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

Sunday November 12, 2023

We Prepare for Worship

Praise Band

Preparing our Hearts

Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong.

1 Cor. 16:13

Prelude: Like As the Rain and Snow Fall from Heaven

Johann S. Bach (1685-1750)

*Processional Hymn: *Praise the Lord with the sound of trumpet* #466

Welcome and Community Life News

We Worship God

The Call to Worship

Mason Girard

L.: God of all times and places, we gather to worship you.

P: We turn our eyes to you and rejoice in your presence.

L.: God of all life and love, we gather to sing your praise.

P: We turn our eyes to you and marvel at your power and your promise.

L.: God of all wisdom and wonder, we gather to learn from your Son.

P: We turn our eyes toward Christ and wait for your Word to lead us.

L: Let us worship God.

Choir Introit: Faithful is God

Joseph Martin (b. 1959)

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: **The Lord is By My Side**

I know my Shepherd gives me peace

The Lord is by my side

For every day He walks with me

The Lord is by my side

The Lord is by my side

Forever by my side

*His hope His strength His peace is mine
The Lord is by my side*

I know my Shepherd gives me strength

The Lord is by my side

For I am small and He is great

The Lord is by my side

The Lord is by my side

Forever by my side

His hope His strength His peace is mine

The Lord is by my side

I know my Shepherd gives me hope

The Lord is by my side

For He will lead me safely home

The Lord is by my side

The Lord is by my side

Forever by my side

His hope His strength His peace is mine

The Lord is by my side

And when I look back I will surely see

Your goodness and love they have followed me

For when I look back I will surely see

My Shepherd has laid down His life for me

REPEAT

The Lord is by my side

Forever by my side

His hope His strength His peace is mine

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REPEAT

Words & music by C. Buchanan, J. Ferguson, J. Robinson & R. Thompson

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We Listen for God's Word

Children's Time

Prayer for Illumination

Zhenyi Li

Scripture Reading: Matthew 25:1-13

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Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: The Parable of the Ten Bridesmaids

Rev. Dr. H. Vais

*Hymn: *Give me oil in my lamp*

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We Respond to God's Word

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Intercession

Anthem: Deep Peace

Bill Douglas (b. 1944)

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

*Doxology

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Dedication of Offering

*Closing Hymn: *Lord, dismiss us with 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: Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent Gordon Young (1919-98)

** 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. 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!*



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.**

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

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.



The 2024 Presbyterian Wall calendars

have been ordered and can be purchased for \$10.00 each.

Proceeds of sales will go towards the Youth Fund.

Please reserve yours today by calling your Administrator Nadine or Rev. Heather.



Happy Birthday to Eleen Smith who is celebrating a milestone birthday TODAY!
May God bless you, Eleen.

The Book Club is seeking new members

Here is a chance to share the love of reading for pleasure and build new friendships through discussions that often lead to new perspectives and understanding.

We are a small, friendly group who meet via Zoom on the last Thursday of each month.

Our discussions are fun and light-hearted not overly scholarly.

If you are looking for an excuse to read one new book per month give us a try.

For more information contact

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This month's book is My Grandmother sends her Regards and Apologies by Fredrik Bachman

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UPCOMING WEEK'S EVENTS AT A GLANCE

Sunday November 12, 2023

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

11:00 am Worship Service

Tuesday November 14, 2023

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

7:30 pm Session Meeting – Zoom

Saturday November 18, 2023

7:00 pm Christmas Assistance Program Fundraiser – Fellowship Hall

Sunday November 19, 2023

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

11:00 am Worship Service

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: 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.

The Open Door

The deadline for the next issue of our congregational newsletter,
"The Open Door" is Monday November 27th.

We invite people to submit one or two sentences on their favourite
Christmas carol to Garth Low at garth.low@garthlow.com.

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



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

Come out for a fun time on Saturday, November 18.

Enjoy great music, delicious desserts, and support a wonderful cause through 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 grateful for the incredible response from the congregation to our launch of the TPC Community Pantry.

Thanks to your support, we now have a well-stocked pantry cupboard full of non-perishable food items (even candy), household items, toiletries, and health care products.

In fact, the pantry is so full, that **we are asking for a temporary suspension of donations.**

The pantry cupboard is located in the back hallway, directly across from the Chapel and is open from 10:30 am onwards each Sunday morning. If you, or someone you know, might need a helping hand, please visit the pantry cupboard and select from the many products available there.

Shopping bags are provided.

Please help us make this a meaningful ministry.

This project is on a trial basis. The committee will keep the congregation updated regarding any changes to pantry availability.

Hymn

Praise the Lord with the sound of trumpet

Praise the Lord with the sound of trumpet,
praise the Lord with the harp and lute,
praise the Lord with the gentle-sounding flute.
Praise the Lord in the field and forest,
praise the Lord in the city square,
praise the Lord anytime and anywhere.
Praise the Lord in the wind and sunshine,
praise the Lord in the dark of night,
praise the Lord in the rain or snow, or in the morning light.
Praise the Lord in the deepest valley,
praise the Lord on the highest hill,
praise the Lord; never let your voice be still.

Praise the Lord with the crashing cymbal,
praise the Lord with the pipe and string,
praise the Lord with the joyful songs you sing.
Praise the Lord on a weekday morning,
praise the Lord on a Sunday noon,
praise the Lord by the light of sun or moon.
Praise the Lord in the time of sorrow,
praise the Lord in the time of joy,
praise the Lord every moment;
nothing let your praise destroy.
Praise the Lord in the peace and quiet,
praise the Lord in your work and play,
praise the Lord everywhere in every way.

Hymn

Give me oil in my lamp

Give me oil in my lamp; keep me burning;
give me oil in my lamp, I pray.
Give me oil in my lamp; keep me burning;
keep me burning till the break of day.

Refrain:

Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
sing hosanna to the Servant King;
sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
sing hosanna, let us sing!

Give me joy in my heart; keep me praising;
give me joy in my heart, I pray.
Give me joy in my heart; keep me praising;
keep me praising till the break of day.

(Refrain)

Give me peace in my heart; keep me loving;
give me peace in my heart, I pray.
Give me peace in my heart; keep me loving;
keep me loving till the break of day.

(Refrain)

Give me love in my heart; keep me serving;
give me love in my heart, I pray.
Give me love in my heart; keep me serving;
keep me serving till the break of day.

(Refrain)

Hymn

Lord, dismiss us with your blessing

Lord, dismiss us with your blessing;
fill our hearts with joy and peace;
let us each, your love possessing,
triumph in redeeming grace.
Oh refresh us, oh refresh us,
traveling through life's wilderness.

We give thanks and adoration
for your gospel's joyful sound;
may the fruits of your salvation
in our hearts and lives abound.
May your presence, may your presence
with us evermore be found,

so that when your love shall call us,
Saviour, from the world away,
fear of death shall not appall us,
glad your summons to obey.
May we ever, may we ever
live in you in endless day.