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**THORNHILL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

To Discover, Celebrate and Share God's Love

Sunday October 29, 2023

Reformation Sunday

We Prepare for Worship

Praise Band

Preparing our Hearts

As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek; there is no longer slave or free; there is no longer male and female, for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.

Galatians 3:27-28

Prelude: A Mighty Fortress is Our God

Paul Manz (1919-2009)

*Processional Hymn: *The church's one foundation*

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Welcome and Community Life News

We Worship God

The Call to Worship

Maya Moradieslami

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.

Choir Introit: Praise the Lord

Wolfgang A. Mozart (1756-91)

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: **Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me**

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer

There is no more for heaven now to give

He is my joy my righteousness and freedom

My steadfast love my deep and boundless peace

To this I hold my hope is only Jesus

For my life is wholly bound to His

Oh how strange and divine I can sing all is mine

Yet not I but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken
For by my side the Saviour He will stay
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need His power is displayed

*To this I hold my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley He will lead
Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome
Yet not I but through Christ in me*

No fate I dread I know I am forgiven
The future sure the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And He was raised to overthrow the grave

*To this I hold my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released I can sing I am free
Yet not I but through Christ in me*

With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For He has said that he will bring me home
And day by day I know he will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne

*To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to Him
When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me*

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Yet not I but through Christ in me
Yet not I but through Christ in me

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We Listen for God's Word

Children's Time

Prayer for Illumination

Clare Mezes

Scripture Readings:

Choral Psalm Sentence

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 118:1-9

Alireza Taghizadeh

¹ O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his steadfast love endures forever!

² **Let Israel say,**
“**His steadfast love endures forever.**”

³ Let the house of Aaron say,
“His steadfast love endures forever.”

⁴ **Let those who fear the Lord say,**
“**His steadfast love endures forever.**”

⁵ Out of my distress I called on the Lord;
the Lord answered me and set me in a broad place.

⁶ **With the Lord on my side I do not fear.
What can mortals do to me?**

⁷ The Lord is on my side to help me;
I shall look in triumph on those who hate me.

⁸ **It is better to take refuge in the Lord
than to put confidence in mortals.**

⁹ It is better to take refuge in the Lord
than to put confidence in princes.

Old Testament: Isaiah 55:1-9

OT p. 685

New Testament: 1 Timothy 1:1-2
Luke 18:9-14

NT p. 207
NT p. 81

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Choir Anthem: Forever, with A Mighty Fortress Luther/Tomlin/Schrader

Sermon:

Ecclesia Reformata et Semper Reformanda Secundum Verbum Dei

**(The Church Reformed and Always Being Reformed In
Accordance With the Word of God)**

Rev. Dr. Victor Shepherd

*Hymn: *I know not why such wondrous grace*

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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: *A mighty fortress is our God*

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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: A Mighty Fortress is Our God

Jan Bender (1909-94)

**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. For small children, we have a nursery in the Christian Education wing where the service can still be heard. Our ushers are available to assist you. Children must be accompanied by an adult relative.**

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.



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.

You are invited to Dan's Sing Sessions!

The last Sunday of the month, from July until December.

In Fellowship Hall 15 minutes after service end.

What?

Enjoy 30 minutes of instruction by Dan plus Psalm, Hymn, and Spiritual Song singing.

Next Sing Session: 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.

Ships Ahoy!



Rev. Heather is away with family on a vacation for the last week of her holidays. She will be returning to the office on October 30.

The Rev. Matthew Sams will provide emergency pastoral care. If you have an emergency, contact our Session Clerk, Sheila Gault (905) 751-6568.

Welcome Back!

Today we welcome The Rev. Dr. Victor Shepherd to our pulpit. Victor and his wife Maureen are no strangers to our congregation. Please take time in the coffee hour to welcome them back to TPC.

Markham Prayer Breakfast

This annual event will be held on Friday, November 24th at Angus Glen Golf Club (10800 Kennedy Road), starting at 7:00 AM. The speaker will be The Right Honourable David Johnston, the former Governor-General of Canada, and music will be provided by Vanessa Hernandez. It will be a very inspiring morning. Tickets are available from Lorraine McBride at a cost of \$45 per person. Phone (905) 737-0735 or email lorrynemcb@gmail.com.

New Members!

We will be soon receiving new members into our church family. If you are not a member and wish to become one, please speak with Rev. Heather. A brief membership class will be offered to those who wish to learn about the faith.



**Become
Part of
Our
Church
Family**

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UPCOMING WEEK'S EVENTS AT A GLANCE

Sunday October 29, 2023

9:45 – 10:30 am

Sunday Morning Discovery – Conference Room

11:00 am

Worship Service – Reformation Sunday

Tuesday October 31, 2023

10:00 – 12:00 pm

ESL Classes in the Fellowship Hall & Conference Room

Sunday November 5, 2023

9:45 – 10:30 am

Sunday Morning Discovery – Conference Room

11:00 am

Worship Service – All Saints' Day/Remembrance Day



Thornhill Christmas Assistance (CAP)

The Thornhill Christmas Assistance Program was started by local churches in Thornhill thirty years ago to provide assistance to those in need.

