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

Sunday August 27, 2023
We Prepare for Worship

Prelude

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

Kaleb Nogueron

L.: The prophet Isaiah exults, 'Arise, shine for your light has come.

P: and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.'

L.: Jesus Christ is that light, long promised, now present, and never to be taken from us.

P: He, the light of the world, is light enough for us all, regardless of our problem or perplexity or predicament.

L: Let us worship God.

*Opening Hymn: *Jesus, where'er thy people meet*

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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:

Thou didst leave thy throne

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Children's Time

Prayer for Illumination

Rev. Dr. Victor Shepherd

Scripture Readings:

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 32

¹ Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.

² **Happy are those to whom the LORD imputes no iniquity
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

³ While I kept silent, my body wasted away
through my groaning all day long.

**⁴ For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up[Ⓜ] as by the heat of summer. *Selah***

⁵ Then I acknowledged my sin to you,
and I did not hide my iniquity;
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"
and you forgave the guilt of my sin. *Selah*

**⁶ Therefore let all who are faithful
offer prayer to you;
at a time of distress,[Ⓜ] the rush of mighty waters
shall not reach them.**

⁷ You are a hiding place for me;
you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with glad cries of deliverance. *Selah*

**⁸ I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go;
I will counsel you with my eye upon you.**

⁹ Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding,
whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle,
else it will not stay near you.

**¹⁰ Many are the torments of the wicked,
but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the LORD.**

¹¹ Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, O righteous,
and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

Old Testament: Micah 7:18-20

OT p. 868

New Testament: Colossians 3:12-17

NT p. 201

Matthew 18:21-35

NT p. 20

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: "Forgiveness of Others, Forgiveness of Self—Where Do We
Begin?"

Rev. Dr. Victor Shepherd

Solo: As the Deer

Neil Murray

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: *All who the name of Jesus bear*

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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**

Postlude

**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!*

***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 27, there will be a movie showing 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.

Administrator Away

Our Administrator, Nadine, is away on Holidays from Wednesday August 23rd. She'll return on Tuesday, September 5th. Messages will be checked regularly.

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.

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UPCOMING WEEK'S EVENTS AT A GLANCE

Sunday August 27, 2023

11:00 am Worship Service

Monday August 28, 2023

11:00 am Funeral for Joan Carr at TPC

Sunday September 3, 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 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!



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

When?

The last 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

Jesus, where'er thy people meet

Jesus, wher e'er thy people meet,
there they behold thy mercy seat;
where'er they seek thee thou art found,
and every place is hallowed ground.

Here may we prove the power of prayer
to strengthen faith and sweeten care,
to teach our faint desires to rise,
and bring all heaven before our eyes.

Lord, we are few, but thou art near,
nor short thine arm, nor deaf thine ear;
oh rend the heavens, come quickly down
and make a thousand hearts thine own.

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.

Hymn

All who the name of Jesus bear

All who the name of Jesus bear,
his sacred steps pursue;
let that same mind which was in Christ
be also found in you.

Christ, being in the form of God,
for us this glory veiled;
in human likeness lived for us,
his majesty concealed.

Forsaking rank, with humble strength,
as servant, Jesus came,
obeyed till death, and bore the cross
in agony and shame.

And therefore God exalts the one
whose name shall be adored,
that every tongue with joy confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord.