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

Sunday April 30, 2023
Mission Awareness Sunday

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: "Sheep May Safely Graze" Johann S. Bach (1685-1750)

*Processional Hymn: *My hope is built on nothing less* #349

Welcome and Community Life News

We Worship God

The Call to Worship

Kaleb Nogueron

L.: God, our Shepherd, offers us abundant life.

P: God, you are with us.

L.: God, our Shepherd, leads us by still waters.

P: God, restore our souls!

L.: God, our Shepherd, walks with us through every dark valley.

**P: God, we will not be afraid! God, our Shepherd, we praise for
your goodness and mercy with us everyday.**

L: Let us worship God!

Choir Anthem: *The Lord is My Shepherd* Howard Goodall (b. 1958)

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: **I Will Praise Him Again (Psalm 42)**

Why, my soul are you downcast?

Why are you troubled within?

For I will hope in my Saviour my God

And will praise Him, yet praise Him again

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Words & music by Jonny Robinson & Tharne Tranter CCLI License # 993446

We Listen for God's Word

Children's Time

Prayer for Illumination

Lorraine McBride

Scripture Readings

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 23

Jeanette Hallworth

¹ The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

² **He makes me lie down in green pastures;**
he leads me beside still waters;

³ he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths
for his name's sake.

**4 Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil, for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

5 You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

**6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
my whole life long.**

Gospel Reading: John 10:1-16

NT p. 103

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: I am the Good Shepherd

Christine Samuel

*Hymn: *Saviour, like a shepherd lead us*

#485

We Respond to God's Word

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Intercession

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

*Doxology

#830

Dedication of Offering

*Closing Hymn: *Living God, your joyful Spirit*

#666

(Sung to the tune of #410)

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 C ("Fanfare Fugue")*

Johann Kirnberger

(1721-1783)

** 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.**



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.

Minister Away

Rev. Heather will be away on Study leave this week, and will return next week. In case of an emergency, please contact Sheila Gault at 905-751-6568.

Welcome to our Guest Preacher

Christine Samuel is currently a Masters of Divinity student at Knox College. She and her husband, Anthony, migrated from Trinidad and Tobago in 1996. They have two children - their son, Christian is 22 years old, and their daughter, Alexandria is 19 years old.

After working for 23 years in the finance industry, Christine decided to pursue Theology. Her love for Jesus grows daily as she is discovering that He is the greatest showman! She is passionate about sharing God's Word. She loves spending time in her garden and enjoys travelling, reading, and spending time with her family.

Notice Regarding Offerings

You will now notice our offering plate will be sitting on an antique plant holder as you enter the sanctuary. Please deposit your offerings there. We will continue to collect this way until further notice. If you forget to do this before the service, there is no problem to place it on the offering plate after the service.

As always, we will make sure the donations are secure.

Thank you for your generous support of the church.

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UPCOMING WEEK'S EVENTS AT A GLANCE

Sunday April 30, 2023

9:45 – 10:30 am

11:00 am

Sunday Morning Discovery – CANCELLED

Worship Service

Tuesday May 2, 2023

10:00 – 12:00 pm

ESL Classes in the Fellowship Hall

Saturday May 6, 2023

9:00 – 12:00 pm

Annual Spring Cleanup in and around the Church

Sunday May 7, 2023

9:45 – 10:30 am

11:00 am

Sunday Morning Discovery in the Conference room

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 as you enter the Sanctuary.

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!

Some Special Opportunities to Consider

Please check the TPC News & Events Board for some interesting upcoming events through the

Crieff Hills Retreat & Conference Centre

and **CPR and AED classes**

through St. John Ambulance York Simcoe Muskoka

Sunday Morning Discovery

Sunday Morning Discovery is cancelled for today
but will resume Sunday May 7.



The deadline for the Spring issue of "The Open Door" is
Monday May 29th.

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.

PalCare April-May Workshops

There are a few workshops available in May
through PalCare!

Please check them out – they are posted on the TPC News &
Events Board located in the front Hallway.



Saturday, May 6, 2023
9:00 am to Noon

The annual Spring Cleanup this year will focus on getting
the flower beds ready, and removing stuff that has accumulated
inside the church that has not been used for a long time and
is no longer needed.

We need your help.

Please come out and join us. Bring along gardening tools
or just a pair of willing hands.

Board of Managers

In Need of Donations

Thank you for those who generously donated
plates, bowls and cutlery.

We are still in need of a dresser.

If you're interested in donating and need more information, please
contact the church administrator or Rev. Heather.

Hymn

My hope is built on nothing less

My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain:

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness hides his lovely face,
I rest on his unchanging grace;
in every high and stormy gale
my anchor holds within the veil.

(Refrain)

His oath, his covenant, his blood
support me in the whelming flood;
when all around my soul gives way,
he then is all my hope and stay.

(Refrain)

When he shall come with trumpet sound,
oh, may I then in him be found
clothed in his righteousness alone,
faultless to stand before the throne!

(Refrain)

Hymn

Saviour, like a shepherd lead us

Saviour, like a shepherd lead us:
much we need your tender care;
in your pleasant pastures feed us;
for our use your folds prepare:
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
you have bought us; yours we are.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
you have bought us, yours we are.

We are yours; in love befriend us;
be the guardian of our way;
keep your flock from sin, defend us;
seek us when we go astray:
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
hear your children when we pray.
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Let us always seek your favour;
let us always do your will.
Jesus Christ our only Saviour,
with yourself our spirits fill:
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
you have loved us; love us still.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
you have loved us; love us still.

Hymn

Living God, your joyful Spirit

Living God, your joyful Spirit
breaks the bounds of time and space,
rests in love upon your people,
drawn together in this place.
Here we join in glad thanksgiving,
here rejoice to pray and praise:
Lord of all our past traditions,
Lord of all our future days.

As your bread may we be broken,
scattered in community;
we who know your greatest blessings
called to share Christ's ministry.
May we gently lead each other,
share our hunger and our thirst;
learn that only through our weakness
shall we know the strength of Christ.

Lord, when we grow tired of giving,
feel frustration, hurt and strain,
by your Spirit's quiet compulsion,
draw us back to you again.
Guide us through the bitter searching
when our confidence is lost;
give us hope from desolation,
arms outstretched upon a cross.

Living God, your power surrounds us,
as we face the way Christ trod,
challenge us to fresh commitment
to the purposes of God:
called to share a new creation,
called to preach a living word,
promised all the joys of heaven,
through the grace of Christ our Lord.