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THORNHILL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

To Discover, Celebrate and Share God's Love

Sunday August 6, 2023
We Prepare for Worship

Organ Prelude: Interludes Leo Sowerby (1895-1968)

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.: The Lord is my light and my salvation;

P: Whom shall I fear?

L.: The Lord is the stronghold of my life;

P: Of whom shall I be afraid?

L: Let us worship God.

*Opening Hymn: *Eternal, Unchanging, we sing to your praise* #337

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: *Jesus loves me, this I know* #373

Children's Time

Prayer for Illumination

Garth Low

Scripture Readings:

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 100

1 Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

**2 Serve the Lord with gladness;
come into his presence with singing.**

3 Know that the Lord is God.

It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

**4 Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise.
Give thanks to him; bless his name.**

5 For the Lord is good;
his steadfast love endures forever
and his faithfulness to all generations.

Old Testament: Hosea: 2:1-7; 16-20; OT p. 835
11:8-9 OT p. 843

Gospel Reading: Luke 15:11-24 NT p. 78

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: "Hosea: Heart-Broken Prophet of a Heart-Broken God"
Rev. Dr. Victor Shepherd

Solo: Canterbury Stephanie Martin (b. 1962)
Baritone: Daniel Lagover

We Respond to God's Word

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Intercession

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

*Doxology #830

Dedication of Offering

*Closing Hymn: *Great is thy faithfulness* #324

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-Piano Duet Postlude: Majestic Praise Dick Bolks
Pianist: Lada Lagover

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

There is no movie being shown today.

Children will remain in church with their families.



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 at her cottage this month for her holidays.
She will return to the office on September 6.
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.

Happiest of Birthdays!



We wish Doug Gray a very happy 90th birthday on August 7th.
We pray for God's blessings on you, Doug.

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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UPCOMING WEEK'S EVENTS AT A GLANCE

Sunday August 6, 2023

11:00 am Worship Service

Sunday August 13, 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!

Coffee Hour

***There will be a special Summer Coffee Hour
on August 20th 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

Eternal, Unchanging, we sing to your praise

Eternal, Unchanging, we sing to your praise:
your mercies are endless, and righteous your ways;
your servants proclaim the renown of your name,
O Sovereign omnipotent, ever the same.

Again we rejoice in the world you have made,
your mighty creation in beauty arrayed;
we thank you for life, and we praise you for joy,
for love and for hope that no power can destroy.

We praise you for Jesus, our Saviour and Lord,
the might of his Spirit, the truth of his Word;
give comfort in sorrow, his patience in pain,
The faith sure and steadfast that Jesus shall reign.

Hymn

Jesus loves me, this I know

Jesus loves me, this I know,
for the Bible tells me so,
little ones to him belong,
they are weak, but he is strong.

Refrain:

Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me, this I know,
as he loved so long ago,
taking children on his knee,
saying, "Let them come to me." **[Refrain]**

Jesus loves me still today,
walking with me on my way,
Wanting as a friend to give
light and love to all who live. **[Refrain]**

Hymn

Great is thy faithfulness

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is thy faithfulness;
Great is thy faithfulness;
morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest;
sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. **[Refrain]**

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! **[Refrain]**