



Forward together in Faith, Hope, and Love

Sunday January 21, 2024

The Season of Epiphany

We Prepare for Worship

Praise Band

Preparing our Hearts

The Lord is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble; he knows those who take refuge in him.
Nahum 1:9

Prelude: A Monastery Matins

F. Leslie Calver (1880-1950)

*Processional Hymn: *I sing the almighty power of God*

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Welcome and Community Life News

We Worship God

The Call to Worship

Maya Moradieslami

L.: Lift up your hearts!

P: We lift them up to the Lord.

L.: Lift up your eyes!

P: We lift them up and look to the Lord our God.

L.: Lift up your hands!.

P: We lift them up and call on the name of the Lord!

L.: Lift up your voices!

P: We lift them up and sing for joy!

L.: Let us worship God.

Introit: Behold He Appeareth, the Lord and Ruler

Healey Willan (1880-1968)

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: **In The Valley**

When the path that I feared, is the way He has set

And I long to give in and retreat

Still to Jesus I hold, as I face every step

For the Lord He will give me His peace

*Bless the Lord He will give me His peace
Bless the Lord He will give me His peace
And if I should remain in the valley today
Bless the Lord He will give me His peace*

When the road that I tread, fills my heart with despair
And it seems that my grief has no end
Still to Jesus I hold, who will walk with me there
And the Lord He will give me His strength

*Bless the Lord He will give me His strength
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And if I should remain in the valley today
Bless the Lord He will give me His strength*

On the road that You walked, with the weight of the cross
All my pain and my sorrow You held
So to You I shall hold, You redeem every loss
For my Lord You have given Yourself

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We Listen for God's Word

Children's Time

Prayer for Illumination

Garth Low

Scripture Readings:

Choral Psalm Sentence

Responsive Reading: Psalm: 63

Zhenyi Li

¹ O God, you are my God; I seek you;
my soul thirsts for you;
my flesh faints for you,
as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

² **So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,
beholding your power and glory.**

³ Because your steadfast love is better than life,
my lips will praise you.

- 4 So I will bless you as long as I live;
I will lift up my hands and call on your name.**
- 5** My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast,^[a]
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips
- 6 when I think of you on my bed
and meditate on you in the watches of the night,**
- 7** for you have been my help,
and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.
- 8 My soul clings to you;
your right hand upholds me.**
- 9** But those who seek to destroy my life
shall go down into the depths of the earth;
- 10 they shall be given over to the power of the sword;
they shall be prey for jackals.**
- 11** But the king shall rejoice in God;
all who swear by him shall exult,
for the mouths of liars will be stopped.

Gospel: John 2:1-11

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Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Solo: When Music Wakes My Sleeping Heart
Rosalie Bonighton (1946-2011)

Sung by Jewel Scott

Sermon: When the Wine Runs Out

Rev. Dr. H. Vais

*Hymn: *All praise to you, O Lord*

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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: *Songs of thankfulness and praise*

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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: Songs of Thankfulness and Praise David Johnson (1922-87)

-----*if you are able, please stand-----

Welcome

We welcome everyone who is worshipping 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. Alternatively for children 5 years old and under, 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.**

TPC's 175th Anniversary Year!

The year 2024 marks our congregational 175th Anniversary.

There will be many great opportunities to celebrate.

Please circle **Sunday May 26th** on your calendar for our Anniversary Celebration with guest preacher The Rev. Dr. Stephen Farris.

May 26th is also our **Great Day Capital Campaign.**

Our project this year is to raise money for the restoration of the Manse.

Also, circle **Sunday February 11th** for our first event,
Soup and Stories.

After church stay to enjoy a lovely soup lunch and listen to a narrative history of our congregation as told by some of our long-serving members.

TPC Community Pantry

The pantry is open on Sunday mornings from 10:30 am onwards, and is located directly across from the Chapel in the back hallway.

If you or someone you know has a need during these challenging times, please help yourself.

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 at the entry to the sanctuary as you enter church.

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/>

As an alternative to regular offering envelopes, this is a perfect time to join our **PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance)** program. In doing so you don't have to worry about picking up your envelopes or mailing/dropping off cheques. Here is the information you need to know about the PAR program.

Under this arrangement, a monthly debit is made to your account on the 20th of each month and credited the same day to TPC's account. You can allocate funds the same way you do with your regular offering envelopes. You can also make changes, (increasing, decreasing, or cancelling) your pre-authorized amount at any time.

If you have any questions about the PAR program, please contact Nadine Calfa at 905-889-5391 or admin@tpchurch.net.

Thank you for your Support.

2024 Offering Envelopes

Please pick up your offering envelopes in the lobby when you are able.

2023 TAX RECEIPTS

Tax receipts are available for pick-up at the church **today**.

Alternatively, please call the church office to arrange pick-up or drop-off.

Receipts are being mailed for those living out of town.

Coldest Night of the Year – February 24, 2024



In communities all across Canada, people will be participating in CNOY walks to raise much-needed funds to support those experiencing homelessness. In York Region, the walk supports Blue Door and their shelter and Out of the Cold programs.

We are hoping to form a **Team TPC** to participate in this year's walk. If you are interested in joining us, please visit our table at Coffee Hour or contact Lorraine McBride at lorrynemcb@gmail.com or (416) 738-9799.

On February 11th Buy a \$5 Snack
&
Change the World!!

Your Sunday School and Mission and Outreach Committee have teamed up with PWS&D to provide gifts of change to people around the world. Our goal is to provide 2 children with school supplies for 1 year, and 3 farmers with sustainable farming training. To meet that goal, we need to raise **\$300**. With your help we know that we can do it!!



How You Can
Help!



On **Sunday February 11**, your Sunday School kids will be making delicious bags of snack mix. We will be selling them for **\$5** during the soup lunch after church. Please come, enjoy soup, bring your cash and buy a snack for a great cause!



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UPCOMING WEEK'S EVENTS AT A GLANCE

Sunday January 21, 2024

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

11:00 am Worship Service

Tuesday January 23, 2024

10:00 am ESL Classes – Fellowship Hall and
Conference Room

7:30 pm Board of Managers Meeting - Zoom

Thursday January 25, 2024

7:30 pm Book Club Meeting – Zoom

Sunday January 28, 2024

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

11:00 am Worship Service



The deadline for the next issue of our congregational newsletter, "The Open Door" is **Sunday February 25th**.

For this 175th anniversary year, we invite people to submit to Garth Low at garth.low@garthlow.com the impact TPC has had on your faith, including how TPC has helped nurture your faith, and how you see yourself growing in faith and being transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Please include when you first came and why you still come today.

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

Hymn

I sing the almighty power of God

I sing the almighty power of God
that made the mountains rise,
that spread the flowing seas abroad
and built the lofty skies.

I sing the wisdom that ordained
the sun to rule the day;
the moon shines full at Gods command,
and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord,
that filled the earth with food;
God formed the creatures with a word,
and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how thy wonders are displayed,
where'er I turn my eyes,
if I survey the ground I tread,
or gaze upon the skies!

There's not a plant or flower below
but makes thy glories known,
and clouds arise and tempests blow
by order from thy throne,
while all that borrows life from thee
is ever in thy care,
and everywhere I could be,
thou, God, art present there.

Hymn

All praise to you, O Lord

All praise to you, O Lord,
who by your mighty power
did manifest your glory forth
in Cana's marriage hour.

You speak, and it is done;
obedient to your word,
the water reddening into wine
proclaims the present Lord.

Oh, may this grace be ours,
in you always to live
and drink of those refreshing streams
which you alone can give.

So, led from strength to strength,
grant us, O Lord, to see
the marriage supper of the Lamb,
the great epiphany.

Hymn

Songs of thankfulness and praise

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Jesus, Lord, to you we raise,
God revealed by guiding star
to the sages from afar,
branch of royal David's stem,
in your birth at Bethlehem:
anthems be to you addressed,
God in Christ made manifest.

Manifest on mountain height,
shining in resplendent light,
where disciples filled with awe
your transfigured glory saw;
from that place you went with them
steadfast to Jerusalem;
cross and Easter day attest
God in Christ made manifest.

God revealed at Jordan's stream
God's beloved Son supreme,
and at Cana, wedding guest,
in your power manifest,
God revealed in works divine,
changing water into wine:
anthems be to you addressed,
God in Christ made manifest.

Grant us grace to see you, Lord,
mirrored in your holy word;
may we imitate you still
and obey your perfect will,
that we like to you may be,
at your great Epiphany:
may your glory be confessed,
God in Christ made manifest.

God revealed in making whole
weakened limbs and fainting soul,
God revealed in valiant fight
quelling all the devil's might,
God revealed in gracious will,
ever bringing good from ill:
anthems be to you addressed,
God in Christ made manifest.