



Forward together in Faith, Hope, and Love

Sunday May 26, 2024
175th Anniversary Sunday
Baptism and Reception of New Members

We Prepare for Worship

Praise Band

Preparing our Hearts

This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Prelude: 9 Variations on "Old Hundred" Lee Bristol, Jr. (1923-79)

*Processional Hymn: *All People Who on Earth Do Dwell* #65
(Choir sings stanza 3 alone)

Welcome and Community Life News

We Worship God

The Call to Worship

Maya Moradieslami

L.: Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord;

P: Let us come before God with thanksgiving

L.: and praise him with music and song.

P: Let us bow down in worship

L.: and kneel before the Lord our Maker;

P: for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.

L.: Let us worship God!

Introit by the Children: Clap Your Hands, All You People
Lee & Susan Dengler (b. 1949)

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 Song: **How Great Is Our God**

The splendour of the King, clothed in majesty

Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice

He wraps Himself in light, and darkness tries to hide

And trembles at His voice, and trembles at His voice

How great is our God!

Sing with me: How great is our God!

And all will see how great, how great is our God! (2X)

And age to age He stands, and time is in His hands

Beginning and the End, Beginning and the End

The Godhead, three in one, Father, Spirit, Son

The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb

How great is our God!

Sing with me: How great is our God!

And all will see how great, how great is our God! (2X)

Name above all names, worthy of all praise

My heart will sing: How great is our God! (2X)

How great is our God!

Sing with me: How great is our God!

And all will see how great, how great is our God! (4X)

Words and Music by Chris Tomlin, Jesse Reeves and Ed Cash CCLI License #993446

*Praise Time Song: **Sweet Home Presbyterian** (Words adapted by A. Pandey)

Big wheels keep on turnin'

Carry me home to see my place

Singin' songs about the Thornhill

Been 175 and more to grace

Well I heard people talkin'

This is the place you gotta be

Well I hope you'll remember

This is the church for you and me

Sweet home Presbyterian, where the skies are so blue

Sweet home Presbyterian, Lord, I'm comin' home to you

In 1849 they had a vision, yea, yea, yea

They did whatever they could do

And now we're here in this great building

Is that not so really cool, tell the truth

Sweet home Presbyterian, where the skies are so blue

Sweet home Presbyterian, Lord, I'm comin' home to you

GITAR SOLO

Now other churches have their leaders

And they've been known to pick a song or two, yes they do

We have the one and only Heather

Who picks us up when we're feeling blue, how about you?

Sweet home Presbyterian, where the skies are so blue

Sweet home Presbyterian, Lord, I'm comin' home to you (X 2)

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We Listen for God's Word

Children's Time

Baptism and Reception of New Members

Prayer for Illumination

Deborah Kerner

Scripture Readings:

Choral Psalm Sentence

Responsive Reading: Psalm 100

Alireza Taghizadeh

¹ Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

² **Serve the LORD with gladness;
come into his presence with singing.**

³ Know that the LORD is God.

It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

⁴ **Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise.
Give thanks to him; bless his name.**

⁵ For the LORD is good;
his steadfast love endures forever
and his faithfulness to all generations.

New Testament: I Corinthians 1:1-17

NT p. 165

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem: Christ, the Sure Foundation

Anna Laura Page (b. 1943)

Sermon: "And He Has"

Rev. Dr. Stephen Farris

*Hymn: *In Years Long Past*

(See Insert)

We Respond to God's Word

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Intercession

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

*Doxology

#830

*Dedication of Offering

*Closing Hymn: *Christ is Made the Sure Foundation*

#482

(Choir sings stanza 4 alone)

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: Laus Deo (Praise God)

Norman Gilbert (1912-75)

** 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 we have a well-equipped nursery in the CE wing. Please speak to an usher for assistance.**

There is no Sunday School today.

Older children and teens will remain in church with their families.

Today is TPC's 175th Anniversary Celebration!

After the worship service, all are invited to our catered luncheon in the Fellowship Hall.

Today, we are also celebrating **Great Day**, our annual capital campaign!

Our project this year is to raise money for the restoration of the church manse where our minister lives.

Baptism and Reception of New Members

Being received into the congregation today through the Sacrament of Baptism are **Mona Salehitavana** and **Hamed Sohrabi** and their twin babies **Nick and Nelin**. We pray for God's blessings on their family and welcome them to our TPC church family.

The Open Door

**The 2024 Anniversary Edition of the
"The Open Door" is available today in the Lobby.**

The **deadline** for the June/Trinity Edition of "The Open Door" is **Tuesday May 28th**.

Please forward your articles to Garth Low garth.low@garthlow.com.



