



Sunday December 4, 2022
The Second Sunday of Advent
The Sacrament of Holy Communion
We Prepare For Worship

Praise Band

Preparing our Hearts

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13

Organ Prelude Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel Held

*Processional Hymn: Oh come, oh come, Emmanuel #122

Welcome and Community Life News

We Worship God

The Call to Worship Jessica Chapman

L.: The light shines in the darkness,

P: We come to worship, seeking the peace of Christ.

L.: Shine into our lives and your world this Advent.

P: Renew in us Jesus' call to be peacemakers this day.

L: Let us worship God.

Advent Candle liturgy **PWS&D Advent 2 Insert** Nogueron-Gama Family

Choir Introit: Hosanna Now Through Advent Willan

Prayers of Adoration and Confession

The Assurance of Pardon

Minister: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

*Praise Time He Has Come For Us (Green insert)

We Listen for God's Word

Children's Time

Prayer for Illumination Laura Culley

Scripture Readings Isaiah 11:1-10 OT p. 640
Matthew 3:1-12 NT p. 2

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: God's Christmas Message Rev. Dr. H. Vais

*Hymn: People in darkness p. 124

We Respond to God's Word

Prayers of the People

Choir Anthem: People, Look East Scott

Invitation to the Table

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

*Doxology #830

Apostle's Creed (please see pew card or hymn book) #539

*Dedication of Offering and Elements

*Communion Hymn: O holy Father, God most dear #529

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving (green insert)

Communion Music: Advent Meditation-Create
in me a Clean Heart Hayes

The Breaking of the Bread

Distribution of the Elements (please come forward as able)

Prayer after Communion

*Closing Hymn: On Jordan's Bank #126

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 Savior of the Nations, Come Manz

Savior of the nations, come;

Virgin's Son, make here your home.

Marvel now, O heav'n and earth,

That the Lord chose such a birth.

**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.

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

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



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.

Milk Bag Donations

We are once again collecting milk bags for residents of Glynwood to weave sleeping mats for Haiti. If you have any dry and clean milk bags to donate, please place them in the blue box located between the two doors to the Fellowship Hall.



ESL Classes

ESL classes, with Jeannette Hallworth and Laura Culley will resume on Tuesdays starting December 6th from 10 am to 12 pm at the Fellowship Hall.



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 or Rev. Heather.

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UPCOMING WEEK'S EVENTS AT A GLANCE

Tuesday December 6, 2022

10:00 am – 12:00 pm ESL Class at the Fellowship Hall

Thursday December 8, 2022

1:00 pm Advent Video Study Series

7:30 pm Advent Video Study Series

Saturday December 10, 2022

5:30 pm TPC's Annual Christmas Dinner at the Fellowship Hall

Sunday December 11, 2022

11:00 am Worship Service – Third Sunday of Advent

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!

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

There is no Sunday School today.

Children will remain in church and receive Communion with their families.

Thank you and welcome to Daniel Werning who is our guest organist today.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion



This morning we will be celebrating the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

We will be receiving the Sacrament by processing up the aisle to receive the elements.

When you receive the bread and cup, please bring them back to your seat.

We will all take the bread together and then the cup together.

All who profess Jesus as Lord are welcome to receive the Sacrament.

For those who would prefer to stay seated, please alert one of the elders who will bring the cup and bread to you.



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
or contact

chapman.jessica@yahoo.ca OR juliemeek@hotmail.com
to be added to the list or
answer any questions you may have.



T'is 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!



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.



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 Communion and Lessons and Carols

December 25 – 11:00 a.m.

Christmas Sunday

A Service of Holy Communion and Lessons and Carols



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.



