



Sunday November 11, 2022
We Prepare For Worship

Praise Band

Preparing our Hearts

So I will always sing praises to Your name, as I pay my vows day after day. Psalm 61:8

Organ Prelude

*Processional Hymn: *O day of God draw nigh* #786 (tune #411)

Welcome and Community Life News

We Worship God

The Call to Worship Jessica Chapman

L.: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;

P: We will lift up joyous song and sing our praises.

L.: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it rejoice.

P: Let the hills sing together for joy at the presence of the Lord,

L: For God will come to judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

P: Let us join with all creation to praise the Lord!

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.

*Praise Time *Good and Gracious King* (*see yellow insert*)

We Listen for God's Word

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

Prayer for Illumination Lorraine McBride

Scripture Readings

Responsive Psalm – Psalm 84 (*see yellow insert*) Alireza Taghizadeh

Gospel: Luke 13:22-30 NT p. 76

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: *The Narrow Door* Rev. Dr. H. Vais

*Hymn: *When voices are confusing* #636

We Respond to God's Word

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Intercession

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

*Doxology #830

*Dedication of Offering

*Closing Hymn: *Will your anchor hold?* #744

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*



We welcome everyone who is worshiping 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.**



Sunday School

For children ages 6-12 we have a one-room Sunday School programme in the Fellowship Hall after the Children's Story.

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

Due to COVID, we encourage that masks be worn.



Volunteers Needed

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

Financial Update – Thornhill Presbyterian Church

The table below presents TPC's Income and Expenses year-to-date as of Sept 30 2022

	YTD as of Sept 30 2022
Donations	\$179,957
Rental Income	\$12,833
Other Income	\$4,782
Total Income	\$188,572
Total Expenses	\$219,127
Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$30,555)

Donations are well behind the YTD budget amount of \$211,000. Rental Income remains weak year-to-date as post-COVID activities are only recently returning including the normal operation of our daycare tenant.

Our Expenses are below expectations primarily due to 2 expense items:

- Music Ministry is well under budget as TPC is still operating without a full-time music director. This has temporarily lowered expenses by about \$18,000 year-to-date.
- Maintenance expenses are slightly below expectations by about \$5,000 due to the changeover in our custodial services.

These 2 items have our expenses about \$23,000 below year-to-date expectations. Both of these expenses are expected to return to normal levels in the coming months.

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Church Office Administrator: Nadine Calfa

Office Hours: Tuesday – Friday from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Custodian: Delacey Graham

Duty Elders: Norine Thomason and Jessica Chapman

UPCOMING WEEK'S EVENTS AT A GLANCE

Tuesday November 15, 2022

7:00 pm Congregation Life Committee Meeting in the Chapel

Thursday November 17, 2022

1:00 pm Advent Video Study Series

7:30 pm Advent Video Study Series

Saturday November 19, 2022

2:00 pm Anne of Green Gables at the Fairview Library Theatre

Sunday November 20, 2022

11:00 am Worship Service

Weekly Offerings and Gifts

We appreciate your generous donations. If you need offering envelopes contact the office. If you cannot donate in person there are other options:

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 Canadahelps.org and follow the instructions.

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



Congregational Christmas Dinner

Come share the joys of the Christmas season with us and spread some cheer! Gather with us on Saturday December 10th starting at 5:30pm for a Congregational Christmas dinner.

The meal will be provided by the Congregational Life Committee and anyone is welcome to bring a dessert.

To sign up or get more information visit a committee member in the lobby starting Nov. 20.



Christmas Assistance Program 2022

We are grateful for the many years that Thornhill Presbyterian Church has supported the Thornhill Christmas Assistance Program.

Families in need will be provided with gift cards for grocery stores again this Christmas season.

You can help by donating in your weekly envelope and marking "Christmas Assistance Program" on the "Other" line or by dropping your donation off at the church mail slot.

Please mark "Christmas Assistance Program" on your donation so it can be transferred to the appropriate account.

Contact Sharon Miron for further information at sharonmiron24@gmail.com.

Anne of Green Gables

All are welcome to join us for a congregational outing to see Anne of Green Gables, a staged "Radio Show" at the Fairview Library Theatre.

We have received a special two-for-one offer for tickets and encourage anyone who is interested to sign up for the matinee show on Sat. Nov. 19th.

For details on how to purchase tickets, contact Julie Meek at juliemeek@hotmail.com or Jessica Chapman at chapman.jessica@yahoo.ca.



The deadline for the next issue of our congregational newsletter, "The Open Door" is Monday November 28th.

Please forward your articles, personal stories of Christmas past, and/or their plans for this Christmas to Garth Low at garth.low@garthlow.com.

Written submissions can be put in the Open Door newsletter mail box located by the Chapel.



ESL Classes

There will be no ESL class on Nov 15th, Nov 22nd or Nov 29th.

The next class will resume as usual on Tuesday Dec. 6th from 10 am to 12 pm at the Fellowship Hall.



The 2023 Presbyterian Wall calendars

have been ordered and can be purchased for \$10.00 each.

Proceeds of sales will go towards the Youth Fund.

Please reserve yours today by calling or emailing your Administrator Nadine admin@tpchurch.net or Rev. Heather.

25th Annual Markham Prayer Breakfast

Friday November 25, 2022

7:00 – 9:00 a.m.

