



December 18, 2022  
Fourth Sunday of Advent  
2022 TPC Sunday School Pageant

**We Prepare for Worship**

Organ Prelude

Preparing our Hearts:

*Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means, "God is with us." Matthew 1:23*

\*Processional Oh come, all ye faithful **#159**

Welcome and Community Life News

**We Worship God**

The Call to Worship Jeremy Low

L: God comes to us in the cry of a child:

**P: Let every heart prepare a welcome.**

L: God comes to us in the whisper of a loving parent:

**P: Let every heart prepare an embrace.**

L: God comes to us and abides in us:

**P: Let every heart prepare to receive the Christ child.**

L: Let us worship the God who has come, who is here, and who will come again.

**PWS&D Advent 4 Insert** David Hope and Sheryl Barton-Hope

All Sing: Hope is a star **#119 (v.4)**

Prayers of Adoration and Confession

The Lord's Prayer (*debts*)

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**

Prayer for Illumination Addison Gunness

Scripture reading Luke 2:1-18 NT p. 58

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**Junior and Senior Sunday School Christmas Pageant  
A Christmas Party**

Ensemble Song: Little Donkey

**Joseph and Mary meet the Innkeeper**

Ensemble Song: O little town of Bethlehem

**The Shepherds Arrive**

Ensemble Song: We Three Kings

**The Wisemen Come**

Ensemble Song: Hark the Herald Angels Sing

**The Angels Appear**

Ensemble Song: Away in a Manger

**The Celebration**

\*Hymn Joy to the world (all sing) **#153 (v.1)**

**We Respond to God's Word**

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession Lydia, Jeremy, Addison

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

\*Doxology **#830**

\*Dedication of Offering Lydia Lai

\*Closing Hymn *Go tell it on the mountain* **#133**

**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



*Welcome* 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.

Due to COVID, we encourage that masks be worn.

## Stewardship End-of-Year Campaign Update

The statements to the end of October showed a deficit of \$13,139, which is **an improvement** over September.

Year to date givings are slightly lower than last year.

With COVID restrictions easing, we have had more rental income this year.

Our expenses are lower primarily because we are not paying for a Director of Music Ministry.

We do not yet have November numbers, but typically November and December are our strongest months.

We are very grateful for your continued support.

## PWS&D Gifts of Change

Do you have someone on your Christmas list for whom it is impossible to buy a gift? Why not consider buying a PWS&D Gift of Change in their honour? A copy of the 2021-22 catalogue can be viewed in the foyer or shop online at [presbyterian.ca/giftsofchange](http://presbyterian.ca/giftsofchange).

## 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.

## 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](mailto:admin@tpchurch.net) or Rev. Heather.



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**Duty Elders: Russell Morden and Sheila Gault**

## UPCOMING WEEK'S EVENTS AT A GLANCE

### Monday December 19, 2022

7:30 pm The Longest Night Service – Sanctuary.  
Refreshments in the Fellowship Hall

### Saturday December 24, 2022

11:00 pm Christmas Eve Service of Lessons, Carols and Communion

### Sunday December 25, 2022

11:00 am Christmas Day Service of Lessons, Carols and Communion

## 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 [CanadaHelps.Org](http://CanadaHelps.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.

- 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

## SUNDAY SCHOOL PAGEANT 2022

### A Christmas Party

The innkeeper just wanted to be left alone so that he could sleep, but that night there was a party brewing....please join us as the TPC youth perform "A Christmas Party" pageant.

#### Cast: Readings & Prayers:

Grace	Arshida	Jeremy
Mason	Kaleb	Addison
Parsa	Jaiden	Lydia
Aquiline	Isaac	
Carter	Olivia	
Chlöe	Paige	



### *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*

### Evangel Hall Christmas Dinner



Today, members of our Senior Youth Group will be accompanied by Jordan Lewis-Morden, Rev. Heather, and Garth Low to prepare and serve Christmas dinner to nearly 200 homeless and underhoused men, women, and children at Evangel Hall.

Thank you to ALL who provided food and funding to make this dinner possible!

### THANK YOU FOR MAKING A DIFFERENCE!

The final update for  
Christmas Assistance 2022 is ready!

This year we were able to help 132 families from the community and Yellow Brick House which was an increase of more than 30 families from last year. We received many donations from our local churches and from many public schools. With all the generous donations we were able to purchase \$33,000 of gift cards.

Every person received \$100 in grocery/Walmart gift cards, plus a bit extra in miscellaneous donated cards.

We offered help to:

132 families

231 adults

139 kids

Totalling 370 people

Thank you, once again for making a difference in the lives of others.



**Christmas  
Assistance  
Program**

### **Please note Time Change!**

*Monday December 19 – 7:30 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*

## **Hymn**

### ***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:

(Refrain)

## **Hymn**

### ***Hope is a star***

Love is a flame that burns in our heart.  
Jesus has come and will never depart.

## **Hymn**

### ***Joy to the world***

Joy to the world! the Lord is come:  
let earth receive its King;  
let every heart prepare him room  
and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.

## **Hymn**

### ***Go tell it on the mountain***

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere.  
Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.

While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,  
behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light.

The shepherds feared and trembled, when lo, above the earth  
rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Saviour's birth!

Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,  
and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn.