



Sunday January 29, 2023  
**We Prepare For Worship**

Praise Band

Preparing our Hearts

*Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good! Blessed is the one who takes refuge in God! Ps. 34:8*

Organ Prelude

\*Processional Hymn: *Thou whose almighty word* #291

Welcome and Community Life News

**We Worship God**

The Call to Worship

Jane Easton

L.: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

**P: Serve the LORD with gladness!**

L.: Come into his presence with singing!

**P: Know that the LORD, he is God!**

L: It is he who made us, and we are his;

**P: we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

L: Enter his gates with thanksgiving,

**P: and his courts with praise!**

L: Give thanks to God; bless God's holy name!

**All: 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 Blessed be your name (see insert)

**We Listen for God's Word**

Children's Time

Prayer for Illumination

Lorraine McBride

Scripture Readings

Responsive Psalm – Psalm 15 (see insert) Gabby Gama

Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:1-12 NT p. 4

Leader: The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon: The Upside-down Kingdom of God Rev. Dr. Heather Vais

\*Hymn: *Blest are they* #624

**We Respond to God's Word**

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Intercession

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

\*Doxology #830

\*Dedication of Offering

\*Closing Hymn: *We are God's people* #472

**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*



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 Garth Low or Rev. Heather**

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



# Praise Time

## BLESSED BE YOUR NAME



Blessed be Your name, in the land that is plentiful  
 Where Your streams of abundance flow, blessed be Your name  
 Blessed be Your name when I'm found in the desert place  
 Though I walk through the wilderness, blessed be Your name  
 Every blessing You pour out, I'll turn back to praise  
 When the darkness closes in Lord, still I will say

*Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your name*  
*Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your glorious name*

Blessed be Your name when the sun's shining down on me  
 When the world's "all as it should be", blessed be Your name  
 Blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering  
 Though there's pain in the offering, blessed be Your name  
 Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise  
 When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say

*Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your name*  
*Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your glorious name*  
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**You give and take away, You give and take away**  
**My heart will choose to say, Lord, blessed be Your name**  
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Office Hours: Tuesday – Friday from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Custodian: Delacey Graham

**Duty Elders: Jerry Easton and Jane Easton**

### UPCOMING WEEK'S EVENTS AT A GLANCE

#### **Tuesday January 31, 2023**

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

#### **Thursday February 2, 2023**

1 - 3 pm Fitness Thursdays with Dr. Martin & Judy Chen

#### **Sunday February 5, 2023**

9:45 – 10:30 am Sunday Morning Discovery in Fellowship Hall

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 each Sunday.

**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!

All remaining tax receipts have been mailed.

*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.

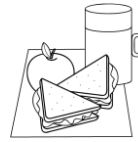
Sincerely,

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.



## Confirmation Classes Lunch Hosts

We are in need of **2** more lunch hosts. Please confirm with Nadine in the Church office if you wish to host.

We will assign dates once they are confirmed.

## *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 Rev. Heather, Edmond Lee, or contact the office.

## FITNESS THURSDAYS!

Church members Dr. Martin Chen (licensed M.D.) and his wife, Judy will be hosting an all-ages Fitness Drop-In for TPC members and adherents.

**When: Thursdays January 26, February 2, and February 9**

**Time:** From 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

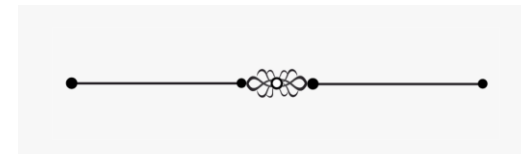
**Where:** Thornhill Presbyterian Church

Wear comfortable clothing and exercise shoes.

This will be a fun, supervised, and safe time for the congregation.

All are welcome!

Martin and Judy Chen



# Responsive Psalm

## Psalm 15

1 O Lord, who may abide in your tent?  
Who may dwell on your holy hill?

**2 Those who walk blamelessly and do what is right  
and speak the truth from their heart;**

3 who do not slander with their tongue  
and do no evil to their friends  
nor heap shame upon their neighbors;

**4 in whose eyes the wicked are despised  
but who honor those who fear the Lord;  
who stand by their oath even to their hurt;**

5 who do not lend money at interest  
and do not take a bribe against the innocent.

**Those who do these things shall never be moved.**

## Hymn

### *Thou whose almighty word*

Thou whose almighty word  
chaos and darkness heard  
and took their flight,  
hear us, we humbly pray,  
and where the gospel day  
sheds not its glorious ray  
Let There Be Light!

Saviour who came to bring  
on thy redeeming wing  
healing and sight,  
health to the sick in mind,  
sight to the inly blind,  
now to all humankind  
Let There Be Light!

Spirit of truth and love,  
lifegiving, holy Dove,  
speed forth thy flight;  
move o'er the waters' face,  
bearing the lamp of grace,  
and in earth's darkest place  
Let There Be Light!

Blessed and holy Three,  
glorious Trinity,  
Wisdom, Love, Might,  
boundless as ocean's tide  
rolling in fullest pride,  
through the world, far and wide,  
Let There Be Light!

## Hymn

### *Blest are they*

Blest are they, the poor in spirit;  
theirs is the kingdom of God.  
Blest are they, full of sorrow,  
they shall be consoled.

#### **Refrain:**

Rejoice and be glad!  
Blessed are you; holy are you!  
Rejoice and be glad!  
Yours is the Kingdom of God!

Blest are they, the lowly ones;  
they shall inherit the earth.  
Blest are they, who hunger and thirst;  
they shall have their fill.

#### **(Refrain)**

Blest are they who show mercy;  
mercy shall be theirs.  
Blest are they, the pure of heart;  
they shall see God!

#### **(Refrain)**

Blest are they who seek peace;  
they are the children of God.  
Blest are they who suffer in faith,  
the glory of God is theirs.

#### **(Refrain)**

Blest are you who suffer hate  
all because of me.  
Rejoice and be glad, yours is the kingdom,  
shine for all to see.

#### **(Refrain)**

# Hymn

## *We are God's people*

We are God's people, the chosen of the Lord,  
born of the Spirit, established by the word;  
Our cornerstone is Christ alone, and strong in him we stand:  
oh let us live transparently,  
and walk heart to heart and hand in hand.

We are God's loved ones, the bride of Christ our Lord,  
for we have known it, the love of God outpoured;  
now let us learn how to return the gift of love once given:  
oh let us share each joy and care  
and live with a zeal that pleases heaven.

We are the body of which the Lord is head,  
called to obey him, now risen from the dead;  
he wills us be a family, diverse yet truly one:  
oh let us freely give our gifts,  
and so shall God's work on earth be done.

We are a temple, the Spirit's dwelling place,  
formed in great weakness, a cup to hold God's grace;  
alone, we die, for on its own each ember loses fire:  
yet joined in one the flame burns on  
to give warmth and light, and to inspire.