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

Sunday November 26, 2023

Christ the King Sunday

We Prepare for Worship

Praise Band

Preparing our Hearts

*The Lord will be king over the whole earth. On that day there will be one Lord,
and his name the only name.* *Zechariah 14:9*

Prelude: Fanfare for Organ

Richard Proulx (1937-2010)

*Processional Hymn: *All hail the power of Jesus' name*

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Welcome and Community Life News

We Worship God

The Call to Worship

Yoelle Cho

L.: The Lord is the first and the last, our beginning and our end.

**P: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord our God, who was and is, and is
to come.**

**All: Blessing and honour, glory and majesty be to our God, now
and evermore.**

L.: Let us worship God.

Choir Introit: Sing to the Lord--in the style of Vivaldi Hal Hopson (b. 1932)

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: **Goodness of God**

I love You Lord, Oh Your mercy never fails me
All my days, I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up, until I lay my head
I will sing of the goodness of God

*All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God*

I love Your voice, You have led me through the fire
In darkest night, You are close like no other

I've known You as a father, I've known You as a friend
I have lived in the goodness of God

*All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God*

**Your goodness is running after, it's running after me
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me
With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now
I give You everything
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me -**

REPEAT BRIDGE

*All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God
I will sing of the goodness of God*

Words & music by B. Fielding, B. Johnson, E. Cash, J. Ingram, J. Johnson

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We Listen for God's Word

Children's Time

Prayer for Illumination

Heather-Ann Lowry

Scripture Readings:

Choral Psalm Sentence

Responsive Psalm: Psalm: 95:1-7a

Zhenyi Li

- 1 O come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
- 2 Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**
- 3 For the Lord is a great God
and a great King above all gods.
- 4 In his hand are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains are his also.**
- 5 The sea is his, for he made it,
and the dry land, which his hands have formed.
- 6 O come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!**
- 7 For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture
and the sheep of his hand.

New Testament: Matthew 25:31-46

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Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem: Gonna Ride That Heavenly Train Gordon Young (1919-98)

Sermon: "Lord, when did we see you?" Rev. Dr. H. Vais

*Hymn: *The love of God comes close* #474

We Respond to God's Word

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Intercession

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

*Doxology #830

Dedication of Offering

*Closing Hymn: *Crown him with many crowns* #274

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: Allegro 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.

There is no Sunday School today.

Children will remain in church
with their families.

Next Sunday, December 3rd
we will be celebrating the
Sacrament of Holy Communion
and receiving new members to our church family.

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UPCOMING WEEK'S EVENTS AT A GLANCE

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

Tuesday November 28, 2023

10:00 – 12:00 pm ESL Classes – Fellowship Hall and Conference Room
7:30 pm Board of Managers Meeting - Zoom

Sunday December 3, 2023

9:45 – 10:30 am Sunday Morning Discovery – Conference Room
11:00 AM Worship Service – Sacrament of Holy Communion and
Receiving New Members



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.

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: Today - 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.

On Sunday December 3, at 3:00 p.m.
the Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Canada
invites you to

A Service of Repentance, Healing, and Hope:
the Presbyterian Church in Canada's apology for
its part in racism in Canada.

Rev. Dr. Heather Vais and the Rev. Dr. John Vissers
will be reading the apology.

The service will be held at 3:00 p.m.
St. Timothy Presbyterian Church
106 Ravenscrest Dr., Etobicoke, ON

A Christmas Choir Opportunity!

Add your Voice and join the choir for Christmas Services

If you're interested in being part of this great opportunity,
contact Dan Werning directly after church OR
danieljwerning@gmail.com Tel: (905) 601-1530



Thornhill Christmas Assistance (CAP)

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!

Evangel Hall Christmas Dinner



Evangel Hall Mission

Every year the TPC senior youth go to Evangel Hall with some youth leaders and the minister to prepare and serve Christmas dinner to the homeless and underhoused at

Evangel Hall Mission in Toronto.

This ministry is only made possible by the generous donations of cash and food by our TPC members.

This year our youth will be serving dinner on Sunday December 17.

The need is even greater this year as it is estimated we will need to feed close to **200 people** as opposed to the usual 100.

We pray you can support us again this year.

Our present needs include:

Cash donations

10 - 12 cooked turkeys

10 - 12 hams

10-12 bags of potatoes

16 bags of veggies

200 Rolls/buns

25 Pies

14 cans cranberry sauce

18 cans gravy

24 boxes of stove-top stuffing

4 pounds of butter

1 large tub of Margarine

There is a table in the Fellowship Hall where you can sign up to donate food.

All food must be brought to the church on Sunday December 17.

Hymn

All hail the power of Jesus' name

All hail the power of Jesus' name;
let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem
to crown him, crown him, crown him,
crown him Lord of all.

Crown him, ye martyrs of your God,
who from his altar call;
extol the Stem of Jesse's Rod,
and crown him, crown him, crown him,
crown him Lord of all.

Ye seed of Israel's chosen race,
ye ransomed from the fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace, and
crown him, crown him, crown him,
crown him Lord of all.

Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget
the wormwood and the gall,
go, spread your trophies at his feet,
and crown him, crown him, crown him,
crown him Lord of all.

Let every tribe and every tongue,
responsive to the call,
lift high the universal song,
and crown him, crown him, crown him,
crown him Lord of all.

Hymn

The love of God comes close

The love of God comes close
where stands an open door,
to let the stranger in,
to mingle rich and poor.
The love of God is here to stay,
embracing those who walk the Way;
the love of God is here to stay.

The peace of God comes close
to those caught in the storm,
forgoing lives of ease
to ease the lives forlorn.
The peace of God is here to stay,
embracing those who walk the Way;
the peace of God is here to stay.

The joy of God comes close
where faith encounters fears,
where heights and depths of life
are found through smiles and tears.
The joy of God is here to stay,
embracing those who walk the Way;
the joy of God is here to stay.

The grace of God comes close
to those whose grace is spent,
when hearts are tired or sore
and hope is bruised and bent.
The grace of God is here to stay,
embracing those who walk the Way;
the grace of God is here to stay.

The Son of God comes close
where people praise his name,
where bread and wine are blest
and shared as when he came.
The Son of God is here to stay,
embracing those who walk the Way;
the Son of God is here to stay.

Hymn

Crown him with many crowns

Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon the throne:
hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died to be
your Saviour and your matchless King
through all eternity.

Crown him the Son of God,
before the worlds began;
let all who tread where he has trod,
crown him the Son of Man,
who every grief has known
that wrings the human breast,
and takes and bears them for his own,
that all in him may rest.

Crown him the Lord of life,
who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife
for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing
who died and rose on high,
who died eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of peace
whose kingdom is at hand;
from pole to pole let warfare cease
and Christ rule every land!
A city stands on high;
Christ's glory it displays,
and there the nations 'Holy' cry
in joyful hymns of praise.

Crown him the Lord of years,
the Source, the End of time,
Creator of the rolling spheres
in majesty sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail,
for you have died for me;
your praise shall never, never fail
through all eternity!