



Forward together in Faith, Hope, and Love

Sunday February 11, 2024

We Prepare for Worship

Praise Band

Preparing our Hearts

Jesus...led them up on a high mountain by themselves; and He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light.

Matt. 17:1-2

Prelude: The King of Love

Robin Milford (1903-59)

*Processional Hymn:

Oh worship the King

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Welcome and Community Life News

We Worship God

The Call to Worship

Grace Girard

L.: God said, "Let light shine in the darkness!"

P: Lord, shine your light into our lives.

L.: We see the glory of God in the face of Christ.

P: The light of Christ is with us day by day.

L.: Let us follow the light of Christ together.

P: Let us worship God with thanks and praise.

Choir Introit: Shout Joyfully to the Lord

Bob Young (b. 1955)

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: **I Saw The Light**

I wandered so aimless, life filled with sin

I wouldn't let my dear Saviour in

Then Jesus came like a stranger in the night

Praise the Lord! I saw the light

I saw the light, I saw the light

No more in darkness, no more in night

Now I'm so happy, no sorrow in sight

Praise the Lord! I saw the light

Just like a blind man, I wandered along
Worries and fears I claimed for my own
Then like the blind man that God gave back his sight
Praise the Lord! I saw the light

*I saw the light, I saw the light
No more in darkness, no more in night
Now I'm so happy, no sorrow in sight
Praise the Lord! I saw the light*

I was a fool to wander and stray
Straight is the gate and narrow the way
Now I have traded the wrong for the right
Praise the Lord! I saw the light

*I saw the light, I saw the light
No more in darkness, no more in night
Now I'm so happy, no sorrow in sight
Praise the Lord! I saw the light*

REPEAT

Words and music by Hank Williams Sr. CCLI License # 993446

We Listen for God's Word

Children's Time

Prayer for Illumination

Deborah Kerner

Scripture Readings:

Choral Psalm Sentence

Responsive Reading: Psalm: 50:1-6

Zhenyi Li

¹ The mighty one, God the LORD,
speaks and summons the earth
from the rising of the sun to its setting.

² **Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,
God shines forth.**

³ Our God comes and does not keep silent;
before him is a devouring fire
and a mighty tempest all around him.

⁴ **He calls to the heavens above
and to the earth, that he may judge his people:**

⁵ "Gather to me my faithful ones,
who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!"

⁶ **The heavens declare his righteousness,
for God himself is judge. Selah**

New Testament: Mark 9:2-9

NT p. 44

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem: With a Thousand Alleluias Benjamin Harlan (b. 1954)
Sermon: The Transfiguration: Seeing the Light Rev. Dr. H. Vais
*Hymn: *Swiftly pass the clouds of glory* #186
(tune 314)

We Respond to God's Word

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Intercession

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

*Doxology #830

Dedication of Offering

*Closing Hymn: *Lord, the light of your love is shining* #376

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: Fanfare Mark Otterstad (b. 1942)

-----* 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. 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.**

Thank you to those who are assisting in today's service.

*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!*



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.**

BLACK HISTORY MONTH IN CANADA



February marks Black History month in Canada. By way of honouring the legacy of black Canadians in their communities and in our country, we will be featuring some books and artifacts on the table beside the library.

Celebrating Black History Month

You are invited to a concert by:

Nathaniel Dett Chorale

Saturday February 17 @ 8pm

Grace Church on the Hill

300 Lonsdale Rd, Toronto

Featuring the music of Haitian-American composer
Sydney Guillaume

Tickets can be purchased online at

<http://nathanieldettchorale.org/voices-of-the-diaspora-haitian-voices/>

or at the door.

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.

Today is our first event,

"Soup and Stories" Lunch in the Fellowship Hall.

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 don't forget to pick up your offering envelopes in the lobby to save on mailing costs.

2023 TAX RECEIPTS

Don't forget to pick up your Tax receipts in the lobby to save on mailing costs. Alternatively, please call the church office to arrange pick-up or drop-off.

Receipts have been mailed for those living out of town.



We are in need of volunteers to help run the **sound system on Sunday mornings.**

It is not complicated.

Speak to Abel.

If Abel is able, you can be able too!

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Duty Elder: Carolyn Adamson and Jane Easton

UPCOMING WEEK'S EVENTS AT A GLANCE

Sunday February 11, 2024

9:45 – 10:30 am

Sunday Morning Discovery – Conference Room

11:00 am

Worship Service – Transfiguration Sunday, followed by
“Soup and Stories” Lunch - Fellowship Hall

Tuesday February 13, 2024

10:00 am

ESL Classes – Fellowship Hall and Conference Room

7:30 pm

Session Meeting – Zoom

Wednesday February 14, 2024

3:00 pm

Ash Wednesday Service

Sunday February 18, 2024

9:45 – 10:30 am

Sunday Morning Discovery – Conference Room

11:00 am

Worship Service – First Sunday in Lent



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.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The ACM will take place on

Sunday February 25 right after worship. (Info to follow)

Please plan to attend.



