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

Sunday October 1, 2023
Worldwide Communion Sunday

We Prepare for Worship

Praise Band

Preparing our Hearts

I am the Bread of Life... John 6:35

Organ Prelude: *Lord, Make Us an Instrument of Peace*

("Dickinson College") Peter Hurford (1930-2019)

*Processional Hymn:

I come with joy

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Welcome and Community Life News

We Worship God

The Call to Worship

Grace Girard

L: The banqueting table is prepared, and God calls us to the feast.

**P: We have come from east and west, from north and south,
to sit at Christ's table.**

L: Here compassion, love, and grace pour out like fine wine.

P: Here we taste the bread of life, bread for our journey.

L: There are gifts of God for all the people of God.

P: Let us taste and see that the Lord is good!

L: Let us Worship God!

Choir Introit: *We Have Gathered*

Stan Pethel (b. 1950)

Gathering Prayer (unison)

God of mercy: We will not find that needed justice in our apathy;

we will not find that elusive wholeness with our quarrelling;

we will not find our hoped-for unity with our doctrines;

we will not find our misplaced love with our hating;

we will not find that rest we crave in our overflowing planners;

we will not find the peace you offer in our well nursed grudges.

For these we ask forgiveness.

But we will find you in the brokenness of the Bread.

We will find you when we drain the Cup,

refill it with our gifts, and offer it to a the stranger;

we will find you when we squeeze closer together,

making room at the Table for all your people.

In Christ we pray. Amen.

The Assurance of Pardon

Minister: The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

*Praise Time: ***Nothing but the Blood***

Your blood speaks a better word
Than all the empty claims
I've heard upon this earth
Speaks righteousness for me
And stand in my defense
Jesus it's Your blood

*What can wash away our sins?
What can make us whole again?
Nothing but the blood
Nothing but the blood of Jesus*

*What can wash us pure as snow
Welcomed as the friends of God?
Nothing but Your blood
Nothing but Your blood, King Jesus*

Your cross testifies in grace
Tells of the Father's heart
To make a way for us
Now boldly we approach
Not earthly confidence
It's only in Your blood

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REPEAT LAST TWO CHORUSES

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We Listen for God's Word

Children's Time

Prayer for Illumination

Garth Low

Scripture Readings:

Choral Psalm Sentence

Peter Hallock (1924-2014)

Responsive Psalm 25:1-10

1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

**2 O my God, in you I trust;
do not let me be put to shame;
do not let my enemies exult over me.**

3 Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame;
let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

**4 Make me to know your ways, O Lord;
teach me your paths.**

5 Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
for you I wait all day long.

**6 Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.**

7 Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;
according to your steadfast love remember me,
for the sake of your goodness, O Lord!

**8 Good and upright is the Lord;
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.**

9 He leads the humble in what is right
and teaches the humble his way.

**10 All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness,
for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.**

Gospel Reading: John 6:25-35

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Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem: Prayer of St. Francis

Owen Lay

Sermon: Hungry No More

Rev. Dr H. Vais

We Respond to God's Word

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. AMEN

Prayers of the People

Invitation to the Table

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

*Doxology

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Dedication of Offering and Elements

*Communion Hymn: *One bread, one body*

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The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The prayer opens with thanksgiving for creation and for God's mighty acts throughout salvation history.

The people join in the ancient song after these or similar words:

... we join with the whole creation to lift our hearts in joyful praise.

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Prayers of thanksgiving continue for the work of Jesus Christ, his life, death, and resurrection and for the institution of the Lord's Supper. The people are invited to "proclaim the mystery of faith:"

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Thanksgiving continues for the gift of the Holy Spirit. The presence of the Holy Spirit is invoked followed by a doxology and

the people say: **Amen.**

As our Lord taught us, we now pray:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done
On earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread and
forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory
Forever. Amen**

The Breaking of the Bread

Distribution of the Elements

(If you are able, please come forward to receive the Sacrament.

Communion will be brought to those who remain seated and signal the Elder.)

