



Sunday January 1, 2023
Epiphany Sunday

We Prepare For Worship

Praise Band

Preparing our Hearts

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. Isaiah 60:1

Organ Prelude

*Processional Hymn: *What star is this?* #170

Welcome and Community Life News

We Worship God

The Call to Worship Grace Girard

L.: People of God, arise, shine, for your light has come!

P: The light of Christ has come into the world. Immanuel. God with us.

L.: O come, let us worship the Lord and consider what wondrous things God has done!

P: The peoples who live in the shadows see a glorious light!

L: Come, 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 King of Kings *(see insert)*

Children's Time

We Listen for God's Word

Prayer for Illumination Wendy Solheim

Scripture Readings:

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 148 (see insert) Alireza Taghizadeh

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 2:1-12 *NT p. 2*

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Homily: Seeing Life with New Eyes

Rev. Dr. H. Vais

*Hymn: The people that in darkness

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We Respond to God's Word

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Intercession

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

*Doxology #830

*Dedication of Offering

*Closing Hymn *As with gladness, men of old* #172

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 the wearing of masks.

There is no Sunday School today.

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

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

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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Office Closure

The office will be closed between Christmas and New Year.

We will resume regular office hours starting Tuesday January 3, 2023.

Phone messages and mail will be checked regularly.

If this is a pastoral emergency, please contact Rev. Heather on her cell phone #416-949-3465.

Have a happy, healthy and safe holiday.

UPCOMING WEEK'S EVENTS AT A GLANCE

Sunday January 8, 2023

11:00 am

Worship Service – *Baptism of the Lord*

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!





Praise Time King of Kings



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In the darkness we were waiting
Without hope without light
Till from Heaven You came running
There was mercy in Your eyes
To fulfil the law and prophets
To a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory
To a cradle in the dirt

*Praise the Father, Praise the Son
Praise the Spirit three in one
God of Glory, Majesty
Praise forever to the King of Kings*

To reveal the kingdom coming
And to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation
You did not despise the cross
For even in Your suffering
You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation
Jesus for our sake You died

*Praise the Father, Praise the Son
Praise the Spirit three in one
God of Glory, Majesty
Praise forever to the King of Kings*

And the morning that You rose
All of heaven held its breath
Till that stone was moved for good
For the Lamb had conquered death
And the dead rose from their tombs
And the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come
To the Father are restored

And the Church of Christ was born
Then the Spirit lit the flame
Now this Gospel truth of old
Shall not kneel shall not faint
By His blood and in His Name
In His freedom I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ
Who has resurrected me

*Praise the Father, Praise the Son
Praise the Spirit three in one
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Responsive Psalm

Psalm 148

1 Praise the Lord.

Praise the Lord from the heavens;
praise him in the heights above.

**2 Praise him, all his angels;
praise him, all his heavenly hosts.**

3 Praise him, sun and moon;
praise him, all you shining stars.

**4 Praise him, you highest heavens
and you waters above the skies.**

5 Let them praise the name of the Lord,
for at his command they were created,

**6 and he established them for ever and ever—
he issued a decree that will never pass away.**

7 Praise the Lord from the earth,
you great sea creatures and all ocean depths,

**8 lightning and hail, snow and clouds,
stormy winds that do his bidding,**

9 you mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars,

**10 wild animals and all cattle,
small creatures and flying birds,**

11 kings of the earth and all nations,
you princes and all rulers on earth,

**12 young men and women,
old men and children.**

13 Let them praise the name of the Lord,
for his name alone is exalted;
his splendor is above the earth and the heavens.

**14 And he has raised up for his people a horn,
the praise of all his faithful servants,
of Israel, the people close to his heart.**

Praise the Lord.

Hymn

What star is this?

What star is this, with beams so bright,
more lovely than the noonday light?
'Tis sent to announce a newborn King,
glad tidings of our God to bring.

'Tis now fulfilled what God decreed,
'From Jacob shall a star proceed,'
and lo! the Eastern sages stand
to read in heaven the Lord's command.

O Jesus, while the star of grace
impels us on to seek your face,
let not our slothful hearts refuse
the guidance of your light to use.

To God the Father, God the Son,
and Holy Spirit, Three in One,
may every tongue and nation raise
an endless song of thankful praise.

Hymn

The people that in darkness

The people that in darkness pined
have seen a glorious light;
the people dwell in day, who dwelt
in death's surrounding night.

To hail your rise, O better Sun,
the gathering nations come,
rejoicing as when reapers bear
the harvest treasures home.

To us a Child of hope is born,
to us a Son is given,
and on his shoulders ever rests
all power in earth and heaven.

His name shall be the Prince of Peace,
forevermore adored,
the Wonderful, the Counsellor,
the great and mighty Lord.

His reign of righteous government
shall over all extend,
for peace and justice shall abound
in this world without end.

Hymn

As with gladness, men of old

As with gladness men of old
did the guiding star behold;
as with joy they hailed its light,
leading onward, beaming bright:
so, most gracious Lord, may we
ever more be led to thee.

As with joyful steps they sped,
Saviour, to thy lowly bed,
there to bend the knee before
thee, whom heaven and earth adore,
so may we with willing feet
ever seek thy mercy seat.

As they offered gifts most rare
at thy cradle rude and bare,
so may we with holy joy,
pure and free from sin's alloy,
all our costliest treasures bring,
Christ, to thee, our heavenly King.

Holy Jesus, every day
keep us in the narrow way,
and when earthly things are past,
bring our ransomed souls at last
where they need no star to guide,
where no clouds of glory hide.

In that heavenly country bright
need they no created light:
thou its light, its joy, its crown,
thou its sun which goes not down;
there forever may we sing
hallelujahs to our King.