



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

Sunday October 8, 2023

Thanksgiving Sunday

We Prepare for Worship

Praise Band

Preparing our Hearts

Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart in the company of the upright, in the congregation. (Ps. 111:1)

Prelude: *Harvest Pastorale* Heinrich von Herzogenberg (1843-1900)

*Processional Hymn: *Come, ye thankful people, come* #803

Welcome and Community Life News

We Worship God

The Call to Worship

Arshida Taghizadeh

L: Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD;

P: let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

L: Let us come before him with thanksgiving

P: and extol him with music and song.

L: Let us Worship God!

Choir Introit: *Give God Thanks*

Lloyd Larson

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

A Musical Tour of Biblical Thanksgiving

Rev. Dr. H Vais

Introduction

*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.

David – Giving thanks in victories and challenges

Choral Psalm Sentence

Psalm 138: *A Psalm of David*

Alireza Taghizadeh

1 I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart;
before the gods I sing your praise;

2 I bow down toward your holy temple

**and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and
your faithfulness,**

**for you have exalted your name and your word
above everything.**

3 On the day I called, you answered me;
you increased my strength of soul.

**4 All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O LORD,
for they have heard the words of your mouth.**

5 They shall sing of the ways of the LORD,
for great is the glory of the LORD.

**6 For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly,
but the haughty he perceives from far away.**

7 Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies;
you stretch out your hand,
and your right hand delivers me.

**8 The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me;
your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever.
Do not forsake the work of your hands.**

2 Samuel 22:3-7; 50

George Meek

*Hymn

When the spirit of the Lord moves in my soul

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Hannah – Giving thanks to God for meeting our deepest needs.

1 Samuel 2:1-10

Clare Mezes

*Hymn: Rejoice today with one accord (vv 1-2)

1 Rejoice today with one accord,
sing out with exultation;
rejoice and praise our mighty Lord,
whose arm hath brought salvation.

His works of love proclaim
the greatness of his name;
for he is God alone,
who hath his mercy shown:
let all his saints adore him!

2 When in distress to him we cried

he heard our sad complaining;
O trust in him. what'er betide,
his love is all-sustaining.
Triumphant songs of praise
to him our hearts shall raise:
now every voice shall say,
"O praise our God always";
let all his saints adore him!

Moses and Miriam: Giving thanks with Joy and Praise

Exodus 15:1-5; 11-12; 18-21

Garth Low

*Hymn: Praise ye the Lord

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Mary and Elizabeth - Gratitude that God uses us for God's purposes

Luke 1:26-38

Judy Chen

Solo – My soul proclaims the greatness of God

The Leper who Returned to Give Thanks

Luke 17:11-19

Jessica Chapman

Praise Song: **Blessed be Your Name**

Blessed be Your name, in the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow, blessed be Your name
Blessed be Your name when I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness, blessed be Your name
Every blessing You pour out, I'll turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in Lord, still I will say

*Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your glorious name*

Blessed be Your name when the sun's shining down on me
When the world's "all as it should be", blessed be Your name
Blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering, blessed be Your name
Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say

*Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your glorious name ...X2*

**You give and take away, You give and take away
My heart will choose to say, Lord, blessed be Your name
You give and take away, You give and take away
My heart will choose to say, Lord, blessed be Your name**

*Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your glorious name ...X2*

Paul – The Apostle of Gratitude

Philippians 4:1-6

Rev. Dr. H. Vais

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Colossians 3:16

Hebrews 12:28-29

*Hymn: Rejoice in the Lord

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Jesus – Sacrificial Gratitude

Luke 22:7-19

Clare Mezes

Choir Anthem: Now thank we all our God Johann S. Bach (1685-1750)

We Respond to God's Word

Thanksgiving Prayer

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

*Doxology

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Dedication of Offering

*Closing Hymn: We plough the fields and scatter

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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: Now Thank We All Our God Paul Manz (1919-2009)

**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!*

There is no Sunday School today.

