



Sunday October 16, 2022  
**We Prepare for Worship**

Praise Band

Preparing our Hearts

*"The Lord says: 'you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you.'"*

Organ Prelude

\*Processional Hymn: *God of grace and God of glory* #490

Welcome and Community Life News

**We Worship God**

The Call to Worship

Julie Meek

L.: God promises us justice,

**P: and teaches us persistence.**

L.: God promises us compassion,

**P: and teaches us not to lose heart.**

L: God promises to be with us

**P: and teaches us to tend to each other.**

L: So let us worship our God of comfort and challenge,

**P: We will offer prayers and praise to our God of hope and healing.**

L: Let us worship God.

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.**

**We Listen for God's Word**

Children's Time (*afterwards, the children may retire to the Sunday school*)

Prayer for Illumination

Norman Macleod

Scripture Readings

Responsive Psalm – Psalm 121 (*see insert*)  
Luke 18:1-8

Alireza Taghizadeh  
NT p. 81

Leader: The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon: The Power of Persevering Prayer

Rev. Dr. H. Vais

\*Hymn: *What a friend we have in Jesus* #746

**We Respond to God's Word**

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Intercession

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

\*Doxology #830

\*Dedication of Offering

\*Closing Hymn: *O Lord my God! / How great thou art* #332

**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**

Organ Postlude

*\*if you are able, please stand*

*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. Our ushers are available to assist you.**



**It's Back to Sunday School Time!**

This fall, the Sunday School is going to be looking at Villains in the Bible and the GOOD THINGS we can learn from them!

Due to COVID, we encourage that masks be worn at all times.

Thank you and welcome once again to Judy Chen who is our guest pianist today.

# Responsive Psalm

## Psalm 121

- <sup>1</sup> I lift up my eyes to the hills—  
from where will my help come?
- <sup>2</sup> **My help comes from the Lord,  
who made heaven and earth.**
- <sup>3</sup> He will not let your foot be moved;  
he who keeps you will not slumber.
- <sup>4</sup> **He who keeps Israel  
will neither slumber nor sleep.**
- <sup>5</sup> The Lord is your keeper;  
the Lord is your shade at your right hand.
- <sup>6</sup> **The sun shall not strike you by day  
nor the moon by night.**
- <sup>7</sup> The Lord will keep you from all evil;  
he will keep your life.
- <sup>8</sup> **The Lord will keep  
your going out and your coming in  
from this time on and forevermore.**

L: The word of the Lord.

P: **Thanks be to God.**

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### UPCOMING WEEK'S EVENTS AT A GLANCE

#### *Tuesday October 18, 2022*

11:00 am WMS Meeting in Fellowship Hall & Lunch

#### *Wednesday October 19, 2022*

10:00 am ESL Classes in Fellowship Hall

#### *Sunday October 23, 2022*

11:00 am Worship Service with Rev. Dr. Victor Shepherd

### 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 Nadine at the church.

**Thank you for your support!**

- Please remember to **turn off cell phones** before you enter the Sanctuary. Thank you.
- Hearing assist systems are available for those who need them. Please speak with an usher
- Large print bulletins are available from the ushers

Scent Free  
**ZONE**

*Due to severe allergies and/or disabilities with some individuals please refrain from using products containing **PERFUMES OR SCENTS** (Including cologne, hair sprays or after-shave lotions).*



## 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.



### TPC Music Ministry

#### Senior Choir!!

We welcome new members to lead in the music ministry.

Please contact Choir President Deborah Kerner at 416-432-5883 or the office.

#### PRAISE BAND

Meets Sunday mornings at 10 a.m.  
Musicians and Singers Welcome

Contact the church office or Abel Pandy 416-222-9058



## YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES!

### SENIOR YOUTH GROUP – F3

#### FAITH, FUN, & FELLOWSHIP

(High School age kids)

### JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP

For kids Grade 3 to Grade 8

Contact the Church or speak to Rev. Heather.



## Are you interested in participating in ESL classes?

If so, please sign up on the list on the table in the foyer.

You will receive notification when classes will begin.

### In Deepest Sympathy

The condolences of the congregation are extended to Nicole Zeni and family at the loss of her dear father Alvin Rainford, who died this past Sunday. Please pray for the family.

### With Deepest Sympathy

The sympathies of the congregation are extended to Garth Low and his family.

Garth's sister-in-law (wife of Garth's twin brother) died unexpectedly on Monday.

Please pray for Garth's brother, Donald, their 16-year-old daughter (Lianne), and their family and friends in this time of great loss.

### WMS October Meeting

The WMS will be holding their October meeting in the Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, October 18 from 11:00 am until 1:30 pm.

Please consider joining us and bring a sandwich lunch. Mission work is fun, exciting and rewarding.



*We have resumed a weekly time of fellowship and refreshment after worship service in the Fellowship Hall.  
Hope to see you all there!*



If you haven't received a copy of The Open Door Fall Edition, please pick one up after the Service in the front foyer.

## Hymn

### *God of grace and God of glory*

God of grace and God of glory,  
on thy people pour thy power;  
crown thine ancient church's story;  
bring its bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
for the facing of this hour,  
for the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us,  
scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!  
From the fears that long have bound us,  
free our hearts to love and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
for the living of these days,  
for the living of these days.

Cure thy children's warring madness,  
bend our pride to thy control;  
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,  
rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,  
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

Set our feet on lofty places;  
gird our lives that they may be  
armoured with all Christ-like graces,  
pledged to set all captives free.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
that we fail not them nor thee,  
that we fail not them nor thee!

Save us from weak resignation  
to the evils we deplore;  
let the search for thy salvation  
be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
serving thee whom we adore,  
serving thee whom we adore.

## Hymn

### *What a friend we have in Jesus*

What a friend we have in Jesus,  
all our sins and griefs to bear;  
what a privilege to carry  
everything to God in prayer.  
Oh what peace we often forfeit,  
oh what needless pain we bear,  
all because we do not carry  
everything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations?  
Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged:  
take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful,  
who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness:  
take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy-laden,  
cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Saviour, still our refuge:  
take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?  
Take it to the Lord in prayer;  
in his arms he'll take and shield thee;  
thou wilt find a solace there.

# Hymn

## *O Lord my God! / How great thou art*

O Lord my God! when I in awesome wonder  
consider all the worlds thy hands have made,  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
thy power throughout the universe displayed,

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,  
How great thou art! how great thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,  
How great thou art! how great thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander  
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,  
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur  
And hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze,

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,  
How great thou art! how great thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,  
How great thou art! how great thou art!

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,  
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in;  
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
he bled and died to take away my sin,

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,  
How great thou art! how great thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,  
How great thou art! how great thou art!

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,  
and there proclaim, my God, how great thou art!

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,  
How great thou art! how great thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,  
How great thou art! how great thou art!