It is through community cooperation that we are able to support individuals and families who struggle to make ends meet.

Most importantly, this program gives all of us an opportunity to think locally and serve others in an important way.

Historically, TPC has been a generous supporter of CAP.

We are, once again, inviting you to continue in this important outreach ministry.

You can assist by donating before Friday, December 1.

You may use one of the methods outlined in the "Weekly Offerings and Gifts" section of the bulletin.

Please mark "Christmas Assistance Program" on your donation so it can be transferred to the appropriate account.

Your donation will be used to purchase gift cards for grocery stores and Walmart which will be distributed to Thornhill families who live below the poverty line.

The Thornhill Christmas Assistance Program is supported by Churches in our community.

Although we are a Christian based program, we assist people in need in Thornhill, without consideration of religious belief or practice



Fundraiser Concert, Raffle and Silent Auction November 18, 2023 - 7:00 pm

TPC is pleased to be hosting a fundraising event in support of the Thornhill Ministerial Association's Christmas Assistance Program.

If you like popular music, you are going to love The Craig McRae Band, including our own Martin and Judy Chen.

The evening will include a concert, dessert & coffee, raffles, and a Silent Auction.

Tickets (\$15.00) will be available after church today.

Donations for the Silent Auction would be gratefully accepted.

For more information, please contact either Sharon Miron at sharonmiron24@gmail.com or Lorraine McBride at lorrainemcb@gmail.com.



The Mission & Outreach Committee is excited to be launching a new initiative this fall. We have become aware that there may be those within our church community who are experiencing food insecurity.

Thanks to the incredible support of the congregation, we have created a well-stocked pantry cupboard from which people may help themselves to food or household items that they need.

The pantry cupboard is located in the back hallway, directly across from the Chapel. Shopping bags are provided.

Donations will be needed on an on-going basis and may be dropped off at the Pantry Table at the entrance of the church each Sunday morning.

We know we can count on your support.

Shopping bags with a listing of suggested items for donation are available at the Welcome Desk.

This project is on a trial basis. Presently the pantry will be open Sunday mornings after worship. The committee will keep the congregation updated.

Financial Update – Thornhill Presbyterian Church

The table below represents
TPC's Income and Expenses
year-to-date (YTD) as of September 30, 2023

	YTD as of September 30th 2023
Donations	\$229,666
Rental Income	\$35,581
Total Income	\$265,247
Total Expenses	\$278,166
Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$12,901)

Donations are strong and tracking well versus the (YTD) budget amount of \$207,263. Rental Income is tracking behind the YTD budget amount of \$65,925.

Expenses are tracking very close to budget after quarter three.

The Board of Managers will continue to keep expenses in check where possible to reduce the budget deficit by year end.

Bob Gargano
Treasurer, TPC
treasurer@tpchurch.net

Hymn

The church's one foundation

The church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ our Lord;
we are his new creation
by water and the word;
from heaven he came and sought us
that we might ever be
his living servant people,
by his own death set free.

Called forth from every nation,
yet one o'er all the earth,
our charter of salvation,
one Lord, one faith, one birth,
one holy name professing
and at one table fed,
to one hope we are pressing,
by Christ's own Spirit led.

Though with a scornful wonder
the world sees us oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder,
by heresies distressed,
yet saints their watch are keeping;
their cry goes up, 'How long?'
But soon the night of weeping
shall be the morn of song.

'Mid toil and tribulation,
and tumult of our war,
we wait the consummation
of peace forevermore;
till with the vision glorious
our longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious
shall be the church at rest.

Continued....

We now on earth have union
with God the Three-in-One,
and share, through faith, communion
with those whose rest is won,
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we,
like them, the meek and lowly,
on high may dwell with thee.

Hymn

I know not why such wondrous grace

I know not why such wondrous grace
to me God has made known;
nor why, unworthy as I am,
Christ claimed me for his own,

Refrain:

*but I know whom I have believed
and am persuaded that Christ is able
to keep that which I've committed
unto him against that day.*

I know not why this saving faith
to me God did impart,
nor how believing in the word
Brought peace into my heart,

(Refrain)

I know not how the Spirit moves,
convincing me of sin,
revealing Jesus through the word,
creating faith in him:

(Refrain)

Hymn

A mighty fortress is our God

A mighty fortress is our God,
a refuge never failing,
our helper sure amid the flood
of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe
yet seeks to work us woe
with craft and power great,
and armed with cruel hate,
on earth has not an equal.

Did we in our own strength confide,
our striving would be losing,
were not a Saviour on our side,
the One of God's own choosing.
Who is this Saviour, who?
Christ Jesus, living, true.
Lord Sabbath by name,
from age to age the same,
already wins the battle.

And though this world, with evil filled,
should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God has willed
the truth to triumph through us:
the powers of death and hell
our God will surely quell:
their rage we can endure,
for look! their doom is sure:
one little word will fell them.

That Word above all earthly powers —
no thanks to them! — abiding,
ensures that all God's gifts are ours,
through Christ in us residing,
whose summons rings above
all goods, all earthly love.
Earth's powers waste away;
God's word endures always,
whose reign will last forever.