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

Sunday September 17, 2023

Rally Sunday

We Prepare for Worship

Praise Band

Preparing our Hearts

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all our ways acknowledge Him, and he will make your paths straight. Proverbs 3:5-6.

Prelude: Overture in Bb

Georg F. Handel (1685-1759)

*Processional Hymn: *Come sing, O church, In Joy*

#757

Welcome and Community Life News

We Worship God

The Call to Worship

Maya Moradieslami

L.: The Lord is our Saviour!

P: We come to worship Him and offer our praise.

L.: We have heard Christ's call to be His disciples and learn from Him.

P: Christ is our leader and teacher.

L: We come to listen to God's living Word.

P: We have heard the call to share the Good News to others.

L: Let us worship God.

Choral Introit: Halle, Halle, Halle

Hal Hopson (b. 1933)

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.

*Praise Time: **Lord, I Lift Your Name On High**

Lord I lift your name on high

Lord I love to sing your praises

I'm so glad You're in my life

I'm so glad You came to save us

You came from heaven to earth

To show the way

From the earth to the cross

My debt to pay

*From the cross to the grave
From the grave to the sky
Lord I lift Your name on high*
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Lord I lift Your name on high....***REPEAT CHORUS**

Words and music by Rick Founds CCLI License # 993446

We Listen for God's Word

Children's Time

The Commissioning of our Teachers, Support Staff and Youth Leaders
and Presentation of Bibles *(See last 2 pages)*

Prayer for Illumination Zhenyi Li

Scripture Readings

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 113 Alireza Taghizadeh

Choral Psalm Sentence Peter Hallock (1924-2014)

¹ Praise the Lord!

Praise, O servants of the Lord;
praise the name of the Lord.

² **Blessed be the name of the Lord
from this time on and forevermore.**

³ From the rising of the sun to its setting,
the name of the Lord is to be praised.

⁴ **The Lord is high above all nations
and his glory above the heavens.**

⁵ Who is like the Lord our God, who is seated on high,

⁶ **who looks far down
on the heavens and the earth?**

⁷ He raises the poor from the dust
and lifts the needy from the ash heap,

⁸ **to make them sit with princes,
with the princes of his people.**

⁹ He gives the barren woman a home,

making her the joyous mother of children.

Praise the Lord!

Gospel: Matthew 4:18-22

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Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem: African Call: Come to the King Patrick Liebergen (b. 1949)

Sermon: Fish or Cut Bait Rev. Dr. H. Vais

*Hymn: *Will you come and follow me* #634

We Respond to God's Word

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Intercession

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

*Doxology #830

Dedication of Offering

*Closing Hymn: *Lift high the cross* #643

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: All Glory Be to God in High Michael Burkhardt (b. 1957)

**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!*



It's Back to *Sunday School* Time!
Parents, please register your children at the Sunday School table in the Fellowship Hall today.

***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***

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UPCOMING WEEK'S EVENTS AT A GLANCE

Sunday September 17, 2023

11:00 am Worship Service – Rally Sunday

Tuesday September 19, 2023

10:00 – 12:00 pm ESL Classes in the Fellowship Hall & Conference Room

Sunday September 24, 2023

11:00 am Worship Service followed by Dan's Sing Session

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.

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!



TPC Music Ministry

CALL FOR CHOIR MEMBERS

We welcome new members to lead in the music ministry.

Rehearsals are Thursdays from 7:00—8:30 pm

Sunday Call and Worship Service: 10am—12 noon

Please contact the

Director of Music Ministry: Rev. Daniel Werning at (905) 601-1530

PRAISE BAND

Meets Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m.

Musicians and Singers Welcome

Contact the church office or Abel Pandy 416-222-9058



Sunday Morning Discovery Group!

Do you need a spiritual boost?

Do you want to get closer to God?

Do you want to discuss real faith issues?

Do you have questions needing answers?

Sunday Morning Discovery!

Sunday mornings from 9:45 - 10:30

Coffee will be provided.

A study group that deals with **life** and faith issues
in **straight forward** ways.

Group leaders: Edmond Lee & Rev. Dr. Heather Vais

Join us in the Conference Room

Sunday September 24 - 9:45-10:30

Youth Groups at T.P.C.

Junior Youth Group (JYC) - All primary kids
(meetings will be held seasonally TBA)

KICK IT

(Kids in Christ's Kingdom in Thornhill) Gr. 6-8
(Once per month on Saturday evenings)

Young People's Group

High school - University

Please speak to Rev. Heather

The Open door

The deadline for the next issue of our congregational newsletter, "The Open Door" is Monday September 25th.

