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

Sunday September 24, 2023

**We Prepare for Worship**

Praise Band

Preparing our Hearts

*The Lord is good to all, and His tender mercies are over all His works.  
Psalm 145:9.*

Prelude: Processional in G

William Harris (1883-1973)

\*Processional Hymn *Give Thanks*

Give thanks with a grateful heart,  
Give thanks to the Holy One,  
Give thanks because He's given  
Jesus Christ, His Son. **(Repeat)**

And now let the weak say, "I am strong,"  
Let the poor say, "I am rich  
Because of what the Lord  
has done for us!" **(Repeat)**

Give thanks, give thanks, give thanks.

Welcome and Community Life News

**We Worship God**

The Call to Worship

Grace Girard

L.: Give thanks to the Lord for God is good.

**P: We will call on God's name and make known God's wonderful works.**

L.: Seek the Lord continually.

**P: We will watch and listen for signs of God's grace.**

L.: Together let us praise God's goodness and compassion.

**P: We will rejoice in God's presence and praise God's holy name.**

L.: Let us worship God.

Choral Introit: Our Song Shall Rise to Thee

Joseph Martin

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: **God Is Over All**

God You hold the world in hand  
Mountains move at Your command  
Yet my needs You will provide  
As a father loves his child

**Refrain:**

*God is over all  
God is over all  
I will sing for it is well  
My God is over all*

God You saw the sin in me  
For You reign in majesty  
Jesus died to make me clean  
Jesus rose to set me free

**(Refrain)**

God above all time and space  
You are never far away  
For in Jesus I can see  
How You are a friend to me

*God is over all  
God is over all  
I will sing for it is well  
My God is over all  
My God is over all*

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**We Listen for God's Word**

Children's Time

Prayer for Illumination

George Meek

Scripture Readings

Choral Psalm Sentence

Peter Hallock (1924-2014)

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 145:1-12

Gabby Nogueron

<sup>1</sup> I will extol you, my God and King,  
and bless your name forever and ever.

<sup>2</sup> **Every day I will bless you  
and praise your name forever and ever.**

<sup>3</sup> Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised;  
his greatness is unsearchable.

<sup>4</sup> **One generation shall extol your works to another  
and shall declare your mighty acts.**

<sup>5</sup> They will recount the glorious splendor of your majesty,  
and on your wondrous works I will meditate.

**6 They will proclaim the might of your awesome deeds,  
and I will declare your greatness.**

**7 They shall celebrate the fame of your abundant goodness  
and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.**

**8 The LORD is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

**9 The LORD is good to all,  
and his compassion is over all that he has made.**

**10 All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,  
and all your faithful shall bless you.**

**11 They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom  
and tell of your power,**

**12 to make known to all people your mighty deeds  
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.**

Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

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Leader: The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Anthem: Lord of Our Lives Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924)

Sermon: The Unfairness of God Rev. Dr. H. Vais

\*Hymn: *God of mercy, God of grace* #39

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

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Intercession

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

\*Doxology #830

Dedication of Offering

\*Closing Hymn: *Stand up and bless the Lord* #411

### **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: Temple March James Lyon (1872-1949)

*\* 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!*



## **Sunday School Classes!**

A one-room Sunday School class is available for our junior youth today after Praise Time.

**All children grades 1-6 are welcome.**

## **Nursery Update**

The Christian Education Committee and Sunday School are finalizing arrangements for a new nursery for our babies and toddlers and will have news shortly.

***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***

## **THORNHILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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Office Hours: Tuesday – Friday from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Custodian: Delacey Graham

**Duty Elders: Norine Thomason and Jessica Chapman**

## UPCOMING WEEK'S EVENTS AT A GLANCE

### **Sunday September 24, 2023**

9:45 – 10:30 am Sunday Morning Discovery in the Conference Room  
11:00 am Worship Service followed by Dan's Sing Session

### **Tuesday September 26, 2023**

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

### **Sunday October 1, 2023**

9:45 – 10:30 am Sunday Morning Discovery in the Conference Room with Edmond Lee  
11:00 am Worship Service – World Communion Sunday – Breads of the World

## 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!**



## **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.



## **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 Rehearsal 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

## *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](mailto:garth.low@garthlow.com).

Written submissions can be put in the Open Door newsletter mail box located by the Chapel.

## **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 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.

## Hymn

### *God of mercy, God of grace*

God of mercy, God of grace,  
show the brightness of your face.  
Shine upon us, Saviour, shine;  
fill your world with light divine,  
and your saving health extend  
unto earth's remotest end.

Let the people praise you, Lord;  
be by all that live adored.  
Let the nations shout and sing  
glory to their gracious King;  
at your feet their tribute pay,  
and your holy will obey.

Let the people praise you, Lord;  
earth shall then its fruits afford.  
Unto us your blessing give;  
we to you devoted live,  
all below and all above,  
one in joy and light and love.

## Hymn

### ***Stand up and bless the Lord***

Stand up and bless the Lord;  
God's people now rejoice;  
stand up and bless the Lord your God  
with heart and soul and voice.

Though high above all praise,  
above all blessing high,  
who would not fear God's holy name,  
and praise and magnify?

Oh for the living flame  
from God's own altar brought,  
to touch our lips, our minds inspire,  
and wing to heaven our thought.

God is our strength and song;  
now is salvation ours.  
God's love in Christ we now proclaim  
with all our ransomed powers.

Stand up and bless the Lord;  
the Lord your God adore;  
stand up and bless God's glorious name  
henceforth forevermore.