



Sunday January 15, 2023  
**We Prepare For Worship**

Praise Band

Preparing our Hearts

*Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. Psalm 119:105*

Organ Prelude

\*Processional Hymn: *Immortal, invisible, God only wise* #290

Welcome and Community Life News

**We Worship God**

The Call to Worship

Doug Miron

L.: O Lord, open our lips,

**P: And our mouths shall declare your praise.**

L.: O Lord, open our eyes,

**P: So that we may behold your presence.**

L: O Lord, open our ears,

**P: So that we may hear your call to follow.**

L: O Lord, open our hearts,

**P: So that we may offer you worship in love and joy.**

L: Let us worship God.

Prayers of Adoration and Confession

Lord's Prayer (*debt*s)

The Assurance of Pardon

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

**People: And also with you.**

\*Praise Time

I Will Follow

(see insert)

**We Listen for God's Word**

Children's Time

Prayer for Illumination

Jessica Chapman

Scripture Readings

Responsive Psalm – Psalm 40:1-11 (see insert) Alireza Taghizadeh

Gospel Reading: John 1:29-42 NT p. 92

Leader: The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon: Lost and Found

Rev. Dr. Heather Vais

\*Hymn: *Will you come and follow me* #634

**We Respond to God's Word**

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Intercession

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

\*Doxology

#830

\*Dedication of Offering

\*Closing Hymn: *Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us*

#647

**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.**



**Sunday School Classes!**

A one-room Sunday School class is available for our junior youth today after Praise Time.

**All children grades 1-6 are welcome.**

***Thank you to those who are assisting in today's service.  
If you wish to help reading scriptures contact the church office or speak with Rev. Vais***

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



## Praise Time I Will Follow



*Where You go I'll go, where You stay I'll stay  
When You move I'll move, I will follow  
Oh, oh, oh*

All Your ways are good, all Your ways are sure  
I will trust in You alone  
Higher than my sight, high above my life  
I will trust in You alone

*Where You go I'll go, where You stay I'll stay  
When You move I'll move, I will follow You  
Whom You love I'll love, how You serve I'll serve  
If this life I lose, I will follow You, I will follow You*

Light into the world, light into my life  
I will live for You alone  
You're the One I seek, knowing I will find  
All I need in You alone  
In You alone

*Where You go I'll go, where You stay I'll stay  
When You move I'll move, I will follow You  
Whom You love I'll love, how You serve I'll serve  
If this life I lose, I will follow You, I will follow You*

**In You there's life everlasting  
In You there's freedom for my soul  
In You there's joy unending joy  
And I will follow**

*Where You go I'll go, where You stay I'll stay  
When You move I'll move, I will follow You  
Whom You love I'll love, how You serve I'll serve  
If this life I lose, I will follow*

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**Duty Elders: Norine Thomason & Doug Miron**

### UPCOMING WEEK'S EVENTS AT A GLANCE

#### **Tuesday January 17, 2023**

10:00 – 12:00 pm ESL Class in Fellowship Hall

#### **Sunday January 22, 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!**

### 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.

*Thank You*

## Thank You for Your Generosity!

Thank you to everyone for helping us meet our annual financial goals for 2022. The response to our appeal in November was overwhelming. Your tithes and offerings are invaluable in helping support the mission and ministry of the congregation.

We are grateful.

Sincerely,  
Your TPC Stewardship Committee

## 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.



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

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

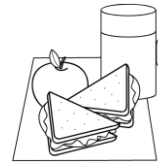
Classes will be held between Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> until April 2<sup>nd</sup>  
with an Easter Sunday Confirmation service.

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.



Do you need a spiritual boost?

Do you want to get closer to God?

Do you want to discuss real faith issues?

Do you have questions needing answers?

## *Sunday Morning Discovery!*

Sunday mornings from 9:45 - 10:30 beginning February 5<sup>th</sup>.

Coffee will be provided.

This is a **basic** study group that deals with **basic** faith issues  
in **straight forward** ways.

Speak to Dr. Vais, Edmond Lee, or contact the office.

# Responsive Psalm

## Psalm 40:1-11

*Continued...*

<sup>1</sup> I waited patiently for the LORD;  
he inclined to me and heard my cry.

<sup>2</sup> **He drew me up from the desolate pit,  
out of the miry bog,  
and set my feet upon a rock,  
making my steps secure.**

<sup>3</sup> He put a new song in my mouth,  
a song of praise to our God.  
Many will see and fear  
and put their trust in the LORD.

<sup>4</sup> **Happy are those who make  
the LORD their trust,  
who do not turn to the proud,  
to those who go astray after false gods.**

<sup>5</sup> You have multiplied, O LORD my God,  
your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us;  
none can compare with you.  
Were I to proclaim and tell of them,  
they would be more than can be counted.

<sup>6</sup> **Sacrifice and offering you do not desire,  
but you have given me an open ear.  
Burnt offering and sin offering  
you have not required.**

<sup>7</sup> Then I said, "Here I am;  
in the scroll of the book it is written of me.

<sup>8</sup> **I delight to do your will, O my God;  
your law is within my heart."**

<sup>9</sup> I have told the glad news of deliverance  
in the great congregation;  
see, I have not restrained my lips,  
as you know, O LORD.

<sup>10</sup> **I have not hidden your saving help within my heart;  
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation;  
I have not concealed your steadfast love and your  
faithfulness  
from the great congregation.**

<sup>11</sup> Do not, O LORD, withhold  
your mercy from me;  
let your steadfast love and your faithfulness  
keep me safe forever.

L: The word of the Lord.

**P: Thanks be to God.**

*Continued...*

## Hymn

### *Immortal, invisible, God only wise*

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes;  
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting and silent as light,  
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;  
thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all life thou givest, to both great and small;  
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;  
we blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,  
and wither, and perish; but naught changeth thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,  
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;  
all laud we would render: oh help us to see  
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.

## Hymn

### *Will you come and follow me*

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;  
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?  
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,  
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?

Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,  
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.  
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

# Hymn

## *Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us*

Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us  
o'er the world's tempestuous sea;  
guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,  
for we have no help but thee,  
yet possessing every blessing  
if our God our guide shall be.

Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us,  
all our weakness thou dost know;  
thou didst tread this earth before us,  
thou didst feel its keenest woe;  
lone and dreary, faint and weary  
through the desert thou didst go.

Spirit of our God descending,  
fill our hearts with heavenly joy,  
love with every passion blending,  
pleasure that can never cloy;  
thus provided, pardoned, guided  
nothing can our peace destroy.