



Sunday January 8, 2023  
The Baptism of the Lord

**We Prepare For Worship**

Praise Band

Preparing our Hearts

*And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." Matthew 3:17*

Organ Prelude

\*Processional Hymn: *All who the name of Jesus bear* #342

Welcome and Community Life News

**We Worship God**

The Call to Worship Jeremy Low

L.: We are called to serve in the name of Jesus, God's beloved Son,

**P: God calls us by name because we are beloved.**

L.: God calls us to be a light to the nations.

**P: We wait for God's teaching and to learn justice.**

L: We are witnesses to God's goodness and grace who claims and loves us.

**P: God's name be praised!**

L: Let us worship God.

Prayers of Adoration and Confession

Lord's Prayer *(debt)*

The Assurance of Pardon

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

**People: And also with you.**

\*Praise Time *Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me* *(see insert)*

**We Listen for God's Word**

Children's Time

Prayer for Illumination Deborah Kerner

Scripture Readings

Responsive Psalm – Psalm 29 *(see insert)* Alireza Taghizadeh  
Matthew 3:13-17 *NT p. 3*

Leader: The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon: God's Affirmation Rev. Dr. Heather Vais

\*Hymn: *Christ, when for us you were baptized* #183

**We Respond to God's Word**

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Intercession

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

\*Doxology #830

\*Dedication of Offering

\*Closing Hymn: *To God be the glory* #350

**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.**

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

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



## Praise Time



### Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer  
 There is no more for heaven now to give  
 He is my joy my righteousness and freedom  
 My steadfast love my deep and boundless peace

*To this I hold my hope is only Jesus  
 For my life is wholly bound to His  
 Oh how strange and divine I can sing all is mine  
 Yet not I but through Christ in me*

The night is dark but I am not forsaken  
 For by my side the Saviour He will stay  
 I labour on in weakness and rejoicing  
 For in my need His power is displayed

*To this I hold my Shepherd will defend me  
 Through the deepest valley He will lead  
 Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome  
 Yet not I but through Christ in me*

No fate I dread I know I am forgiven  
 The future sure the price it has been paid  
 For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon  
 And He was raised to overthrow the grave

*To this I hold my sin has been defeated  
 Jesus now and ever is my plea  
 Oh the chains are released I can sing I am free  
 Yet not I but through Christ in me*

With every breath I long to follow Jesus  
 For He has said that he will bring me home  
 And day by day I know he will renew me  
 Until I stand with joy before the throne

*To this I hold my hope is only Jesus  
 All the glory evermore to Him  
 When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat  
 Yet not I but through Christ in me*

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

Custodian: Delacey Graham

**Duty Elders: Diana Cooper & Wendy Solheim**

### UPCOMING WEEK'S EVENTS AT A GLANCE

#### **Tuesday January 10, 2023**

10:00 – 12:00 am ESL Class resumes – Fellowship Hall

7:30 pm Session Meeting – Zoom

#### **Sunday January 15, 2023**

11:00 am Worship Service

### Weekly Offerings and Gifts

To continue to support the church through your regular offerings there are several options available to do so.

**Offerings may be placed in the offering plate** at the entry to the sanctuary as you enter church.

**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



**Due to severe allergies and/or disabilities with some individuals please refrain from using products containing PERFUMES OR SCENTS**

### Offering Envelopes

The 2023 Offering envelopes are available for pick up from the church.

Please contact the church office to pick up your envelopes or arrange to have them delivered to you.

### Pre-Authorized Remittance

*As an alternative to regular offering envelopes*, this is a perfect time to join our PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance) program. In doing so you don't have to worry about picking up your envelopes or mailing/dropping off cheques. Here is the information you need to know about the PAR program.

**Under this arrangement, a monthly debit is made to your account on the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month and credited the same day to TPC's account. You can allocate funds the same way you do with your regular offering envelopes. You can also make changes, (increasing, decreasing, or cancelling) your pre-authorized amount at any time.**

**If you have any questions about the PAR program, please contact Nadine Calfa, at 905-889-5391 or [admin@tpchurch.net](mailto:admin@tpchurch.net).**

### TAX RECEIPTS ARE READY!

Tax receipts will be available for pick-up at church on Sunday. Alternatively, please call the church office to arrange pick-up or drop-off.

