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

Sunday March 19, 2023
Fourth Sunday in Lent

We Prepare for Worship

Praise Band

Preparing our Hearts

Worship the Lord in the splendour of His holiness; tremble before Him, all the earth. Ps. 96:9.

Organ Prelude: *Ricercare*

Girolamo Frescobaldi (1583-1643)

*Processional Hymn: *O love, how deep, how broad, how high* #205

Welcome and Community Life News

We Worship God

The Call to Worship

Jane Easton

L.: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

P: Worship the Lord with gladness;

L.: Come before God with joyful songs.

P: We are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

L.: Enter his gates with thanksgiving.

P: Give thanks to the Lord and praise his name.

L: Let us worship God!

PWS&D reading for the 4th Sunday in Lent

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Introit TPC Family Choir: *Father in Heaven*

Arr. Dan Werning

Prayers of Adoration and Confession

Lord's Prayer (*debts*)

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
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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
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We Listen for God's Word

Children's Time

Solo: *O Calvary's Lamb* Deborah Kerner Bosarge, George, Greer

Prayer for Illumination Judy Chen

Scripture Reading

Gospel Reading: John 9:1-41 *NT p. 102*

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: Jesus and the Man Born Blind Rev. Dr. H. Vais

*Hymn: Lord Jesus, think on me **#207**

We Respond to God's Word

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Intercession

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

*Doxology **#830**

Dedication of Offering

*Closing Hymn: *Thou didst leave thy throne* **#204**

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: *Christ Lay in Death's Dark Prison*

Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

** 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.**

There is no Sunday School today.

Children will remain in church with their families.

***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.

Confirmation Class

The fourth and final confirmation class will be held on Sunday, March 26th during Sunday School classes in the Conference Room.

Lunch will be provided by Lorraine McBride!

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UPCOMING WEEK'S EVENTS AT A GLANCE

Sunday March 19, 2023

9:45 – 10:30 am

Sunday Morning Discovery in the Conference room

11:00 am

Worship Service

Tuesday March 21, 2023

10:00 – 12:00 pm

ESL Classes in the Fellowship Hall

Thursday March 23, 2023

1:00 – 3:00 pm

Fitness Thursdays in Fellowship Hall

Sunday March 26, 2023

9:45 – 10:30 am

Sunday Morning Discovery in the Conference room

11:00 am

Worship Service

11:15 am

Confirmation Class #4 in the Conference Room

4:00 pm

Thornhill Ministerial Lenten Service at St. Luke's Roman Catholic 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 as you enter the Sanctuary.

Offerings can be mailed (address above) 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!



Happy Nowruz!

Please join us after worship for a special coffee hour in celebration of the Persian New Year.

Thornhill Ministerial Lenten Series 2023

The third and last service in the series will be held Sunday, March 26th at 4:00 p.m. at St. Luke's Roman Catholic Church



Calling All Men!

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 Lent edition of The Open Door is available for pick up in the foyer.

The deadline for the **Easter issue** of "The Open Door" is Monday April 3rd.

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.

FITNESS THURSDAYS ARE BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!

Church members Dr. Martin Chen (licensed M.D.) and Carolyn Adamson will be co-hosting an all-ages Fitness Drop-In for TPC members and adherents.

Judy Chen will also be playing piano when available.

When: Thursdays March 16, March 23, and April 6th

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 lot of fun, supervised, and safe time for the congregation.

All are welcome!

Martin, Carolyn, and Judy



KAIROS BLANKET EXERCISE

Save the Date: Thursday March 23rd 7PM

The Indigenous rights history we've never been taught. Experience reconciliation through education and understanding.

Cornerstone Community Church (180 Nashville Road at Hwy #27, Kleinburg) is pleased to host a unique participatory history lesson for adults that fosters truth, understanding and respect.