Hymn during Communion

Eat this bread

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Prayer after Communion

*Closing Hymn:

Sent forth by your blessing

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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: Agincourt Hymn/Deo gratias Anglia John Dunstable (1390-1453) arr. E. Power Biggs (1906-77)

** if you are able, please stand*

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.**

Thank you to those who are assisting in today's service.

*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!*

There is no Sunday School today.

Children will remain in church
and receive Communion with their families.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

We invite all who profess Jesus as Lord
to receive the Sacrament.



This morning we will be inviting you to come
forward to receive the Sacrament.

If you have mobility challenges, please advise
an elder and we will bring communion to you.

Breads of the World

Today is Worldwide Communion Sunday.

Together we celebrate the Lord's Supper
with Christians all around the world.

Thank you to all who provided breads from around the world.

These breads are symbols of the many different peoples
within the family of God.

We will be sharing these breads at the coffee hour today!

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.



The 2023 **Thanksgiving** Edition of the
"The Open Door" is available today.

Please pick your copy up in the foyer.

Thank you to all who contributed to the newsletter.

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UPCOMING WEEK'S EVENTS AT A GLANCE

Sunday October 1, 2023

9:45 – 10:30 am Sunday Morning Discovery in the Conference Room

11:00 am Worship Service – World Communion Sunday –

Tuesday October 3, 2023

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

Sunday October 8, 2023

9:45 – 10:30 am Sunday Morning Discovery in the Conference Room

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!*

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.

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

With Thanks

Many thanks to those who reached out to assist the
young family who found themselves without jobs or
affordable housing.

Because of the generous support and prayers of our
TPC family, they have begun to find some stability in
their situation.

Please continue to hold them in your prayers as they
endeavour to find permanent housing.

God bless you all.



TPC Community Pantry

The Mission and 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.

We would like to lend a helping hand and need YOUR help.

We will be creating a pantry cupboard from which people may help themselves to food or household items that they need.

The cupboard will be open every Sunday following worship, starting October 22nd.

Shopping bags are available at the Welcome Desk.

We are asking you to consider picking one up, shopping for some non-perishable food or household items and bringing your loaded shopping bag with you to worship on Sunday, October 22 or any Sunday after that.

Donations will be needed on an on-going basis.

We know we can count on your support.

Donated items must be within the best before date, not expired and unopened. Here are some suggestions for items to buy:

**Boxed cereal, Peanut Butter, Jam
Canned fruit, Canned vegetables, Canned soup
Canned meat, fish, and stew
Pasta, Pasta Sauce, Rice
Instant coffee, Tea, Juice
Toothbrushes, Toothpaste
Bar soap, Toilet Paper, Dish soap...etc.**

Hymn

I come with joy

I come with joy, a child of God,
forgiven, loved and free,
the life of Jesus to recall
in love laid down for me, in love, laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love,
in Christ's communion bread, in Christ's
communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,
each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one,
and strangers now are friends, and strangers now
are friends.

The Spirit of the risen Christ,
unseen, but ever near,
is in such friendship better known,
alive among us here, alive among us here.

Together met, together bound
by all that God has done,
we'll go with joy, to give the world
the love that makes us one, the love that makes us
one.

Hymn

One bread, one body

One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many, throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.

Gentile or Jew, servant or free,
woman or man no more.
One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many, throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.

Many the gifts, many the works,
one in the Lord of all.
One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many, throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.

Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,
gathered to one for all.
One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many, throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.

Fruit of the vine, gathered and crushed,
poured out and blest for all.
One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many, throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.

Hymn
Eat this bread

Eat this bread, Drink this cup
Come to him and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, Drink this cup,
Trust in him and you will not thirst.

Hymn
Sent forth by your blessing

Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,
the people of God from his dwelling take leave.

The service is ended; oh, now be extended
the fruits of our worship in all who believe.

The seed of his teaching, receptive souls reaching,
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.

His grace did invite us; his love shall unite us
to work for God's kingdom and answer his call.

With praise and thanksgiving to you ever living,
The tasks of our ev'ry day life we will face,

Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,
Embracing your children of each tribe and race.

With your feast you feed us; with your light now lead us.
Unite us as one in this life that we share.

Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving,
Give honor to Christ and his name that we bear.