



Forward together in Faith, Hope, and Love

Sunday February 4, 2024

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: Down by the Riverside (Afro-American spiritual)

Arr. Marilyn Ham (b. 1955)

Gonna lay down my burden down by the riverside; I ain't gonna study war no more.

*Processional Hymn: *Immortal, invisible, God only wise*

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Welcome and Community Life News

We Worship God

The Call to Worship

Arshida Taghizadeh

L.: God has invited us to come.

P: So we gather.

L.: God has spoken to the world.

P: So we listen.

L.: God has given us glimpses of grace and mercy.

P: So we wait, longing for healing, eager for hope.

L.: God has been faithful to all generations.

P: So we offer our praise to God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.

L.: Let us worship God.

Choir Introit: In Gratitude and Humble Trust

David White (b. 1944)

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.

Moment for Mission

Lorraine McBride

*Praise Time: **No Longer Slaves**

You unravel me with a melody, You surround me with a song
Of deliverance from my enemies, till all my fears are gone

*I'm no longer a slave to fear, I am a child of God
I'm no longer a slave to fear, I am a child of God*

From my Mother's womb, You have chosen me,
Love has called my name

I've been born again into Your family,
Your blood flows through my veins

*I'm no longer a slave to fear, I am a child of God
I'm no longer a slave to fear, I am a child of God*

REPEAT

Instrumental

You split the sea so I could walk right through it
My fears were drowned in perfect love

You rescued me so I could stand and sing
I am a child of God

REPEAT

I am a child of God
I am a child of God

*I'm no longer a slave to fear, I am a child of God
I'm no longer a slave to fear, I am a child of God*

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We Listen for God's Word

Children's Time

Prayer for Illumination

Clare Mezes

Scripture Readings:

Choral Psalm Sentence

Responsive Reading: Psalm: 147:1-11

Alireza Taghizadeh

¹ Praise the LORD!

How good it is to sing praises to our God,
for he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.

² **The LORD builds up Jerusalem;
he gathers the outcasts of Israel.**

³ He heals the brokenhearted
and binds up their wounds.

⁴ **He determines the number of the stars;
he gives to all of them their names.**

⁵ Great is our Lord and abundant in power;
his understanding is beyond measure.

⁶ **The LORD lifts up the downtrodden;
he casts the wicked to the ground.**

⁷ Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving;
make melody to our God on the lyre.

**⁸ He covers the heavens with clouds,
prepares rain for the earth,
makes grass grow on the hills.**

⁹ He gives to the animals their food
and to the young ravens when they cry.

**¹⁰ His delight is not in the strength of the horse
nor his pleasure in the speed of a runner,**

¹¹ but the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him,
in those who hope in his steadfast love.

Old Testament: Isaiah 40:21-31

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Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem: Great Day! (Afro-American spiritual)

Arr. Hugh Roberton (1874-1952)

Sermon: Remember...the Creator...who strengthens us

Lynne Brampton Lidkea

*Hymn: *Those who wait on the 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: *Lift every voice and sing* (see last page for music)

Lift every voice and sing
Till earth and heaven ring.
Ring with the harmonies of liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise
High as the listening skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.

Sing a song full of the faith
that the dark past has taught us;
Sing a song full of the hope
that the present has brought us.
Facing the rising sun
of our new day begun.
Let us march on till the vict'ry is won.
God of our weary years,
God of our silent tears,
Thou who has brought us thus far on the way;
Thou who has by Thy might
Led us into the light,
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.

Lest our feet stray from the places,
our God, where we met Thee;
Lest our hearts drunk with the wine of the world
we forget Thee.
Shadowed beneath Thy hand
May we forever stand
True to our God, True to our native land.

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: My Lord, What a Morning (Afro-American spiritual)

Arr. Richard Syner (b. 1979)

-----*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.

Welcome to our Guest Speaker!

Rev. Heather is away today as she finishes her study leave. She will be returning tomorrow, Monday February 5.

Today we welcome Lynne Brampton Lidkea to the pulpit. After graduating from Tyndale University with her Master of Divinity degree, Lynne was a counsellor for almost two decades working with non-profit community agencies. There she supported individuals grappling with anxiety, depression, substance abuse, problem gambling, and relationship challenges. Passionate about ministry, she actively contributed to Keswick and St. James Presbyterian Churches, culminating in her recent role as the Youth and Family Coordinator at St. Andrew's Presbyterian in Markham. Lynne plans to attend Presbyterian College this fall as she seeks ordination.

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.



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 lorrynemcb@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

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.



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!

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 February 4, 2024

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

11:00 am Worship Service

Tuesday February 6, 2024

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

Sunday January 28, 2024

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

11:00 am Worship Service – Soup lunch and Stories to follow
– Fellowship Hall



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.

Lift Every Voice and Sing

James Weldon Johnson



Lift ev-'ry voice and sing Till earth and heav - en ring, Ring with the
God of our wear - y years, God of our si - lent tears, Thou who has



7 har - mo - nies of li - ber - ty; Let our re - joic - ing
brought us thus far on the way; Thou who has by Thy



13 rise High as the list-en-ing skies, Let it re-sound loud as the roll - ing
might Led us in - to the light, Keep us for - ev - er in the path, we



19 sea. Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us; Sing a
pray. Lest our feet stray from the pla - ces, our God, where we met Thee; Lest our



25 song full of the hope that the pre-sent has brought us. Fa - cing the ri - sing
hearts drunk with the wine of the world we for - get Thee. Shadowed be - neath Thy



30 sun of our new day be - gun, Let us march on till the vic - try is won.
hand May we for - ev - er stand True to our God, True to our na - tive land.

Hymn

Immortal, invisible, God only wise

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes;
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,
and wither, and perish; but naught changeth thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render: oh help us to see
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.

Hymn

Those who wait on the Lord

Those who wait on the Lord
shall renew their strength;
they shall rise upon wings as eagles;
they shall run and not be weary;
they shall walk and not faint:
help us, Lord; help us, Lord, in your way.

Those who serve the suffering world
shall renew their strength;
they shall rise upon wings as eagles;
they shall run and not be weary;
they shall walk and not faint:
help us, Lord; help us, Lord, in your way.

Those who live the risen life
shall renew their strength;
they shall rise upon wings as eagles;
they shall run and not be weary;
they shall walk and not faint:
help us, Lord; help us, Lord, in your way.

Those who love the Mystery
shall renew their strength;
they shall rise upon wings as eagles;
they shall run and not be weary;
they shall walk and not faint:
help us, Lord; help us, Lord, in your way.

Those who die on the march
shall renew their strength;
they shall rise upon wings as eagles;
they shall run and not be weary;
they shall walk and not faint:
help us, Lord; help us, Lord, in your way.

Those who wait on the Lord
shall renew their strength;
they shall rise upon wings as eagles;
they shall run and not be weary;
they shall walk and not faint:
help us, Lord; help us, Lord, in your way.