Children will remain in church
with their families.

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

Nursery Update

The Christian Education Committee and Sunday School are finalizing arrangements for our new nursery. There is a room located in the CE wing for parents to bring their preschool or younger children. Each child must be accompanied by an adult relative.

Please speak to an usher or member of the
Sunday School staff for information.

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The Open Door

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.

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**

UPCOMING WEEK'S EVENTS AT A GLANCE

Sunday October 8, 2023

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

11:00 am Worship Service – Thanksgiving Day!

Tuesday October 10, 2023

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

Sunday October 15, 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 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

Come, ye thankful people, come

Come, ye thankful people, come,
raise the song of harvest home;
all is safely gathered in,
ere the winter storms begin;
God, our Maker, doth provide
for our wants to be supplied.
Come, to God's own temple, come:
raise the song of harvest home.

All the world is God's own field,
fruit unto God's praise to yield;
wheat and weeds together sown,
unto joy or sorrow grown;
first the blade and then the ear,
then the full corn shall appear.
Lord of harvest, grant that we
wholesome grain and pure may be.

For the Lord our God shall come
and shall take the harvest home;
from the field shall in that day
all offences purge away,
give the angels charge at last
in the fire the tares to cast,
but the fruitful ears to store
in God's storehouse evermore.

Even so, Lord, quickly come
to thy final harvest home:
gather thou thy people in,
free from sorrow, free from sin;
there, forever purified,
in thy presence to abide.
Come, with all thine angels, come:
raise the glorious harvest home.

Hymn

When the spirit of the Lord moves in my soul

When the Spirit of the Lord moves in my soul,
like David the shepherd, I sing. **(2x)**
I sing, I sing, like David the shepherd, I sing. **(2x)**

When the Spirit of the Lord moves in my soul,
like David the sinner, I pray. **(2x)**
I pray, I pray, like David the sinner, I pray. **(2x)**

When the Spirit of the Lord moves in my soul,
like David the victor, I dance. **(2x)**
I dance, I dance, like David the victor, I dance. **(2x)**

When the Spirit of the Lord moves in my soul,
like David the poet, I praise. **(2x)**
I praise, I praise, like David the poet, I praise. **(2x)**

Hymn

Praise ye the Lord

Refrain:

Praise ye the Lord, hallelujah!
Everybody praise the Lord.

Praise God with the sound of trumpet;
praise God with the lute and harp;
praise God with timbrel and dancing;
praise God wherever you are.

(Refrain)

Praise God with holy cymbals;
praise God with strings and with pipes;
praise God with clashing cymbals;
praise God with all of your might.

(Refrain)

Praise God in the holy temple;
praise God for almighty deeds;
praise God for those bountiful mercies;
for God fulfils our needs.

(Refrain)

Praise God on top of the mountains;
praise God both day and night;
praise God down in the low valleys;
praise God because it's all right.

Hymn

Rejoice in the Lord

Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say, Rejoice!
Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say, Rejoice!
Rejoice! Rejoice! And again I say, Rejoice!
Rejoice! Rejoice! And again I say, Rejoice! **X3**

Hymn

We plough the fields and scatter

We plough the fields and scatter
the good seed on the land,
but it is fed and watered
by God's almighty hand:
you send the snow in winter,
the warmth to swell the grain,
the breezes and the sunshine,
and soft refreshing rain.

Refrain:

*All good gifts around us
are sent from heaven above;
we thank you, Lord,
we thank you, Lord
for all your love.*

You only are the Maker
of all things near and far;
you paint the wayside flower,
you light the evening star;
the winds and waves obey you;
by you the birds are fed;
much more to us, your children,
you give our daily bread.

(Refrain)

We thank you, our provider,
for all things bright and good,
the seedtime and the harvest,
our life, our health, our food.
No gifts have we to offer
for all your love imparts,
but that which you most welcome:
our humble, thankful hearts.

(Refrain)