



Sunday February 12, 2023
We Prepare For Worship

Praise Band

Preparing our Hearts

Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. Romans 12:9-10

Piano Prelude *Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen/All Night, All Day* Mark Hayes

*Processional Hymn: *Rock-a My Soul* (printed)

Welcome and Community Life News

We Worship God

The Call to Worship Mason Girard

L.: How blessed are we when we meditate on God's teachings;

P: and when we desire God with our whole hearts.

L.: Let us praise God with attentive minds and eager spirits,

P: for we are God's servants, working and praying together.

L: So let us worship God and praise God's holy name.

P: Let us seek God's path and listen for God's call.

L: Let us worship God!

Prayers of Adoration and Confession

Lord's Prayer (*debts*)

The Assurance of Pardon

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

People: And also with you.

*Praise Time Go Down Moses (see insert)

We Listen for God's Word

Children's Time

Prayer for Illumination Sharon Miron

Scripture Readings

Responsive Psalm Psalm 119:1-8 (see insert) Alireza Taghizadeh

Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:21-37 NT p. 4

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: Rule Breakers Rev. Dr. Heather Vais

*Hymn: *This Little Light of Mine* (printed)

We Respond to God's Word

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Intercession

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

*Doxology #830

*Dedication of Offering

*Closing Hymn: *Just a Closer Walk with Thee* (printed)

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**

Piano Postlude *Hosanna--Builders' Work Song*

**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 Garth Low or Rev. Heather**

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

**BLACK HISTORY
MONTH IN CANADA**



Please visit the table beside the library to see some interesting books available for you to sign out and read.

Today's Music Notes from Dan

Prelude: Gospel arrangement of two spirituals. "Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen" is a song that originated during the period of North American slavery. Black scholar and sociologist W.E.B. DuBois (1868–1963) posed a question that is on the tips of the tongues of even well-meaning and compassionate people: "How does it feel to be a problem?" (DuBois, 1903, p. 15) This unasked, rhetorical question can only be answered in what he called "The Sorrow Songs" like this one. "All Night, All Day" possibly came from secret prayer meetings. Recalled a former slave, Wash Wilson: "Sometimes us sing and pray all night."

Rock-a My Soul: A traditional African American spiritual. It was first documented by William Francis Allen, in the 1867 collection *Slave Songs of the United States*. Allen attributed the origin of the song to Virginia.

This Little Light of Mine: The origin of this song is unclear, but the phrase "This little light of mine" appears published in poetry by 1925 by Edward Ivins, a writer in Montana. In 1933, the song was mentioned in newspapers as being sung by a chorus at an African Methodist Episcopal conference in Helena, Montana and then various other churches around the United States later that year. It refers to Jesus' words "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." (Matt. 5:14–16.)

Just a Closer Walk with Thee: The precise author of this song is unknown. Circumstantial evidence strongly suggests it dates back to southern African American churches of the nineteenth century, possibly even prior to the Civil War, as some personal black histories recall "slaves singing as they worked in the fields a song about walking by the Lord's side."

Postlude: This work song originated among Caribbean black workers in the 19th century and is based on Jesus' parable about the wise man who built his house on rock and the foolish man who built his on sand (Matt. 7:24-27). It was both practical and spiritual at the same time. Workers would repeat the short two-measure phrases as many times as may be needed to complete a particular task, but maybe for hours.

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UPCOMING WEEK'S EVENTS AT A GLANCE

Monday February 13, 2023

7:30 pm Mission & Outreach committee via Zoom

Tuesday February 14, 2023

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

7:30 pm Session Meeting via Zoom

Sunday February 19, 2023 – Transfiguration Sunday

9:45 – 10:30 am Sunday Morning Discovery in the meeting room

11:00 am Worship Service – reception of New Members and the Sacrament of Baptism

3:30 pm – 5:00 pm TPC Kids' Skating Party at Bestview Park

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 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.

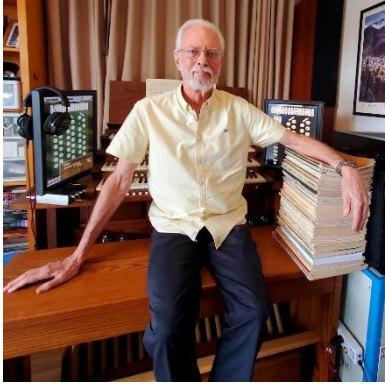
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ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The ACM will take place on
Sunday February 26 right after worship.

The meeting will be live in-person as well as on Zoom.
More information will follow.

Welcome to our New Music Director!



Thornhill Presbyterian Church is pleased to announce the appointment of Daniel Werning as Director of Music Ministry effective immediately.

Dan is an accomplished organist, choir director, and educator. Among his degrees is a Masters of Church Music from Concordia Teacher's College, now Concordia University Chicago, a university of the

Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. Dan is a man of deep faith and happens to also be a Lutheran pastor.

As organist and choir director Dan has led the music ministries of a number of Lutheran and Episcopalian churches in the United States, including in Hawaii. There, Dan also initiated a community choir, Hawaii Sacred Choir. Under Dan's leadership the Hawaii Sacred Choir sang as choir in residence at Ely Cathedral in Cambridgeshire, in England, in July 2014.

Music has always played an important role in the worship that is offered at Thornhill Presbyterian Church. Historically we have had two choirs, an adult choir and a children's youth choir, as well as a contemporary praise band. We wish Dan many years of fruitful music ministry at TPC as he helps us rebuild our music program.

