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

Sunday August 13, 2023  
**We Prepare for Worship**

Prelude: Sheep May Safely Graze Johann S. Bach (1685-1750)  
Pianist: Jingyi Zhou

Preparing our Hearts

*This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.*  
Ps. 34:8

Welcome and Community Life News

### **We Worship God**

The Call to Worship Maya Moradieslami

L.: The Lord sits enthroned over the flood.  
**P: The Lord sits enthroned as king forever.**  
L.: May the Lord give strength to his people!  
**P: May the Lord bless his people with peace!**  
L: Let us worship God.

\*Opening Hymn: *Lo! Christ comes with clouds* #120

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.**

### **We Listen for God's Word**

\*Children's Hymn: *Saviour, like a shepherd lead us* #485

Children's Time

Prayer for Illumination Rev. Dr. Victor Shepherd

Scripture Readings:

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 119:97-104

<sup>97</sup> Oh, how I love your law!  
It is my meditation all day long.

<sup>98</sup> **Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies,  
for it is always with me.**

<sup>99</sup> I have more understanding than all my teachers,  
for your decrees are my meditation.

**100 I understand more than the aged,  
for I keep your precepts.**

101 I hold back my feet from every evil way,  
in order to keep your word.

**102 I do not turn away from your ordinances,  
for you have taught me.**

103 How sweet are your words to my taste,  
sweeter than honey to my mouth!

**104 Through your precepts I get understanding;  
therefore I hate every false way.**

Old Testament: 1<sup>st</sup> Samuel 24:1-12;  
2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 6:12-23

OT p. 268

OT p. 280

Gospel Reading: Mark 10:46-52

NT p. 47

Leader: The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon: David: The King with Clay Feet and the Hugest Heart

Rev. Dr. Victor Shepherd

\*Hymn: *Word of God, across the ages*

**#497**

**We Respond to God's Word**

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Intercession

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

\*Doxology

**#830**

Dedication of Offering

\*Closing Hymn: *A mighty fortress is our God*

**#315**

**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**

Duet Postlude: Jubilate

Darwin Wolford (b. 1936)

Pianist: Jingyi Zhou

*\*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.**

*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!*

***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***

## **Movies in August for Sunday School Children**

On August 13, 20 and 27, there will be movies shown in the Fellowship Hall during worship, following Children's Time.



The administrator's summer office hours will be Wednesday to Friday from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. Messages will be checked regularly.

## **Rev. Heather Away**

Rev. Heather is away on study leave and then at her cottage for her holidays.

If you have an emergency or a need, please call our Clerk of Session, Sheila Gault at 905-751-6568.

## **Welcome Once again to our Guest Preacher, who will be with us for the month of August!**

**Rev. Dr. Victor Shepherd** is Professor Emeritus of Theology at Tyndale University, Toronto; Adjunct Professor of Theology at Wycliffe College, University of Toronto; Adjunct Professor of Theology at Acadia Divinity College, Acadia University, Wolfville, Nova Scotia; *Professor Ordinarius*, University of Oxford, U.K.

Rev. Dr. Shepherd is an ordained minister of The Presbyterian Church in Canada and has served five pastorates in New Brunswick and Ontario.

Above all he is a minister of the Word, Sacrament, and Pastoral Care.

Rev. Dr. Shepherd is married to Maureen McGuigan, a retired French Immersion teacher. They have two daughters and five grandchildren. They live in Mississauga, Ontario.

## **Office Telephone Not Working!**

The office telephone is not working. Since Rev. Heather is on holidays the calls to the office are being transferred to Sheila Gault's cell number. The call goes directly to her phone, and if she doesn't answer please leave a message and she will return your call promptly.

## **TPC Lost and Found Box**

The box contains a pair of black framed glasses and a broken gold chain.

There are also men's leather winter gloves and a shawl.

Please contact Nadine in the Admin. Office if you have lost one of these items.

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**Duty Elder: Sheila Gault**

## UPCOMING WEEK'S EVENTS AT A GLANCE

### ***Sunday August 13, 2023***

11:00 am                      Worship Service

### ***Sunday August 20, 2023***

11:00 am                      Worship Service

12:00 pm                      coffee hour and Dan's Sing Session in the  
Fellowship Hall

## 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](http://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!**

## **Coffee Hour**

***There will be a special Summer Coffee Hour  
on August 20<sup>th</sup> after the service and  
prior to Dan's Sing Sessions***



**You are invited to *Dan's Sing Sessions!***

### **When?**

The ~~first~~ Sunday of the month, from July until December.  
In Fellowship Hall 15 minutes after service end.

