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

Sunday January 7, 2024

Epiphany

We Prepare for Worship

Praise Band

Preparing our Hearts

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. *Isaiah 60:1*

Prelude: Trumpet Tune on "March of the Kings" Gordon Young (1919-98)

*Processional Hymn: *As with gladness men of old* **#172**

Welcome and Community Life News

We Worship God

The Call to Worship

Kaleb Nogueron

L.: Arise, shine: for your light has come!

P: The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

L.: Lift up your eyes and look around!

P: We shall see and be radiant; our hearts shall rejoice.

L.: For the Lord will be our everlasting light and our glory!

P: And so we worship God in humble expectation.

L.: Let us worship God.

Choir Introit: Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning

Southern Harmony (1835)

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: **Day After Day Jesus Reigns**

In the morning as I pray, for the day that You have made
I have hope and I have peace, for Your presence is with me
So whatever comes my way, Lord remind me of this grace
I can face it with this hope, Jesus won't forget His own

*Jesus holds me safely in His hands,
ever close He leads me in His plans*

*When I can't see the way, I have hope and I have faith
Day after day, Jesus reigns*

In the evening as I rest, I recall Your faithfulness
How You never left my side, from the morning to the night
Now until the dawning sun, be the light that leads me on
I can face it with this hope, Jesus won't forget His own

*Jesus holds me safely in His hands,
ever close He leads me in His plans
When I can't see the way, I have hope and I have faith
Day after day, Jesus reigns*

**Always before me, and always beside me
My Shepherd is always close
Morning to evening, each day that I'm given
My Shepherd is always close REPEAT BRIDGE**

For tomorrow this I pray, Father help me live Your way
Every breath and every word, for the glory of the Lord
If the day should test my faith, or fill my heart with songs of praise
I can face it with this hope, Jesus won't forget His own

*Jesus holds me safely in His hands,
ever close He leads me in His plans
When I can't see the way, I have hope and I have faith
Day after day, Jesus reigns
Day after day Jesus reigns*

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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: 72:1-7; 10-14

Gabby Nogueron

- ¹ Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to a king's son.
- ² **May he judge your people with righteousness
and your poor with justice.**
- ³ May the mountains yield prosperity for the people,
and the hills, in righteousness.
- ⁴ **May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,
give deliverance to the needy,
and crush the oppressor.**
- ⁵ May he live^[a] while the sun endures
and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.
- ⁶ **May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass,
like showers that water the earth.**

⁷ In his days may righteousness flourish
and peace abound, until the moon is no more.

**¹⁰ May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles
render him tribute;
may the kings of Sheba and Seba
bring gifts.**

¹¹ May all kings fall down before him,
all nations give him service.

**¹² For he delivers the needy when they call,
the poor and those who have no helper.**

¹³ He has pity on the weak and the needy
and saves the lives of the needy.

**¹⁴ From oppression and violence he redeems their life,
and precious is their blood in his sight.**

New Testament: Matthew 2:1-12

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Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Choir Anthem: The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy West Indian Spiritual
arr. by Malcolm Sargent (1895-1967)

Sermon: A New Road

Rev. Dr. H. Vais

*Hymn: *We three kings*

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We Respond to God's Word

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Intercession

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

*Doxology

#830

Dedication of Offering

*Closing Hymn: *How brightly beams the morning star*

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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: Epilogue on As with Gladness Men of Old

William Harris (1883-1973)

** if you are able, please stand*

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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. 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.

You are invited to Dan's Last *Sing Session Today!*

Christmas carols. Classic hymn forms and spiritual song versions. Why "carols" are oftentimes a little bit different from standard hymns and Psalms. Examples of various kinds of Christmas carols.

ESL Classes

ESL classes with Laura Culley, Jeanette Hallworth, and June Graham will resume on Tuesdays starting January 9th from 10 am to 12 pm in the Fellowship Hall and Conference Room.



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 will be available for pick-up at the church **Next Sunday, January 14**. Alternatively, please call the church office to arrange pick-up or drop-off.

Receipts will be mailed for those living out of town.

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UPCOMING WEEK'S EVENTS AT A GLANCE

Sunday January 7, 2024

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

Tuesday January 9, 2024

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

7:30 pm Session Meeting - Zoom

Sunday January 14, 2024

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

11:00 am Worship Service



The 2024 Presbyterian Wall Calendars

are available and can be purchased for \$10.00 each.

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

Milk Bag Donations

We are once again collecting milk bags for residents of Glynwood to weave sleeping mats for Haiti.

If you have any dry and clean milk bags to donate, please place them in the blue box located between the two doors to the Fellowship Hall.

Hymn

As with gladness men of old

As with gladness men of old
did the guiding star behold;
as with joy they hailed its light,
leading onward, beaming bright:
so, most gracious Lord, may we
ever more be led to thee.

As with joyful steps they sped,
Saviour, to thy lowly bed,
there to bend the knee before
thee, whom heaven and earth adore,
so may we with willing feet
ever seek thy mercy seat.

As they offered gifts most rare
at thy cradle rude and bare,
so may we with holy joy,
pure and free from sin's alloy,
all our costliest treasures bring,
Christ, to thee, our heavenly King.

Holy Jesus, every day
keep us in the narrow way,
and when earthly things are past,
bring our ransomed souls at last
where they need no star to guide,
where no clouds of glory hide.

In that heavenly country bright
need they no created light:
thou its light, its joy, its crown,
thou its sun which goes not down;
there forever may we sing
hallelujahs to our King.

Hymn

We three kings

We three kings of Orient are;
bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain,
following yonder star.

Refrain:

O star of wonder, star of light,
star of royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light.

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,
gold I bring to crown him again,
King forever, ceasing never,
over us all to reign.

(Refrain)

Frankincense to offer have I;
incense owns a Deity nigh,
prayer and praising, voices raising,
worshipping God on high.

(Refrain)

Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume
breathes a life of gathering gloom,
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
sealed in the stone-cold tomb.

(Refrain)

Glorious now behold him arise,
King and God and sacrifice:
hallelujah, hallelujah,
sounds through the earth and skies.

(Refrain)

Hymn

How brightly beams the morning star

How brightly beams the morning star!
What sudden radiance from afar
doth glad us with its shining?
Brightness of God, that breaks our night
and fills the darkened souls with light,
who long for truth were pining.
Newly, truly,
God's word feeds us, rightly leads us,
life bestowing.
Praise, oh praise such love o'erflowing.

All praise the One who came to save,
who conquered death and scorned the grave;
each day new praise resoundeth;
the Truth, the Life who once was slain,
the Friend whom none shall trust in vain,
with grace for aye aboundeth.
Sing then; ring then;
tell the story filled with glory,
till these praises
flood with light earth's darkest places.