***All adults 18yrs+ are welcome. Space is limited. Admission \$10
Reserve your spot today by emailing Barb at***

barbarajuneboyd@gmail.com

***To pay, please visit, thecornerstonechurch.ca/contribute and type
"Your name and Blanket" in the message box.***



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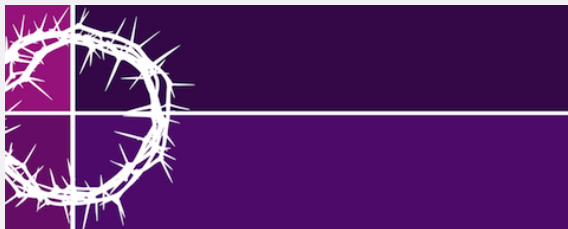
Copies of the Presbyterian Connection Newspaper are in the lobby for you to pick up.

There are many interesting articles and news bits from Presbyterian congregations and ministries across Canada.

A picture of our TPC youth preparing Christmas dinner at Evangel Hall is featured in this edition as well!

Upcoming Worship Services For Lent and Easter

March 19	11:00 a.m.	Lent IV
March 26	11:00 a.m.	Lent V
April 2	11:00 a.m.	Palm Sunday
April 6	7:30 p.m.	Maundy Thursday
April 7		Good Friday
	8:00 a.m.	<i>Good Friday Breakfast</i>
	10:00 a.m.	<i>Worship</i>
*April 9	11:00 a.m.	Easter Sunday & Confirmation
		<i>*The Sacrament of Holy Communion</i>



Good Friday

Friday, April 7, 2023

Church Family Breakfast

8 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

Fellowship Hall

Worship – 10:00 a.m.

Join us for a solemn hour of worship
as we recall the last hours
of Christ's life.

Hymn

O love, how deep, how broad, how high

O love, how deep, how broad, how high,
how passing thought and fantasy,
that God, the Son of God, should take
our mortal form for mortals' sake.

For us baptized, for us he bore
his holy fast and hungered sore;
for us temptations sharp he knew,
for us the tempter overthrew.

For us he prayed; for us he taught;
for us his daily works he wrought:
by words and signs and actions, thus
still seeking not himself, but us.

For us to wicked hands betrayed,
scourged, mocked, in purple robe arrayed,
he bore the shameful cross and death,
for us gave up his dying breath.

For us he rose from death again;
for us he went on high to reign;
for us he sent his Spirit here
to guide, to strengthen and to cheer.

All glory to our Lord and God
for love so deep, so high, so broad,
the Trinity whom we adore
forever and forevermore.

Hymn

Lord Jesus, think on me

Lord Jesus, think on me
and purge away my sin;
from earth-born passion set me free
and make me pure within.

Lord Jesus, think on me
amid the battle's strife;
in all my pain and misery
be thou my health and life.

Lord Jesus, think on me,
nor let me go astray;
through darkness and perplexity
point thou the heavenly way.

Lord Jesus, think on me,
that when this life is past,
I may the eternal brightness see
and share thy joy at last.

Hymn

Thou didst leave thy throne

Thou didst leave thy throne and thy kingly crown
when thou camest to earth for me,
but in Bethlehem's home was there found no room
for thy holy nativity:
oh come to my heart, Lord Jesus;
there is room in my heart for thee.

Even foxes found rest, and the birds had their nest
in the shade of the forest tree,
but thy couch was the sod, O thou Son of God,
in the deserts of Galilee:
oh come to my heart, Lord Jesus;
there is room in my heart for thee.

When thou camest, O Lord, with the living word,
'twas to set all thy people free,
but with mocking scorn and with crown of thorn,
then we bore thee to Calvary:
oh come to my heart, Lord Jesus;
now thy cross is my only plea.

Heaven's arches shall ring and its choirs shall sing
at thy coming to victory;
let thy voice call me home, saying, 'Yet there is room,
there is room at my side for thee!'
My heart shall rejoice, Lord Jesus,
when thou comest and callest me.