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THORNHILL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
To Discover, Celebrate and Share God's Love

Sunday March 5, 2023
Second Sunday in Lent
The Sacrament of Holy Communion

We Prepare for Worship

Praise Band

Preparing our Hearts

"Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit in me."

Organ Prelude

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

Hudson/Gerig

*Processional Hymn:

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

#677

Welcome and Community Life News

We Worship God

The Call to Worship

Jeremy Low

L.: God loves us with a steadfast love.

P: Let the redeemed of the Lord say so!

L.: God loves us so much he gave us his Son.

P: Let us believe and have eternal life!

L: Let us worship God!

PWS&D for the 2nd Sunday in Lent

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Prayers of Adoration and Confession

The Assurance of Pardon

The Exchange of Peace

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

People: And also with you.

*Praise Time

In the Valley

When the path that I feared, is the way He has set

And I long to give in and retreat

Still to Jesus I hold, as I face every step

For the Lord He will give me His peace

Bless the Lord He will give me His peace

Bless the Lord He will give me His peace

And if I should remain in the valley today

Bless the Lord He will give me His peace

When the road that I tread, fills my heart with despair

And it seems that my grief has no end

Still to Jesus I hold, who will walk with me there

And the Lord He will give me His strength

*Bless the Lord He will give me His strength
Bless the Lord He will give me His strength
And if I should remain in the valley today
Bless the Lord He will give me His strength*

On the road that You walked, with the weight of the cross
All my pain and my sorrow You held
So to You I shall hold, You redeem every loss
For my Lord You have given Yourself

*Bless the Lord for He gives me Himself
Bless the Lord for he gives me Himself
And if I should remain in the valley today
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We Listen for God's Word

Children's Time

TPC Family Choir

Prayer for Illumination

Deborah Kerner

Scripture Readings

Responsive Psalm Psalm 121

Sam Nogueron

1 I lift up my eyes to the hills—from where will my help come?

2 My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

3 He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.

4 He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

5 The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand.

6 The sun shall not strike you by day nor the moon by night.

7 The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

8 The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.

Gospel Reading: John 3:1-21

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Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon:

In the Dark

Rev. Dr. Heather Vais

We Respond to God's Word

Prayers of the People

Invitation to the Table

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

*Doxology

#830

Apostles' Creed *(please see pew card or hymnal)*

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Dedication of Offering and Elements

*Communion Hymn: *Draw us in the Spirit's tether*

#531

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The prayer opens with thanksgiving for creation and for God's mighty acts throughout salvation history.

The people join in the ancient song after these or similar words:

... we join with the whole creation to lift our hearts in joyful praise.

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Prayers of thanksgiving continue for the work of Jesus Christ, his life, death, and resurrection and for the institution of the Lord's Supper. The people are invited to "proclaim the mystery of faith:"

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Thanksgiving continues for the gift of the Holy Spirit. The presence of the Holy Spirit is invoked followed by a doxology and the people say: **Amen.**

As our Lord taught us, we now pray:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done

On earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread and

forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory

Forever. Amen

The Breaking of the Bread

Distribution of the Elements

(please come forward as you are able)

Prayer after Communion

*Closing Hymn: *Man of sorrows, wondrous name*

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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

Fugue in E Minor (BWV 533)

Johann S. Bach

** if you are able, please stand*

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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.

There is no Sunday School today.

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

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

This morning we will be celebrating the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

We will be receiving the Sacrament by processing up the aisle to receive the elements.

For those who would prefer to stay seated, please alert one of the elders who will bring the cup and bread to you.

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UPCOMING WEEK'S EVENTS AT A GLANCE

Sunday March 5, 2023 – Second Sunday in Lent

9:45 – 10:30 am

Sunday Morning Discovery in the Conference room

11:00 am

Worship Service

Tuesday March 7, 2023

10:00 – 12:00 pm

ESL Class in Fellowship Hall

8:00 pm

Stewardship Committee meeting by Zoom

Sunday March 12, 2023

9:45 – 10:30 am

Sunday Morning Discovery in the Conference room

11:00 am

Worship Service

11:15 am

Confirmation Class #3 in the Conference Room

4:00 pm

Thornhill Ministerial Lenten Service at Thornhill United Church

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 during the service.

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!



Confirmation Classes March 12, 2023

Next week the third confirmation class will begin after Praise Time. All teens will go to their class with Abel. Rev. Heather will join the class after church for about 30-40 minutes. Lunch will be provided by the Gargano Family.

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

Gathering as God's People

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



Our Good Friday breakfast is back. Hurrah!!

As usual, the men of our congregation prepare and serve a many-course delectable meal on April 7th.

This year it is being organized by Abel Pandy and Bob Gargano.

Men, this is your chance to step up to the plate and demonstrate your culinary skills.

Please see Abel or Bob to discuss more details.

The Open Door

The 2023 Lent Edition of the "The Open Door" is available today.

Please pick your copy up in the foyer.

Thank you to all who contributed to the newsletter.

Hymn

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

My faith looks up to thee,
thou Lamb of Calvary,
Saviour divine:
now hear me when I pray;
take all my guilt away;
oh let me from this day
be wholly thine.

May thy rich grace impart
strength to my fainting heart;
my zeal inspire;
as thou hast died for me,
oh may my love to thee
pure, warm and changeless be,
a living fire.

While life's dark maze I tread,
and griefs around me spread,
be thou my guide;
bid darkness tum to day,
wipe sorrow's tears away,
nor let me ever stray
from thee aside.

When ends life's transient dream,
when death's cold sullen stream
shall o'er me roll,
blest Saviour, then, in love,
fear and distrust remove;
oh bear me safe above,
a ransomed soul.

Hymn

Draw us in the Spirit's tether

Draw us in the Spirit's teacher,
for when humbly in your name,
two or three are met together,
you are in the midst of them.
Hallelujah, hallelujah!
Touch we now your garment's hem.

As disciples used to gather
In the name of Christ to sup,
then with thanks to God the Father
break the bread and bless the cup:
Hallelujah, hallelujah!
So now bind our friendship up.

All our meals and all our living
make as sacraments of you,
that by caring, helping, giving,
we would be disciples true.
Hallelujah, hallelujah!
Live, O Christ, in all we do.

Hymn

Man of sorrows, wondrous name

Man of sorrows, wondrous name
for the Son of God who came
ruined sinners to reclaim:
Hallelujah! Gracious Saviour!

Bearing shame and scoffing rude,
in my place condemned he stood,
sealed my pardon with his blood:
Hallelujah! Loving Saviour!

Guilty, helpless, lost were we;
spotless Lamb of God was he;
full atonement can it be?
Hallelujah! Blessed Saviour!

Lifted up he was to die,
'It is finished' was his cry,
now in heaven exalted high:
Hallelujah! Mighty Saviour!

When Christ comes, our glorious King,
all the ransomed home to bring,
then anew this song we'll sing:
Hallelujah! Wondrous Saviour!