**Happy Birthday to Ruth Titmarsh
who turned 95 on May 23rd!**

We wish you a year filled with good health
and much happiness.

An Anniversary Gathering!

As part of our ongoing 175th Anniversary Celebration
we're hosting a get together for all, but in particular the
past Youth Group participants!

Join us for food, fellowship and fun at the

Tickled Toad Pub & Grill at 330 Steeles Ave West.

Saturday June 22nd at 2:30 to 5 p.m.

Speak with Jessica Chapman about receiving the invite
or RSVP to Garth Low: garth.low@garthlow.com

Our Anniversary Speaker: The Rev. Dr. Stephen Farris

Stephen Farris is a semi-retired Presbyterian minister and is presently serving as Visiting Professor of Preaching at Knox College, University of Toronto. He also served as Professor of Preaching and Worship at Knox College from 1986 to 2003.

He is a graduate of the University of Toronto, Union Theological Seminary (Virginia), and Cambridge University (England), from which he received his PhD.

He is Dean Emeritus of St. Andrew's Hall, Vancouver, and Professor Emeritus of Preaching of Vancouver School of Theology. Dr. Farris was elected Moderator of the 140th General Assembly of The Presbyterian Church in Canada. He has served on the Executive Committee of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches and as President of the Academy of Homiletics, the international association of teachers of preaching. In 2023 he received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Academy of Homiletics.

While serving with the World Alliance, he took part in the negotiations which led to the repudiation of apartheid by the Dutch Reformed Church of South Africa. He has preached and lectured internationally and nationally and is the author of four books, many academic and popular articles, and a murder mystery short story. His most recent book is *So, Tell Me a Story: The Art of Storytelling for Preaching and Teaching*. His most recent publication is "Preaching in the Reformed Tradition," a chapter in *Preaching the Manifold Grace of God*, edited by Ronald Allen. His particular academic interest is in preaching as an act of Biblical Interpretation.

Stephen Farris is married to Patricia Farris, a retired school principal, and has two sons, two daughters-in-law, and four grandchildren.

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UPCOMING WEEK'S EVENTS AT A GLANCE

Sunday May 26, 2024

11:00 am

Worship Service celebrating 175 years along with our Great Day Campaign. Lunch to follow.

Tuesday May 28, 2024

10:00 am

ESL Classes – Fellowship Hall

7:30 pm

Board of Managers Meeting – Zoom

Wednesday May 29, 2024

1:00 pm

Funeral Service for Marion Mitchell – Reception to follow in the Fellowship Hall

Thursday May 30, 2024

7:30 pm

Choir Practice – Sanctuary

Sunday June 2, 2024

11:00 am

Worship Service – The Sacrament of Holy Communion

UPCOMING FOOD BANK COLLECTION

Next Sunday (June 2, 2024), we will be receiving items for the Richmond Hill Community Food Bank. Please see the display and information in the Lobby



Attention Golfers!

Pheasant Run Golf Course will be hosting the Annual Evangel Hall Mission Golf Tournament on Tuesday, June 11th.

For more information, visit www.evangelhall.ca/golf see the brochure posted on the bulletin board in the Lobby.



Marion Mitchell

July 8, 1933 – May 18, 2024

A service of thanksgiving to God for the life of Marion Mitchell will be held at the church on

Wednesday May 29 at 1:00 p.m.

A reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall.

Hymn

All People Who on Earth Do Dwell

All people that on earth do dwell,
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.
Him serve with mirth; his praise forth tell.
Come ye before him and rejoice.

Know that the Lord is God indeed;
without our aid he did us make;
we are his flock, he doth us feed,
and for his sheep he doth us take.

Oh enter then his gates with praise;
approach with joy his courts unto;
praise, laud and bless his name always,
for it is seemly so to do.

For why, the Lord our God is good;
his mercy is forever sure;
his truth at all times firmly stood,
and shall from age to age endure.

Hymn

Christ is made the sure foundation

Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ the head and cornerstone,
chosen of the Lord, and precious,
binding all the church in one,
holy Zion's help forever,
and her confidence alone.

All within that holy city,
dearly loved of God on high,
in exultant jubilation
pour perpetual melody,
God the One-in-Three adoring
in glad hymns eternally.

To this temple, where we call thee,
come, O Lord of hosts, today:
with thy faithful loving kindness,
hear thy servants as they pray,
and thy fullest benediction
shed within its walls away.

Here bestow on all thy servants
what they ask of thee to gain,
what they gain from thee forever
with the blessed to retain,
and hereafter in thy glory
evermore with thee to reign.

Laud and honour to the Father,
laud and honour to the Son,
laud and honour to the Spirit,
ever Three, and ever One,
one in might and one in glory,
while unending ages run.