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.



We are resuming a weekly time of fellowship and refreshment after the worship service today, in the Fellowship Hall.

Hope to see you all there!

If anyone is interested in helping serve during coffee hour, please contact Jessica Chapman at chapman.jessica@yahoo.ca

Urgent Appeal

There is a young family from a local Presbyterian Church (mom, dad, and two public school children) in need of a place to stay.

Both parents are without work (mom was downsized this summer and dad has an injury precluding him from working). They had to sell their home as a result of having no income and are now living in a hotel.

They are seeking a place to stay while they get their feet under them – a basement apartment, two rooms, anything.

Rev. Heather knows the family as the children have participated in some youth activities.

Please speak to Rev. Heather if you know of anyone who may have a place for them.

Rally Sunday Today!

Listed below are the teachers and leaders involved in educating the children in our church this year. We thank all of you for this special ministry.

Teachers for the 2022 - 2023 Church school year

Sunday School Superintendent – Vacant

Interim Superintendent – Amy Girard

Teachers:

Abel Pandey

Garth Low

Amy Girard

Janet Gargano

Sandra Bhikram-Lee

Sharon Miron

Judy Chen

Christian Education Committee:

George Huang (chair)

Amy Girard

Sandra Bhikram Lee

Betty Spittle

Senior Youth Group Leaders: Abel Pandey & Rev. Heather

Junior Youth Group Leaders: Rev. Heather & Amy Girard

Youth Group Volunteers: Sandra Bhikram-Lee, Janet Gargano and others.

Help Needed: We need preschool/kindergarten volunteers to support our ministry for 3-5 years old.

Rally Sunday



Service of Commissioning for Sunday School Teachers and Leaders

Leader: As the people of God, we are always growing in faith and understanding. We give thanks to God for the people who commit themselves to the church's teaching ministry. It is through the work of willing teachers that we are helped to come to know and love our Lord Jesus Christ.

Responsive Liturgy

Leader: Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.

People: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength.

Leader: Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart.

People: Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.

Leader: Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead.

People: And write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

(Deuteronomy 6:4-9, NRSV)

Leader (addressing teachers): You have been called to share the stories of faith with our children and youth. You are charged to do this with gentleness and insight as the Spirit guides you in your words and witness. Through your teaching and example, the faith of our children and youth will be nurtured and deepened. Do you promise, by the grace of God, to give yourself

willingly to this calling and to serve with diligence, energy, love, and to be guided by the Spirit and Word of God?

Teachers/Leaders: We do, by the grace of God.

Leader (addressing children and youth):

(children and youth please stand) These teachers and leaders are a gift from God. Will you promise to work carefully with them as, together, you learn about God's ways?

Children: We will.

Leader: The congregation will please rise. The teachers and leaders before you have been chosen to help us as a congregation fulfill the vows of baptism. Do you promise to encourage and support them through your presence and your prayers?

Congregation: We do, by the grace of God.

Prayer: Spirit of the Living God, in every age you have appointed teachers to tell of your power, justice and love. We thank you for these men and women in faith who will teach us your ways and words. We give thanks for the evidence of the Holy Spirit in our midst. Fill us with strength and peace as we follow Jesus, the Christ, our Master and Friend.

ALL: AMEN

Hymn

Come sing, O church, In Joy

Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!
For Christ the Lord has led us through the ages long!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

Long years have come and gone, and still God reigns supreme,
empowering us to catch the vision, dream the dream!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

Let courage be our friend, let wisdom by our guide,
as we in mission magnify the Crucified!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

Come sing, O church, in Joy! Come join, O church, in song!
For Christ the Lord has triumphed o'er the ages long!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

Hymn

Will you come and follow me

Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown;
will you let my name be known;
will you let my life be grown
in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind
if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer
in you and you in me?

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Will you let the blinded see
if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free
and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean,
and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean
in you and you in me?

Will you love the “you” you hide
if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside
and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you’ve found
to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound
in you and you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.
In your company I’ll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I’ll move and live
and grow in you and you in me.

Hymn

Lift high the cross

(Refrain)

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.

Come, Christians, follow where the Master trod,
our King victorious, Christ the Son of God.

(Refrain)

Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
the hosts of God in conquering ranks combine.

(Refrain)

Each newborn servant of the Crucified
bears on the brow the seal of him who died.

(Refrain)

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
your death has brought us life eternally.

(Refrain)

So shall our song of triumph ever be:
praise to the Crucified for victory!