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

Sunday August 20, 2023  
**We Prepare for Worship**

Prelude: Allegro from Suite Gothique Leon Boellmann (1862-97)  
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 Arshida Taghizadeh

L.: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

**P: Worship the Lord with gladness; Come into his presence with thanksgiving.**

L.: For the Lord is good;

**P: His steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.**

L: Let us worship God.

\*Opening Hymn: *Come, let us join our cheerful songs* #413

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: *Come, children, join to sing* #377

Children's Time

Prayer for Illumination

Rev. Dr. Victor Shepherd

Scripture Readings:

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 119:41-48

<sup>41</sup> Let your steadfast love come to me, O Lord,  
your salvation according to your promise.

<sup>42</sup> **Then I shall have an answer for those who taunt me,  
for I trust in your word.**

<sup>43</sup> Do not take the word of truth utterly out of my mouth,  
for my hope is in your ordinances.

<sup>44</sup> **I will keep your law continually,  
forever and ever.**

<sup>45</sup> I shall walk at liberty,  
for I have sought your precepts.

<sup>46</sup> **I will also speak of your decrees before kings  
and shall not be put to shame;**

<sup>47</sup> I find my delight in your commandments  
because I love them.

<sup>48</sup> **I revere your commandments, which I love,  
and I will meditate on your statutes.**

Old Testament: Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

OT p. 616

Gospel Readings: 1 John 4:7-12

NT p. 241

Luke 14:25-33

NT p. 78

Leader: The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon: A Note on Hatred

Rev. Dr. Victor Shepherd

Solo:

June Graham

### **We Respond to God's Word**

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Intercession

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

\*Doxology

**#830**

Dedication of Offering

\*Closing Hymn: *Glorious things of thee are spoken*

**#483**

### **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**

Postlude: Fugue in G Minor ("Little")

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.**

*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 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: Doug Miron**

## UPCOMING WEEK'S EVENTS AT A GLANCE

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

11:00 am                      Worship Service

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

### ***Sunday August 27, 2023***

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](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  
today after the service and  
prior to Dan's Sing Sessions***



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

### **When?**

The ~~fast~~ 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 goers 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

## ***Come, let us join our cheerful songs***

Come, let us join our cheerful songs  
with angels round the throne;  
ten thousand thousand are their tongues,  
but all their joys are one.

“Worthy the Lamb that died,” they cry,  
“to be exalted thus.”  
“Worthy the Lamb,” our lips reply,  
“for he was slain for us?”

Jesus is worthy to receive  
honour and power divine;  
may blessings, more than we can give,  
be, Lord, forever thine.

The whole creation joins in one  
to bless the sacred name  
of him that sits up on the throne,  
and to adore the Lamb.

# Hymn

## ***Come, children, join to sing***

Come, children, join to sing—  
hallelujah, amen—  
praise to our Servant King,  
hallelujah, amen!  
Let all with heart and voice  
saved by God's gracious choice,  
now in this place rejoice—  
hallelujah, amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high—  
hallelujah, amen—  
let praises fill the sky—  
hallelujah, amen!  
Christ calls his people friends;  
lost, outcast he defends  
with love that never ends—  
hallelujah, amen!

Loud now our voices raise—  
hallelujah, amen—  
no power can still our praise—  
hallelujah, amen!  
On heaven's blessed shore,  
God's goodness we'll adore  
singing forevermore—  
hallelujah, amen!



# Hymn

## *Glorious things of thee are spoken*

Glorious things of thee are spoken,  
Zion, city of our God;  
One whose word cannot be broken  
formed thee for a strong abode.  
On the Rock of Ages founded,  
what can shake thy sure repose?  
With salvation's walls surrounded,  
thou mayst smile at all thy foes.

See the streams of living waters,  
springing from eternal love,  
well supply thy sons and daughters,  
and all fear of want remove.  
Who can faint while such a river  
ever will their thirst assuage?  
Grace, which like the Lord, the giver,  
never fails from age to age.

Round each habitation hovering,  
see the cloud and fire appear,  
for a glory and a covering,  
showing that the Lord is near.  
Thus they march, the pillar leading--  
light by night and shade by day--  
daily on the manna feeding  
which God gives them when they pray.

Saviour, since of Zion's city  
we, through grace, a part may claim,  
let the world deride or pity,  
we will glory in thy name.  
Fading is all worldly pleasure,  
all its boasted pomp and show;  
solid joys and lasting treasure  
none but Zion's children know.