### **What?**

30 minutes of instruction by Dan plus Psalm, Hymn, and  
Spiritual Song singing

### **July 30**

Congregational singing for worship in general. Brief history  
of how and when early, European, non-clergy church goes began  
singing in worship services. What they sang in the main Christian  
traditions, Roman Catholic, Lutheran, Reformed continental,  
Reformed British Isles "high" church and "low" church.

### **August 27 *Changed to August 20***

Psalms of David, Moses, etc. The three major categories  
of songs for singing in worship as mentioned in the New Testament.  
Examples of sung Psalms in the major Christian traditions.

### **September 24**

Hymns. Brief discussion of church doctrine and  
theology vs. personal songs of faith. Examples of hymns of the  
major Christian traditions as mentioned above.

### **October 29**

Spiritual songs. Brief discussion of the meaning of  
personal faith songs. Pros and cons of their use. Performance vs.  
personal faith expression. Examples of spiritual songs.

### **November 26**

Liturgical elements. The purpose of liturgy in worship,  
"pericopes," and the 3-year Scripture cycle vs. free-form worship or  
"no plan." Examples of liturgical songs or elements in worship.

### **December 31**

Christmas carols. Classic hymn forms and spiritual  
song versions. Why "carols" are oftentimes a little bit different from  
standard hymns and Psalms. Examples of various kinds of  
Christmas carols.

At each session, we will end with 10 minutes of participants  
choosing their favorite hymns/songs for us to sing!

# Hymn

## ***Lo! Christ comes with clouds***

Lo! Christ comes with clouds descending,  
Lamb of God for sinners slain;  
thousand thousand saints attending  
swell the Lord's triumphant train.  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!  
God appears on earth to reign.

Every eye shall now behold thee  
robed in awe and majesty;  
we, who scorned and mocked and sold thee,  
pierced and nailed thee to the tree,  
deeply grieving, deeply grieving, deeply grieving,  
shall the true Messiah see.

Now redemption, long awaited,  
see in glorious life appear!  
All God's creatures freed from groaning,  
sounds of liberation hear:  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!  
See the day of God appear.

Evermore let all adore thee,  
high on thine eternal throne;  
crowns and empires fall before thee:  
thou shalt reign and thou alone.  
Come, Lord Jesus; come, Lord Jesus; come, Lord  
Jesus! Claim all glory for thine own.

# 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.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!  
hear your children when we pray.

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

## *Word of God, across the ages*

Word of God, across the ages  
comes your message to our life,  
source of hope, forever present  
in our toil and fears and strife,  
constant witness to God's mercy,  
still our grace, whate'er befall,  
guide unfailing, strength eternal,  
offered freely to us all.

Story of our wondrous journey  
from the shadows of the night,  
garnered truth of sage and prophet,  
guiding forward into light,  
words and deeds of Christ our teacher,  
pointing to the life and way,  
still appealing, still inspiring,  
in the struggles of today.

In the tongues of all the peoples  
may the message bless and heal,  
as devout and patient scholars  
more and more its depths reveal.  
Bless, O God, to wise and simple,  
all your truth of ageless worth,  
till all lands receive the witness  
and your knowledge fills the earth.

# Hymn

## ***A mighty fortress is our God***

A mighty fortress is our God,  
a refuge never failing,  
our helper sure amid the flood  
of mortal ills prevailing.  
For still our ancient foe  
yet seeks to work us woe  
with craft and power great,  
and, armed with cruel hate,  
on earth has not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide,  
our striving would be losing,  
were not a Saviour on our side,  
the One of God's own choosing.  
You is this Saviour, who?  
Christ Jesus, living, true.  
Lord Sabbaoth his name,  
from age to age the same,  
already wins the battle.

And though this world, with evil filled,  
should threaten to undo us,  
we will not fear, for God has willed  
the truth to triumph through us:  
The powers of death and hell  
our God will surely quell;  
their rage we can endure,  
for look! their doom is sure:  
one little word will fell him.

That Word above all earthly powers -  
no thanks to them! – abiding,  
ensures that all God's gifts are ours,  
through Christ in us residing,  
whose summons rings above  
all goods, all earthly love.  
Earth's powers waste away;  
God's word endures alway,  
whose reign will last forever!