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

Sunday November 19, 2023

We Prepare for Worship

Praise Band

Preparing our Hearts

Watch therefore: for you know not what hour your Lord does come.

Matthew 24:42

Prelude: Trumpet Voluntary in D

John Bennett (1735-84)

*Processional Hymn: *Thy kingdom come—on bended knee* #784

Welcome and Community Life News

We Worship God

The Call to Worship

Arshida Taghizadeh

L.: How shall we enter the house of the Lord?

P: With songs of great praise and rejoicing!

L.: How shall we prepare ourselves to receive the blessings?

P: With hearts, minds, and spirits that are open.

L.: Come, let us worship the Lord and bow down.

P: Let us offer our praise to God who has redeemed us. AMEN.

Choir Introit: Make a Joyful Noise

Allen Pote (b. 1945)

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: **Give Us Clean Hands**

We bow our hearts, we bend our knees

Oh Spirit, come make us humble

We turn our eyes from evil things

Oh Lord, we cast down our idols

Give us clean hands, give us pure hearts

Let us not lift our souls to another

Give us clean hands, give us pure hearts

Let us not lift our souls to another

Refrain:

Oh God let us be, a generation that seeks

**That seeks Your face oh God of Jacob
Oh God let us be, a generation that seeks
That seeks Your face oh God of Jacob**

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Oh Spirit, come make us humble
We turn our eyes from evil things
Oh Lord, we cast down our idols

*Give us clean hands, give us pure hearts
Let us not lift our souls to another
Give us clean hands, give us pure hearts
Let us not lift our souls to another*

(Refrain X2)

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We Listen for God's Word

Children's Time

Prayer for Illumination

Deborah Kerner

Scripture Readings:

Choral Psalm Sentence

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 91

Sam Nogueron

- ¹ You who live in the shelter of the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,
- ² **will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress;
my God, in whom I trust."**
- ³ For he will deliver you from the snare of the hunter
and from the deadly pestilence;
- ⁴ **he will cover you with his pinions,
and under his wings you will find refuge;
his faithfulness is a shield and defense.**
- ⁵ You will not fear the terror of the night
or the arrow that flies by day
- ⁶ **or the pestilence that stalks in darkness
or the destruction that wastes at noonday.**
- ⁷ A thousand may fall at your side,
ten thousand at your right hand,
but it will not come near you.
- ⁸ **You will only look with your eyes
and see the punishment of the wicked.**
- ⁹ Because you have made the LORD your refuge,
the Most High your dwelling place,
- ¹⁰ **no evil shall befall you,
no scourge come near your tent.**

¹¹ For he will command his angels concerning you
to guard you in all your ways.

¹² **On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.**

¹³ You will tread on the lion and the adder;
the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot.

¹⁴ **Those who love me, I will deliver;
I will protect those who know my name.**

¹⁵ When they call to me, I will answer them;
I will be with them in trouble;
I will rescue them and honor them.

¹⁶ **With long life I will satisfy them
and show them my salvation.**

New Testament: Matthew 25:14-30

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Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem: Hallelujah

Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827)

Sermon: Risky Business

Rev. Dr. H. Vais

*Hymn: *This little light of mine*

This little light of mine,
I'm going to let it shine, oh
This little light of mine,
I'm going to let it shine.
This little light of mine,
I'm going to let it shine,
Let it shine, all the time, let it shine.

All around the neighborhood,
I'm going to let it shine, oh...
All around the neighborhood,
I'm going to let it shine.
All around the neighborhood,
I'm going to let it shine,
Let it shine, all the time, let it shine.

Hide it under a bushel? No! [shout!]
I'm going to let it shine, oh...
Hide it under a bushel? No! [shout!]
I'm going to let it shine.
Hide it under a bushel? No! [shout!]
I'm going to let it shine,
Let it shine, all the time, let it shine.

Don't let Satan [blow] it out!
I'm going to let it shine, oh...
Don't let Satan [blow] it out!