Praise Time



He Has Come For Us (God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen)

God rest ye merry gentlemen, let nothing you dismay
 Remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas day
 To save us all from Satan's pow'r when we were gone astray
 O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy
 O tidings of comfort and joy

*He has come for us, This Jesus
 He's the hope for all mankind
 He has come for us, The Messiah
 Born to give us life*

From God our heav'nly Father, a blessed angel came
 And unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same
 How that in Bethlehem was born, the Son of God by name
 O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy
 O tidings of comfort and joy

*He has come for us, this Jesus
 He's the hope for all mankind
 He has come for us, the Messiah
 Born to give us life*

**All the angels sing hallelujah
 Jesus Christ is born
 All the children sing hallelujah
 He is Christ the Lord**

*He has come for us, this Jesus
 He's the hope for all mankind
 He has come for us, the Messiah
 Born to give us life*

**He is born to give us life ... hallelujah
 Jesus Christ is Lord
 All the children sing hallelujah
 He is Christ the Lord**

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The prayer opens with thanksgiving for creation and for God's mighty acts throughout salvation history.

The people join in the ancient song after these or similar words:

... We lift our hearts in joyful praise, singing together:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
 Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
 Hosanna in the highest.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Hosanna in the highest.**

Prayers of thanksgiving continue for the work of Jesus Christ, his life, death, and resurrection and for the institution of the Lord's Supper. The people are invited to "proclaim the mystery of faith:"

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

*Thanksgiving continues for the gift of the Holy Spirit. The presence of the Holy Spirit is invoked followed by a doxology and the people say: **Amen.***

As our Lord taught us, we now pray:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
 Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done
 On earth, as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread and
 forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
 Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
 For Thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory
 Forever. Amen**

Hymn

Oh come, oh come, Emmanuel

Oh come, oh come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lowly exile here,
until the Son of God appear.

Refrain:

Rejoice, rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee,
O Israel.

Oh come, oh come, thou Lord of might,
who to thy tribes on Sinai's height,
in ancient times didst give the law
in cloud and majesty and awe.

Oh come, thou Wisdom from on high,
and order all things far and nigh;
to us the path of knowledge show,
and cause us in her ways to go.

Oh come, thou Branch of Jesse, free
thine own from Satan's tyranny;
from depths of hell thy people save,
and give them victory o'er the grave.

Oh come, thou Key of David, come
and open wide our heavenly home;
make safe the way that leads on high
and close the path to misery.

Hymn

People in darkness

People in darkness are looking for light,
Come, come, come Jesus Christ;
People with blindness are longing for sight,
Come, Lord Jesus Christ.

These days of adventure when all people wait
are days for the advent of love.

People with sickness are praying for health.
Come, come, come Jesus Christ.
People in poverty want to have wealth.
Come, Lord Jesus Christ.

These days of adventure when all people wait
are days for the advent of hope.

People in trouble would like to be free.
Come, come, come Jesus Christ;
People with arguments want to agree.
Come, Lord Jesus Christ.

These days of adventure when all people wait
are days for the advent of peace.

People in sadness are trying to sing.
Come, come, come Jesus Christ;
Bells in the steeple are waiting to ring.
Come, Lord Jesus Christ.

These days of adventure when all people wait
are days for the advent of joy.

Hymn

O holy Father, God most dear

O holy Father, God most dear,
behold us around thine altar here;
accept for sacrifice, we pray,
the common food we here display.
For bread set forth, for wine outpoured,
we bless thee, all creating Lord.

O Christ, who at the supper board
took bread and wine and spoke the word,
and, in that solemn paschal meal,
gave flesh and blood our wound to heal,
for us redeemed, for life restored,
we bless thee, all creating Word.

O Holy Spirit, be though nigh
this bread and cup to sanctify,
that, eating of the food unpriced,
we form on body, one in Christ.
Redeemed, restored in unity,
we bless thee, Holy Trinity.

Hymn

On Jordan's bank

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
announces that the Lord is nigh;
awake and hearken, for he brings
glad tidings of the King of kings.

Then cleansed be every breast from sin;
make straight the way for God within;
prepare we in our hearts a home
where such a mighty guest may come.

For thou art our salvation, Lord,
our refuge and our great reward:
without thy grace, we waste away,
like flowers that wither and decay.

To heal the sick, stretch out thine hand,
and bid the fallen sinner stand;
shine forth and let thy light restore
earth's own true loveliness once more.

All praise, eternal Son, to thee,
whose advent sets thy people free,
whom, with the Father, we adore,
and Holy Spirit, evermore.