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

Sunday May 14, 2023
Christian Family Sunday / Mother's Day

We Prepare for Worship

Praise Band

Preparing our Hearts

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing! Know that the Lord, he is God!

*Processional Hymn: *You that know the Lord is gracious*

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Welcome and Community Life News

We Worship God

The Call to Worship

Mason Girard

L.: See how much God loves us!

God calls us His children, and that is what we are!

P: God showed how much He loved us by sending His one and only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through Him.

L.: Since God loved us that much, we should love each other.

P: No one has ever seen God. But if we love each other, God lives in us and can be seen through us.

L: let us worship God.

Choir Anthem: *Jesus Loves Me, This I Know*

arr. Doris Nelson

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: **All God's Critters Got a Place in the Choir**

Chorus



All God's crit-ters got a place in the choir, some sing low, and



some sing high-er, some sing out loud on the te-le-phon wires, and



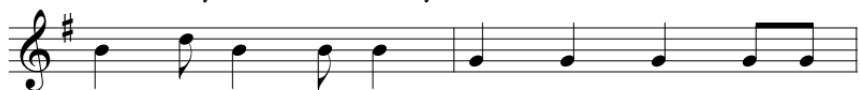
some just clap their hands, or paws, or a-ny-thing they got now.



Oh,___ lis - ten to the bass,___ it's the
The___ dogs___ and the cats,___ they___
Oh,___ lis - ten to the top___ where the
Oh,___ sing - ing in the night - time,___
It's a sim - ple song of liv - ing sung___



one___ on the bot - tom where the bull - frog croaks and the
take___ up the mid - dle where the hon - ey bee hums and the
lit - tle birds___ sing___ on the mel - o - dies with the
sing - ing in the day,___ the lit - tle duck quacks and he's
ev' - ry - where by the ox___ and fox and the



hip - po - pot - a - mus moans and groans with a
crick - et fid - dles, the don - key brays and the
high notes ring - ing, the hoot owl hollers o - ver
on his way,___ the pos - som ain't got___
griz - zly bear, and the grumpy alli - gator and the



big to do, and the old cow just goes___ "moo."
po - ny neighs, and the old coy - o - te___ howls.
ev' - ry thing, and the jay bird dis - a - grees.
much to say, and the porcu - pine talks to him - self.
hawk a - bove, and the sly rac - coon and the turtledove.

We Listen for God's Word

Children's Time

Prayer for Illumination

Garth Low

Scripture Reading

Gospel Reading: Mark 3:20-21; 31-35

NT p. 37

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: All in the Family

Rev. Dr. H. Vais

*Hymn: *We are one in the Spirit*

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We Respond to God's Word

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Intercession

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

*Doxology

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Dedication of Offering

*Closing Hymn: *I am the church! You are the church!*

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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**

Piano Postlude: All Hail, King Jesus

Dave Moody (b. 1962-)

** if you are able, please stand*

Welcome

We welcome everyone who is worshiping 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.**

*Please feel free to appreciate the Postlude at the end of the service!
If you do leave the sanctuary during the postlude,
please do so quietly. Thank 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.

Great Day 2023

By now, you will have received the letter
from the Stewardship committee
telling you about our plans for Great Day 2023.

Great Day is traditionally held on the last Sunday of May.

This year, Great Day will be Sunday May 28th.

Historically, Great Day was established
as a congregation-wide fund raiser
to help pay off the mortgage on the church.

Since then, we have used Great Day as an opportunity
not only to help fund important church building
or maintenance projects, but also raise awareness
and funds for outreach projects too!

The letter sent to you recently describes
the "two centres of focus" of this year's Great Day.

Our THEME this year is Equality, Equity & Renewal

Our fund raising will be split between supporting women's
equal opportunity in education, work, health,
and basic human rights globally,
and funding much needed repairs to the manse

**We have a great worship service being planned
with light lunch and coffee hour after the service.**

We hope you will support these two important projects.

Thank you for helping make it a Great Day for the Kingdom!

In Christ's service,
Your Stewardship Team

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Duty Elders: Carolyn Adamson and Jessica Chapman

UPCOMING WEEK'S EVENTS AT A GLANCE

Sunday May 14, 2023

9:45 – 10:30 am

Sunday Morning Discovery in the Conference Room

11:00 am

Worship Service

Tuesday May 16, 2023

10:00 – 12:00 pm

ESL Classes in the Fellowship Hall

Thursday May 18, 2023

1:00 – 2:00 pm

Spring Bible Study in the Minister's Office

Sunday May 21, 2023

9:45 – 10:30 am

Sunday Morning Discovery in the Conference room

11:00 am

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.

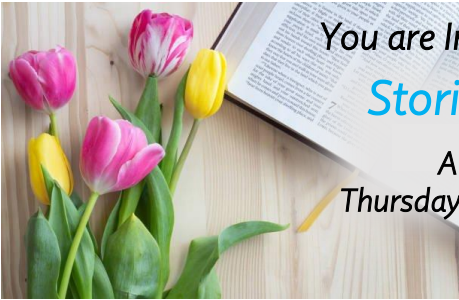
Thank you for your support!

The Open door

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.



You are Invited to a Spring Bible Study *Stories from the Gospels*

A 6-week, in-person study
Thursdays at 1:00 pm- May 18 to June 22

Sign-up in the Lobby

Mother's Day & Christian Family Sunday

Today, as a church we will take time
to honour our mothers and recognize the importance
of family and the church family.

God bless our Mothers!



Circle the date for Great Day 2023

Sunday May 28

A day for our Church to share our many blessings!

Join us for worship, a guest speaker,
and congregational luncheon.

***Please check the letter sent by email
and this bulletin for more
information about Great Day.***

Hymn

You that know the Lord is gracious

You that know the Lord is gracious,
you for whom a cornerstone
stands, of God elect and precious,
laid that you may build thereon,
see that on that sure foundation
you a living temple raise,
towers that may tell forth salvation,
walls that may re-echo praise.

Living stones, by God appointed
each to its allotted place,
royal priests, by God anointed,
will you not declare God's grace?
Now a royal generation,
tell the tidings of your birth,
tidings of a new creation.
to an old and weary earth.

Tell the praise of God who called you
out of darkness into light,
broke the fetters that enthralled you,
gave you freedom, peace and sight.
Tell the tale of sins forgiven,
strength renewed and hope restored,
till the earth, in tune with heaven,
praise and magnify the Lord.

Hymn

We are one in the Spirit

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
we are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
and we pray that all unity will one day be restored
and they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
and they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,
we will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,
and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land,
and they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
and they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will work with each other, we will work side by side,
we will work with each other, we will work side by side,
and we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride,
and they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
and they'll know we are Christians by our love.

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,
and all praise to Christ Jesus, who is God's only Son,
and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one,
and they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
and they'll know we are Christians by our love.

Hymn

I am the church! You are the church!

Refrain:

I am the church! You are the church!
We are the church together!
All who follow Jesus,
all around the world!
Yes, we're the church together!

The church is not a building;
the church is not a steeple;
the church is not a resting place;
the church is a people.

(Refrain)

We're many kinds of people,
with many kinds of faces,
all colours and all ages, too
from all times and places.

(Refrain)

Sometimes the church is marching;
sometimes it's bravely burning,
sometimes it's riding, sometimes hiding;
always it's learning.

(Refrain)

And when the people gather,
there's singing and there's praying;
there's laughing and there's crying sometimes,
all of it saying:

(Refrain)

At Pentecost some people
received the Holy Spirit
and told the Good News through the world
to all who would hear it.

(Refrain)