scripture lesson Matthew 2:1-12 Eric Gault
 Solo anthem Il est né, le divin Enfant VA

Scripture Lesson John 1:1-14 The Rev. Dr. H. Vais
***Hymn** **Oh, come all ye faithful** **#159**

Prayers for the World

Prayer for Christmas (in unison) **Almighty God, you have shed upon us the new light of your incarnate Word. May this light, enkindled in our hearts, shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.**

Lord's Prayer

*Benediction
***Hymn** **Hark! the herald angels sing** **#139**
 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.

A special welcome to our guest soloist, Veronika Anissimova. Veronika has helped provide music leadership at some of our services since our re-opening of in-person worship.

Thank you also to Neil Murray, the Junior Youth Choir and to Garth Low for their musical contributions to the service, and to all our readers.

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

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.



Greeter, Usher and Registrar Volunteers Needed!

Don't miss this opportunity to meet and greet people from our amazing congregation!

TPC needs volunteers every Sunday to greet, usher and register congregants.

If you are interested in joining our dynamic volunteer team, please contact Doug Miron doug.miron@outlook.com to schedule your orientation.

THORNHILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Custodian: Kirk McLeod

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 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 Nadine at the church.

Thank you for your support!

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2021 Donations

**Donations must be received no later than
Friday December 31 at 3:00 p.m. in order to be included
on your 2021 tax year.**

Donations received after that time will be part of your 2022 donations.



The 2022 Presbyterian Wall calendars

are now here and can be purchased for \$10.00 each.

Proceeds of sales will go towards stewardship initiatives at TPC.

If you would like one please speak with your Administrator Nadine or Rev. Heather.

Office Closure

The office will be closed between Christmas and New Year. The office will resume regular office hours starting Tuesday January 4, 2022.

Phone messages and mail will be checked regularly. If this is a pastoral emergency, please contact Rev. Heather on her cell phone #416-949-3465.

Have a happy, healthy and safe holiday.



May God's amazing grace

be upon you in 2022!

Hymns Christians, awake

Christians, awake! salute the happy morn,
whereon the Saviour of the world was born;
rise to adore the mystery of love
which hosts of angels chanted from above;
with them the joyful tidings first begun
of God Incarnate and the virgin's son.

Then to the watchful shepherds it was told,
who heard the angel herald's voice, 'Behold,
I bring good tidings of a saviour's birth
to you and all the nations on the earth;
God has this day fulfilled the promised word:
this day is born a saviour, Christ the Lord.'

Then went the shepherds straight to Bethlehem
to see the wonder that was told to them,
and found, with Joseph and the blessed maid,
her son, the Saviour, in a manger laid;
joyful, the wondrous story they proclaim,
the first apostles of his infant fame.

Oh may we keep and ponder in our mind
God's wondrous love in saving humankind;
trace we the babe, who has retrieved our loss,
from his poor manger to his bitter cross;
saved by his love, unceasing we shall sing
eternal praise to heaven's almighty King.

Hymns

The angel Gabriel from heaven

The angel Gabriel from heaven came,
his wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame;
'All hail,' said he, 'O lowly maiden Mary,'
most highly favoured lady: Gloria!

'For know a blessed mother you shall be,
all generations praise continually,
your son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold,'
most highly favoured lady: Gloria!

Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head,
'To me be as it pleases God,' she said,
'my soul shall laud and magnify God's holy name,'
most highly favoured lady: Gloria!

Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ, was born
in Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn,
and Christian folk throughout the world will ever say:
most highly favoured lady: Gloria!

Hymns

Oh come, all ye faithful

Oh come, all ye faithful,
joyful and triumphant;
oh come ye, oh come ye
to Bethlehem.
Come and behold him,
born the King of angels:

(Refrain)

Oh come, let us adore him;
oh come, let us adore him;
oh come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.

God of God, Light of light,
born unto Mary, the virgin blest,
very God, begotten, not created:

(Refrain)

See how the shepherds,
summoned to his cradle,
leaving their flocks draw nigh
with holy fear;
we too will thither
bend our joyful footsteps:

(Refrain)

Sing, choirs of angels,
sing in exultation;
sing, all ye citizens
of heaven above:
'Glory to God
in the highest!'

(Refrain)

Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be
glory given;
Word of the Father,
now in flesh appearing:

Hymns

Hark! The herald angels sing

Hark! the herald angels sing
glory to the newborn King,
peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled.

Joyful, all ye nations, rise;
join the triumph of the skies;
with the angelic host proclaim,
'Christ is born in Bethlehem.'

Refrain:

*Hark! the herald angels sing
glory to the newborn King.*

Christ, by highest heaven adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
late in time behold him come,
offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see!
Hail the incarnate deity!
Pleased on earth with us to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.

Hail the heavenborn Prince of Peace!
Hail the sun of righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
risen with healing in his wings.
Mild, he lays his glory by,
born that we no more may die,
born to raise the lost of earth,
born to give us second birth.