I'm going to let it shine.
Don't let Satan [blow] it out!
I'm going to let it shine,
Let it shine, all the time, let it shine.

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:

Lord of light, whose name and splendour

#769

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: Allegretto in Bb

Robert Powell (b. 1932)

**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!*

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.**

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 lorrainemcb@gmail.com.

New Members!

We will be receiving new members into our church family on Sunday December 3rd. 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 November 19, 2023

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

11:00 am Worship Service

Tuesday November 21, 2023

10:00 – 12:00 pm ESL Classes - CANCELLED

Sunday November 26, 2023

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

11:00 AM Worship Service followed by Dan's Sing Session

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 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.



TPC's Annual Congregational Christmas Dinner!

Come share the joys of the Christmas season with us and spread
some cheer! We will gather on **Saturday December 9th at 5:30pm**
for a Congregational Christmas dinner,

The meal, provided by the Congregational Life Committee,
will feature turkey pot pies for a suggested donation of \$10.

Anyone is welcome to bring a dessert.

Sign up at the table in the lobby.



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)

Thank you to all who attended our fundraising concert and auction on Saturday. We had an excellent turnout, and a lot of fun was had by all.

Much money was raised to support this important community outreach.

You can still 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.

Thank you for making a difference.



The Mission & Outreach Committee is grateful for the incredible response from the congregation to our launch of the TPC Community Pantry.

Presently the pantry is full, and **we are asking for a temporary suspension of donations.**

The pantry is for anyone who has need in these challenging economic times.

If you or someone you know needs something, 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.

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

Thanks to everyone for making this possible!



Hey Junior Youth Kids
and Teens!

We are so excited for the
Christmas Pageant
on **Sunday December 17!**

On Saturday December 16th

We are having a

Pageant Practice
& Pizza Party!

After our rehearsals, there will be
games for the Junior Youth
and activities for the Teens!



For everyone involved in the pageant
Come at 5:00 p.m.

If you are not involved in the service but would like
to be, speak with Rev. Heather.

Even still, ALL YOUTH are invited for
Pizza, snacks, and Games Night
From 6:00 to 8:30

There will be other activities for the Teens.

You would have received an email.

Please let Rev. Heather, Abel or Amy
know if you can come.

Hope to see you all there!

Hymn

Thy kingdom come—on bended knee

Thy kingdom come - on bended knee
the passing ages pray,
and faithful souls have yearned to see
on earth that kingdom's day.

But the slow watches of the night
not less to God belong,
and for the everlasting right
the silent stars are strong.

And lo! already on the hills
the flags of dawn appear;
gird up your loins, O prophet souls;
proclaim the day is near:

the day in whose clear shining light
all wrong shall stand revealed,
when justice shall be clothed with might,
and every hurt be healed,

when knowledge, hand in hand with peace,
shall walk the earth abroad,
the day of perfect righteousness,
the promised day of God.

Hymn

Lord of light, whose name and splendour

Lord of light, whose name and splendour
far outshine the suns of space,
deign to make us your coworkers
in the kingdom of your grace;
use us to fulfil your purpose
in the gift of Christ your Son:
Abba, as in highest heaven
so on earth your will be done.

By the faithfulness of workers
serving you in every field;
by the courage where the radiance
of the cross is still revealed;
by the victories of meekness,
through reproach and suffering won:
Abba, as in highest heaven
so on earth your will be done.

Grant that knowledge, still increasing,
at your feet might humbly kneel;
with your grace our triumphs hallow,
with your charity our zeal;
lift all nations from the shadows
to the gladness of the sun:
Abba, as in highest heaven
so on earth your will be done.

By prayers of faithful watchers,
never silent day or night;
by the cross of Jesus bringing
peace to all, and healing light;
by the love that passes knowledge,
making all your children one:
Abba, as in highest heaven
so on earth your will be done.