All those who enjoy singing are welcome to join in the choral programs at TPC. There are no auditions.

A very special thank you to Garth Low for his invaluable leadership as Chair of both the Search Committee and Worship and Music Committee. Garth graciously shared his musical gifts on the organ bench as well as in the Praise Band. Garth has been a tireless and faithful leader throughout this process. Thank you, Garth.

Sunday Morning Discovery!

Sunday mornings from 9:45 - 10:30 beginning February 5th.

Coffee will be provided.

Topic: Regret

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.

The Open Door

The deadline for the next issue of our congregational newsletter, "The Open Door" is Monday February 27th.

Please forward your articles to Garth Low at garth.low@garthlow.com.

Written submissions can be put in the Open Door newsletter mail box located by the Chapel.

Hey Kids!

You're invited to a

Super Fun Skating Party!

When? *Sunday February 19th at 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.*

Where? Bestview Park (Laureleaf Rd. and Bestview Rd. off Steeles)

(location may change depending on weather... we will let you know)

What Else is There? There is a toboggan hill to slide on too!

What to Bring? Skates, Helmet, Toboggan/sled, A HAPPY FACE!

What More? There will be hot chocolate and cookies for the hungry bellies!

Parents are more than welcome!

Note: If you do not have skates, please speak to Amy Girard or Rev. Heather with a shoe-size



Hymn

Rock-a My Soul

Refrain:

Oh, a-rock-a my soul in the bosom of Abraham,
Rock-a my soul in the bosom of Abraham,
Rock-a my soul in the bosom of Abraham,
Oh, rock-a my soul!

When I went down in the valley to pray,
Oh rock-a my soul.
I got so happy that I stayed all day,
Oh rock-a my soul. Hallelu!

Refrain

I once was lost but now I'm found,
Oh rock-a my soul.
And now my soul is Heaven bound!
Oh rock-a my soul. Hallelu!

Refrain

So high you can't get over it,
Oh rock-a my soul.
So low you can't get under it,
Oh rock-a my soul. Hallelu!

Refrain

So wide you can't get around it,
Oh rock-a my soul.
You got to go in at the Door,
Oh rock-a my soul. Hallelu!

Thornhill Ministerial
Lenten Series 2023
Sundays at 4:00 p.m.

Gathering



as God's People

February 26

Gathering for Worship
Thornhill Baptist Church
8018 Yonge Street
Speaker: Rev. Dr. Heather Vais

March 12

Gathering to Grow
Thornhill United Church
25 Elgin Street
Speaker: Rev. Paul Gibbon

March 26

Gathering for Service
St. Luke's Roman Catholic Church
39 Green Lane
Speaker: Mini Choi

And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together...Hebrews 10:24-25



Praise Time Go Down Moses



When Israel was in Egypt's land
Let my people go
Oppressed so hard they could not stand
Let my people go

*Go down, Moses
Way down in Egypt's land
Tell old Pharaoh
Let my people go*

We need not always weep and mourn
Let my people go
And wear these slav'ry chains forlorn
Let my people go

Chorus

The devil though he had us fast
Let my people go
But we thought we'd break his chains at last
Let my people go

Chorus

Thus saith the Lord, bold Moses said
Let my people go
If not I'll strike your first born dead
Let my people go

Chorus

No more shall they in bondage toil
Let my people go
Let them come out with Egypt's spoil
Let my people go

Chorus

Responsive Psalm Psalm 119:1-8

- ¹ Happy are those whose way is blameless,
who walk in the law of the Lord.
- ² **Happy are those who keep his decrees,
who seek him with their whole heart,**
- ³ who also do no wrong
but walk in his ways.
- ⁴ **You have commanded your precepts
to be kept diligently.**
- ⁵ O that my ways may be steadfast
in keeping your statutes!
- ⁶ **Then I shall not be put to shame,
having my eyes fixed on all your
commandments.**
- ⁷ I will praise you with an upright heart,
when I learn your righteous ordinances.
- ⁸ **I will observe your statutes;
do not utterly forsake me.**

Hymn

This Little Light of Mine

This little light of mine,
I'm going to let it shine, oh
This little light of mine,
I'm going to let it shine.
This little light of mine,
I'm going to let it shine,
Let it shine, all the time, let it shine.

All around the neighborhood,
I'm going to let it shine, oh...
All around the neighborhood,
I'm going to let it shine.
All around the neighborhood,
I'm going to let it shine,
Let it shine, all the time, let it shine.

Hide it under a bushel? No! [shout!]
I'm going to let it shine, oh...
Hide it under a bushel? No! [shout!]
I'm going to let it shine.
Hide it under a bushel? No! [shout!]
I'm going to let it shine,
Let it shine, all the time, let it shine.

Don't let Satan [blow] it out!
I'm going to let it shine, oh...
Don't let Satan [blow] it out!
I'm going to let it shine.
Don't let Satan [blow] it out!
I'm going to let it shine,
Let it shine, all the time, let it shine.

Hymn

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

Refrain:

Just a closer walk with Thee,
Grant it, Jesus, is my plea.
Daily, walking close to Thee,
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

I am weak but Thou art strong;
Jesus, keep me from all wrong;
I'll be satisfied as long as I walk,
Let me walk close to Thee.

Refrain

Thro' this world of toil and snares,
If I falter, Lord, who cares?
Who with me my burden shares?
None but Thee, dear Lord, none but Thee.

Refrain

When my feeble life is o'er,
Time for me will be no more;
Guide me gently, safely o'er
To Thy kingdom shore, to Thy shore.

Refrain