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

Sunday November 5, 2023
Remembrance Day – All Saints' Day
The Sacrament of Holy Communion

We Prepare for Worship

Praise Band

Preparing our Hearts

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God.

1 John 4:7

Prelude: In Memoriam Flor Peeters (1903-86)

*Processional Hymn: *O God, our help in ages past* #330

Welcome and Community Life News

Introit: Rejoice We All Healey Willan (1880-1968)

We Worship God

The Call to Worship Grace Girard

L: On this day of memories, we gather to sing and to pray;

P: we remember the past and look to the future.

L: On this day so long ago, when the guns and canons fell silent,

P: we come before you, God, seeking your peace above the present chaos.

L: On this day of hope in the face of terror,

P: we come before you, God, seeking your presence.

L: Let us worship God together, as we pray for peace and unity.

*The Last Post Trumpet: Martin Chen

*Minute of Silence

*Reveille

*The Act of Remembrance Eric Gault

L: They grow not old, as we who are left grow old.

Age shall not weary them, nor do the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun, and in the morning,

We will remember them!

P: We will remember them!

Anthem: Mansions of the Lord Glennie-Smith/Wallace

*In Flanders Fields Eric Gault

*O Canada

Prayers of Adoration and Confession

The Assurance of Pardon

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

People: And also with you.

*Praise Time: Let There be Peace on Earth

Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me
Let there be peace on earth
The peace that was meant to be
With God as our Father
Brothers all are we
Let me walk with my brother
In perfect harmony
Let peace begin with me
Let this be the moment now
With ev'ry step I take
Let this be my solemn vow
To take each moment
And live each moment
In peace eternally ... *(pause)*
Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me
-- Repeat --

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We Listen for God's Word

Children's Time

Prayer for Illumination

Zhenyi Li

Scripture Reading: Mark 12:28-34

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Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: Just Love

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

#830

Dedication of Offering and Elements

*Communion Hymn: *Eat this bread (x3)*

#527

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.)

All sing *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.

Prayer after Communion

*Closing Hymn: *For all the Saints*

#611

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: For All the Saints

Charles Ore (b. 1936)

** if you are able, please stand*

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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
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.



Remembrance Day 2023

Today we observe Remembrance Day.

On this day we commemorate the end
of our world wars, and we remember
the sacrifices so many have made
to bring peace to our world and our country.

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 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.

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UPCOMING WEEK'S EVENTS AT A GLANCE

Sunday November 5, 2023

9:45 – 10:30 am

Sunday Morning Discovery – **CANCELLED**

11:00 am

Worship Service – All Saints' Day/Remembrance Day

Tuesday November 7, 2023

10:00 – 12:00 pm

ESL Classes in the Fellowship Hall & Conference Room

Sunday November 12, 2023

9:45 – 10:30 am

Sunday Morning Discovery – Conference Room

11:00 am

Worship Service

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

Donna Chapman. donna@lenchapman.com

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

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.



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

TPC is pleased to be hosting a fundraising event in support of the Thornhill Ministerial Association's Christmas Assistance Program.

If you like popular music, you are going to love The Craig McRae Band, including our own Martin and Judy Chen.

The evening will include a concert, dessert & coffee, 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 lorrynemcb@gmail.com.



The Mission & 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.

Thanks to the incredible support of the congregation, we have created a well-stocked pantry cupboard from which people may help themselves to food or household items that they need.

The pantry cupboard is located in the back hallway, directly across from the Chapel. Shopping bags are provided.

Donations will be needed on an on-going basis and may be dropped off at the Pantry Table at the entrance of the church each Sunday morning.

We know we can count on your support.

Shopping bags with a listing of suggested items for donation are available at the Welcome Desk.

This project is on a trial basis. Presently the pantry will be open Sunday mornings after worship. The committee will keep the congregation updated regarding any changes to pantry availability.

Financial Update – Thornhill Presbyterian Church

The table below represents
TPC's Income and Expenses
year-to-date (YTD) as of September 30, 2023

	YTD as of September 30th 2023
Donations	\$229,666
Rental Income	\$35,581
Total Income	\$265,247
Total Expenses	\$278,166
Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$12,901)

Donations are strong and tracking well versus the (YTD) budget amount of \$207,263. Rental Income is tracking behind the YTD budget amount of \$65,925.

Expenses are tracking very close to budget after quarter three.

The Board of Managers will continue to keep expenses in check where possible to reduce the budget deficit by year end.

Bob Gargano
Treasurer, TPC
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Happy Birthday to John Kerr!
On Monday November 6th
John will be turning 92 years young!
God bless you, John.



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.



*In flanders fields' the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
that mark our place: and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.
We are the dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset
glow,*

*Loved and were loved, and now we
lie*

In flanders' fields.

*Take up our quarrel with the foe;
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high,
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies
Grow in flanders' fields.*

John Mc Crae, 1915

Hymn

O God, our help in ages past

O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home.

Under the shadow of thy throne
thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone,
and our defence is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received its frame,
from everlasting thou art God,
to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in thy sight
are like an evening gone,
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all our years away.
They fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
still be our guard while troubles last,
and our eternal home. we are one body in this one Lord.

Hymn

For all the Saints

For all the saints who from their labours rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, o Jesus, be forever blest.
Hallelujah, hallelujah!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress and their might,
thou, Lord, their captain in the well fought fight,
thou in the darkness drear their one true light.
Hallelujah, hallelujah!

Oh may thy soldiers, faithful, true and bold,
fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
and win with them the victor's crown of gold.
Hallelujah, hallelujah!

O blest communion! fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Hallelujah, hallelujah!

And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.
Hallelujah, hallelujah!

The golden evening brightens in the west;
soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest;
sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.
Hallelujah, hallelujah!

But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day;
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
The King of glory passes on his way.
Hallelujah, hallelujah!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost:
Hallelujah, hallelujah!