Receipts have been mailed for those living out of town.



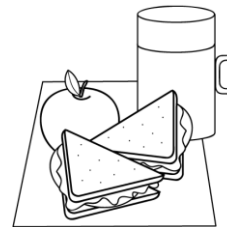
## Calling All Teens! Confirmation Classes are beginning!!!

Starting Sunday February 5<sup>th</sup>  
from 12:30 until 2:00 p.m.

Classes will be held between Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> until April 2<sup>nd</sup>  
with an Easter Sunday Confirmation service.

We will meet for discussion, learning and lunch!  
All teens who are not confirmed and wish to  
join the church are welcome to  
attend.

Please see Rev. Heather  
or contact the church office.



### Lunch Hosts Needed!

Anyone willing to volunteer to provide lunch for our confirmation classes is asked to speak with the Minister or contact the office to sign up for a date.

### New Members!

We will be soon receiving new members into our church family.

If you are not a member and wish to become one, please speak with the Minister or an Elder.



# Responsive Psalm

## Psalm 29

<sup>1</sup> Ascribe to the LORD, you heavenly beings,  
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

<sup>2</sup> **Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;  
worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness.**

<sup>3</sup> The voice of the LORD is over the waters;  
the God of glory thunders,  
the LORD thunders over the mighty waters.

<sup>4</sup> **The voice of the LORD is powerful;  
the voice of the LORD is majestic.**

<sup>5</sup> The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars;  
the LORD breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon.

<sup>6</sup> **He makes Lebanon leap like a calf,  
Sirion like a young wild ox.**

<sup>7</sup> The voice of the LORD strikes  
with flashes of lightning.

<sup>8</sup> **The voice of the LORD shakes the desert;  
the LORD shakes the Desert of Kadesh.**

<sup>9</sup> The voice of the LORD twists the oaks  
and strips the forests bare.  
And in his temple all cry, "Glory!"

<sup>10</sup> **The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;  
the LORD is enthroned as King forever.**

<sup>11</sup> The LORD gives strength to his people;  
the LORD blesses his people with peace.

L: The word of the Lord.

**P: Thanks be to God.**

## Hymn

### All who the name of Jesus bear

All who the name of Jesus bear,  
his sacred steps pursue;  
let that same mind which was in Christ  
be also found in you.

Christ being in the form of God,  
for us this glory veiled;  
in human likeness lived for us,  
his majesty concealed.

Forsaking rank, with humble strength,  
as servant Jesus came,  
obeyed till death, and bore the cross  
in agony and shame.

And therefore God exalts the one  
whose name shall be adored,  
that every tongue with joy confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord.

## Hymn

### Christ, when for us you were baptized

Christ, when for us you were baptized,  
God's Spirit on you came,  
as peaceful as a dove, and yet  
as urgent as a flame.

God called you the beloved Son,  
called you the servant true;  
Sent you the kingdom to proclaim,  
God's holy will to do.

Straightway and steadfast until death  
you then obeyed the call,  
freely as Son of Man to serve  
and give your life for all.

Baptize us with your Spirit, Lord;  
your cross on us be signed,  
that likewise in God's service we  
may perfect freedom find.

# Hymn

## To God by the glory

To God be the glory, who great things has done!  
God so loved he the world! Freely sending the Son,  
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,  
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

### ***Refrain:***

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!  
Let the earth hear God's voice!  
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!  
Let the people rejoice!

Oh come to the Father through Jesus the Son,  
and give God the glory, who great things has done.

Oh perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,  
to every believe the promise of God,  
that when the offender, repenting, believes,  
through Jesus' atonement, full pardon receives!

### ***(Refrain)***

Great things God has taught us, great things God has done  
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son,  
but purer and higher and greater will be  
our wonder, our gladness, when Jesus we see.

### ***(Refrain)***