



November 27, 2022

First Sunday of Advent

A Service of Lessons and Carols for Advent

Praise Band

Preparing our Hearts:

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

Organ Prelude *Veni, veni, Emmanuel*

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

Welcome and Community Life News

We Worship God

The Call to Worship

Rev. Dr. Heather Vais

L: Lord, open our lips;

P: And our mouth shall sing your praise.

L: Praise the Lord.

P: The Lord's name be praised.

L: The Kingdom of God is at hand

P: O come, let us worship.

L: Let us worship God.

Advent Candle liturgy

PWS&D Advent 1 Insert

Girard Family

Scripture reading

Isaiah 40:1-8 and Jeremiah 23:5-6

Clare Mezes

Solo anthem

O come, O come, Emmanuel

June Graham

Scripture reading

Haggai 2:6-9

Janet Gargano

*Hymn

Come, thou long-expected Jesus

#110

Scripture reading

Isaiah 35:1-6

Eric Gault

*Praise Song

Your Grace Is Enough

(green insert)

Scripture reading

Luke 1:26-35 and 38

Judy Chen

*Hymn

The angel Gabriel from heaven

#156

Scripture reading

Mark 1:1-4a and 7-15

Jessica Chapman

Solo anthem

I wonder as I wander

Neil Murray

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.

Choir anthem

Sleepers Awake

We Respond to Gods Word

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Intercession

The Lord's Prayer (*debts*)

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

*Doxology

#830

*Dedication of Offering

*Closing Hymn

Lo, Christ comes with clouds

#120

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 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

Wachet Auf, Ruft Uns Die Stimme

Walther

.....
 *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.

**Thank you to those who are assisting in today's service.
 A special thanks to Garth Low for organizing this service.**

Due to COVID, we encourage that masks be worn.

Children will remain in worship today for this special service.

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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Duty Elders: Jerry Easton & Jane Easton

UPCOMING WEEK'S EVENTS AT A GLANCE

Thursday December 1, 2022

1:00 pm Advent Video Study Series

7:30 pm Advent Video Study Series

Sunday December 4, 2022

11:00 am Worship Service – Second Sunday of Advent

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.

- 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

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.



TPC's Annual 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, provided by the Congregational Life Committee, will feature lasagna for a suggested donation of \$10. Anyone is welcome to bring a dessert. Sign up at the table in the lobby.

Christmas Assistance Program 2022

We are grateful for the many years that TPC 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.

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

FREE Advent Devotional

Please enjoy the study that was included in your bulletin today.

The Open Door

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.



The 2023 Presbyterian Wall Calendars

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

Proceeds of sales will go towards the Youth Fund.

You can purchase a calendar after worship or reserve a calendar by calling or emailing our Administrator Nadine admin@tpchurch.net



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.

Tis the Season....

For the Children's Christmas Pageant!

A reminder to parents that the children (grades 1-6) will be rehearsing for their Christmas pageant in their regular Sunday School classes on **Sunday December 11**. Plus, we will have a pizza party practice on **Saturday December 17th from 5:30pm-7:30pm** and then again on **performance day, Sunday December 18th at 9:30am**.

Please come out and enjoy learning and sharing the story of the birth of our Saviour Jesus Christ!





Advent & Christmas Worship

November 27

The First Sunday of Advent

A Service of Lessons and Carols

December 4

The Second Sunday of Advent

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

December 11

The Third Sunday of Advent

December 18

The Fourth Sunday in Advent

The Sunday School Christmas Pageant

Monday December 19 – 7:00 p.m.

The Longest Night Service (at the church)

December 24 – 11:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve

Candlelight and Communion Lessons and Carols

December 25 – 11:00 a.m.

Christmas Sunday

A Service of Lessons and Carols and Holy Communion



Prepare Your Hearts This Advent

If you have not signed up for this special Advent Study, you are still welcome to sign up for future studies on the table in the lobby.

Sessions are held on Thursdays afternoons (1:00 p.m.) or evenings (7:30 p.m.)
November 24 to December 15

Mitten Tree

Please consider helping us fill the Mitten Tree in the foyer with warm mitts, scarves, hats and gloves this holiday season. All the items collected will be delivered to Evangel Hall early in the new year to provide warmth and to remind our brothers and sisters of our love.



PWS&D Gifts of Change

Everyone has someone on their holiday gift list for whom it is impossible to buy a gift! Why not consider an impactful gift from the

PWS&D Gifts of Change catalogue?

You can pick up a catalogue in the foyer and after making a purchase, place a gift tag on the tree.

Working together, we can make a difference in the lives of people around the world.

Processional Hymn

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)



Praise Song



Your Grace Is Enough

Great is your faithfulness O God
You wrestle with the sinner's restless heart
You lead us by still waters into mercy
And nothing can keep us apart
*So remember Your people, remember Your children
Remember Your promise O God*

***Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough for me***

Great is Your love and justice, God of Jacob
You use the weak to lead the strong
You lead us in the song of Your salvation
And all Your people sing along
*So remember Your people, remember Your children
Remember Your promise O God*

**Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough for me
Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough for me**

*Remember Your people, remember Your children
Remember Your promise O God*

**Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough for me**

**Your grace is enough, heaven reaches out to us
Your grace is enough for me
Your grace is enough, I'm covered in Your love
Your grace is enough for me ... for me.**

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Hymn

Come, thou long-expected Jesus

Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us;
let us find our rest in thee.

Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art,
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver;
born a child and yet a king,
born to reign in us forever;
now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal Spirit
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all sufficient merit
raise us to thy glorious throne.

Hymn

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!

Hymn

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.