At Hilton Suites Conference Centre

Praying for the leaders and people of Markham

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Andrew Stirling

Special Music by: Quisha Wint

TPC has a table reserved for 10 people. To get a ticket for the TPC table, please speak with Lindsay Belch at 905-881-4241 OR Email at lindsay.belch@sympatico.ca

Prepare Your Hearts This Advent



You are invited to join an Advent Video Study Series aimed at helping participants better understand the events that led up to the birth of Jesus in a stable in Bethlehem. Through video, readings, and discussion we will retrace the steps of Mary, Joseph, and others culminating in the events around Jesus' birth and its significance in our lives.

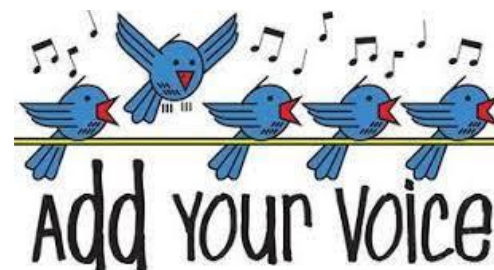
Sessions, led by Rev. Heather, will be held in the Fellowship Hall:

Thursday afternoons (1:00) or evenings (7:30)
Beginning November 17 - ending December 15

Please sign up to reserve your spot!
Sign up in the lobby,
or Contact church office: 905-889-5391
admin@tpchurch.net

Refreshments will be served.

A Christmas Choir Opportunity



The Advent / Christmas season has always been a time of meaningful worship and music at TPC.

As we prepare for Christmas 2022, we are seeking volunteers to join our choir for the season (from November 27 to Christmas)

There is no requirement for reading music.
Rehearsals are Sunday mornings.
The music will be fun and familiar Christmas songs.

We simply need more voices and those with musical gifts to participate in the services to make them extra special.

Please speak to Deb Kerner, Rev. Vais, Garth Low, or contact the church office if you want to be a part of this great opportunity!

**All are welcome young and old
to add your voice this Christmas!**





Praise Time Good and Gracious King



I approach the throne of glory, nothing in my hands I bring
But the promise of acceptance, from a good and gracious King

I will give to You my burden, as You give to me Your strength
Come and fill me with Your Spirit, as I sing to You this praise

*You deserve the greater glory
Overcome I lift my voice
To the King in need of nothing
Empty handed I rejoice
You deserve the greater glory
Overcome with joy I sing
By Your love I am accepted
You're a good and gracious King*

O what grace that You would see me, as Your child and as Your friend
Safe secure in You forever, I pour out my praise again

*You deserve the greater glory
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To the King in need of nothing
Empty handed I rejoice
You deserve the greater glory
Overcome with joy I sing
By Your love I am accepted
You're a good and gracious King*

**Holy holy Lord Almighty
Good and gracious, good and gracious
Holy holy Lord Almighty
Good and gracious King (REPEAT)**

*You deserve the greater glory
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Responsive Psalm Psalm 84

How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!

**My soul longs, indeed it faints,
for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh sing for joy
to the living God.**

Even the sparrow finds a home
and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may lay her young,
at your altars, O LORD of hosts,
my King and my God.

**Happy are those who live in your house,
ever singing your praise. *Selah***

Happy are those whose strength is in you,
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

**As they go through the valley of Baca,
they make it a place of springs;
the early rain also covers it with pools.**

They go from strength to strength;
the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

**O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer;
give ear, O God of Jacob! *Selah***

Behold our shield, O God;
look on the face of your anointed.

**For a day in your courts is better
than a thousand elsewhere.**

**I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God
than live in the tents of wickedness.**

For the LORD God is a sun and shield;
he bestows favor and honor.

No good thing does the LORD withhold
from those who walk uprightly.

**O LORD of hosts,
happy is everyone who trusts in you.**

L: The word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.



Hymn

O day of God, draw nigh



O day of God, draw nigh
in beauty and in power;
come with your timeless judgement now
to match our present hour.

Bring to our troubled minds
uncertain and afraid,
the quiet of a steadfast faith,
calm of a call obeyed.

Bring justice to our land,
that all may dwell secure,
and finely build for days to come
foundations that endure.

Bring to our world of strife
your sovereign word of peace,
that war may haunt the earth no more
and desolation cease.

O day of God, draw nigh,
as at creation's birth,
let there be light again, and set
your judgements in the earth.

Hymn

When voices are confusing

When voices are confusing,
when right and wrong are blurred,
we need your help in choosing
the way to be preferred;
our feet are prone to wander
in paths untrue, untried:
O Christ, our strong commander,
become our trusted guide.

When truth is hard to follow
and fact is hard to find,
when crowd appeals are shallow,
reshape, renew our mind.
Your ways we would be learning:
oh make our choices clear,
that we, the more discerning,
the more may persevere.

Our lives are yours: oh take us
and shape our destiny:
through willing service make us
all you would have us be.
Confirm this high endeavour
against the reign of strife;
great Love, be ours forever,
the Way, the Truth, the Life.

Hymn

Will your anchor hold?

Will your anchor hold in the storms of life,
when the clouds unfold their wings of strife?
When the strong tides lift and the cables strain,
will your anchor drift or firm remain?

Refrain:

*We have an anchor that keeps the soul
steadfast and sure while the billows roll,
fastened to the rock which cannot move,
grounded firm and deep in the Saviour's love!*

Will your anchor hold in the straits of fear,
when the breakers roar and the reef is near?
While the surges rave and the wild winds blow,
shall the angry waves then your bark o'er flow?

(Refrain)

Will your eyes behold through the morning light
the city of gold and the harbour bright?
Will you anchor safe by the heavenly shore,
when life's storms are past forever more?

(Refrain)