Saturday, February 24, 2024

The Coldest Night of the Year (CNOY) Richmond Hill is a fun, family-friendly fundraising walk that supports Blue Door and the Mosaic Interfaith Out of the Cold – A Program of Blue Door to continue providing essential supports and service for people experiencing homelessness, hurt, and hunger. CNOY is a day each year when tens of thousands of Canadians step outside the warmth and comfort of their home to shine a light of welcome and compassion in their communities.

TPC's team for this year's CNOY walk is called ***Walking with a Mission*** and we invite you to join us, either by walking or by donating to our team. For those interested in walking there are three options:

- 1) Heather Ann and Doug Lowry will be leading a team through their neighbourhood in Richmond Hill, followed by a light dinner and a time of fellowship at their home; or
- 2) You may choose to join the Main Event at the Toronto Montessori School on Bayview, just north of Highway 7; or
- 3) Create your own walking route.

To join or donate visit cnoy.org/location/richmondhill and choose team *Walking with a Mission*.

If you would like to support our team but don't wish to make an on-line donation, there are donation envelopes available at the Welcome Desk.

For more information, please contact Lorraine McBride at (416) 738-9799 or by email at lrrainemcb@gmail.com.

Please contact Heather Ann Lowry at (905) 884-4764 or lowryhann@gmail.com if you're joining us at her home – 115 Mill Street, Richmond Hill ON L4C 4A6

Lent, Holy Week, and Easter Worship at TPC

Ash Wednesday Service
February 14 – 3:00 p.m.

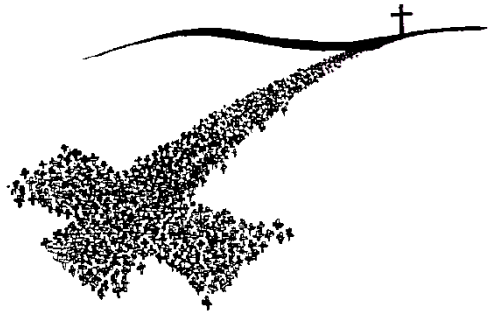
A Lenten Sermon Series

Lent 1 to Palm Sunday
February 18 – March 24

Encounters on the Way

Who does Jesus meet on the way to the cross,
and what can we learn from the encounters?

Philip and Andrew
Bartimaeus
A Centurion
A Sinful Woman
Simon the Cyrene
Pilate



HOLY WEEK WORSHIP

Maundy Thursday Service
Thursday March 28 – 7:30 p.m.

Good Friday Breakfast
Friday March 29 – 8:30 a.m.

Good Friday Worship – 10:00 a.m.

Easter Sunday Worship
Sunday March 31 – 11:00 a.m.

Hymn

Oh worship the King

Oh worship the King, all glorious above;
oh gratefully sing God's power and God's love,
our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of days,
pavilioned in splendour and girded with praise.

Oh tell of God's might, oh sing of God's grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space;
whose chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
and dark is God's path on the wings of the storm.

The earth, with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, thy power hath founded of old,
hath stablished it fast by a changeless decree,
and round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;
thy mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer and Friend.

O measureless Might, unchangeable Love,
while angels delight to hymn thee above,
thy ransomed creation, in glory ablaze,
in true adoration shall sing to thy praise.

Hymn

Swiftly pass the clouds of glory

Swiftly pass the clouds of glory,
heaven's voice, the dazzling light;
Moses and Elijah vanish;
Christ alone commands the height!
Peter, James and John fall silent,
turning from the summit's rise
downward toward the shadowed valley
where their Lord has fixed his eyes.

Glimpsed and gone the revelation,
they shall gain and keep its truth,
not by building on the mountain
any shrine or sacred booth,
but by following the Saviour
through the valley to the cross
and by testing faith's resilience
through betrayal, pain and loss.

Lord, transfigure our perception
with the purest light that shines
and recast our life's intentions
to the shape of your designs,
till we seek no other glory
than what lies past Calvary's hill,
and our living and our dying
and our rising by your will.

Hymn

Lord, the light of your love is shining

Lord, the light of your love is shining
in the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us.
Set us free by the truth you now bring us.
Shine on me; shine on me.

Chorus:

Shine, Jesus, shine;
fill this land with the Father's glory;
blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow;
flood the nations with grace and mercy;
send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light!

Lord, I come to your awesome presence,
from the shadows into your radiance;
by your blood I may enter your brightness.
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness.
Shine on me; shine on me.

(Chorus)

As we gaze on your kingly brightness,
so our faces display your likeness,
ever changing from glory to glory:
mirrored here may our lives tell your story.
Shine on me; shine on me.

(Chorus)