



Forward together in Faith, Hope, and Love

Sunday September 1, 2024

We Prepare for Worship

Preparing our Hearts

This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Ps. 34:8

Prelude: *Holy, Holy, Holy*

arr. Lani Smith (1934 – 2015)

Welcome and Community Life News

We Worship God

The Call to Worship

Arshida Taghizadeh

L Give praise to the Lord, proclaim his name;

P: Make known among the nations what he has done.

L.: Sing to him, sing praise to him;

P: Tell of all his wonderful acts.

L.: Glory in his holy name;

P: Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

L: Let us worship God!

*Opening Hymn: *Holy, holy, holy*

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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.

We Listen for God's Word

*Children's Hymn: *All things bright and beautiful*

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Children's Time

Prayer for Illumination

Garth Low

Scripture Readings:

Responsive Reading: Psalm 15

Zhenyi Li

¹ O Lord, who may abide in your tent?

Who may dwell on your holy hill?

² **Those who walk blamelessly and do what is right
and speak the truth from their heart;**

³ who do not slander with their tongue

and do no evil to their friends
nor heap shame upon their neighbors;
**4 in whose eyes the wicked are despised
but who honor those who fear the Lord;
who stand by their oath even to their hurt;**
⁵ who do not lend money at interest
and do not take a bribe against the innocent.
Those who do these things shall never be moved.

New Testament: Matthew 9:35-38

NT p. 9

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: Seeing with the Eyes of Jesus

Rev. Peter Ma

*Hymn: *Precious Lord, take my hand*

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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: *Make me a channel of your peace*

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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: *March from "Scipio"*

George Frideric Handel (1685 – 1759)

*** 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 or sign the guest book in the lobby.

**** **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.**

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!*

There is no Sunday School today.

Children will remain in church with their families.

Rev. Heather Away

Rev. Heather is away at her cottage this month
for her holidays.

She will return to the office on September 3rd.
If you have an emergency or a need, please call
our Clerk of Session, Sheila Gault at 905-751-6568.

Welcome to Rev. Peter Ma

Today we welcome Rev. Peter Ma to the pulpit.

Rev. Peter Ma was born in Toronto, raised in Mississauga and
currently lives in Markham.

Peter has served as a Presbyterian minister for 26 years.

At the beginning of 2023, Peter began serving as
the Executive Director of Flow Without Bounds Ministries,
an outreach to a subsidized housing community in Markham.

“Some people feel isolated and alone. We walk with
neighbours inspiring each other to be connected with God and
with others. We do this through house church, youth
mentoring, and compassion ministry.”

Peter and his wife, Mora, have been married for 32 years. He
gets along with three of his children (he only has three).

Welcome to our new Director of Music Ministry

Today is **Jones Peterson's** first Sunday as TPC's new **Director of Music Ministry**.

We welcome Jones and wish him many years of fruitful ministry among us.

Jones is off to a quick start, choir practice begins this Thursday, September 5, at 7:15 at the church.

Those interested in joining the choir are most welcome.

New Custodian

The Board of Managers is very pleased to announce that **Shadrack Obodai** will be our new Custodian.

Shadrack and Juliet joined our church family recently.

We look forward to working with Shadrack.

We also want to thank Delacey Graham for his excellent service as our Custodian over the past few years.

Delacey will be retiring as Custodian at the end of August.

Shadrack will start in August to allow some overlap and to provide a smooth transition before the busy fall season starts.



The administrator's summer office hours will be **Wednesday to Friday from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.**

Messages will be checked regularly while the administrator is away on holidays the weeks of August 18 and August 25. She'll return on Wednesday September 4.

***In case of pastoral emergency,
please contact Sheila Gault,
Clerk of Session at 905-751-6568.***



Rally Sunday

This year's Rally Sunday theme is Fall Fun Fair and Faith Festival

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall on Rally Sunday,
September 15th
to discover the many opportunities to share
your gifts in our church.

Sunday School classes will be starting, and we will be
commissioning our Sunday School teachers and support staff.

ESL Classes



ESL classes will resume on September 10
at 10:00 am to 12:00 pm in the Chapel.



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Office Hours: Tuesday – Friday from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Custodian: Shadrack Obodai

Duty Elder: Carolyn Adamson and Doug Miron

UPCOMING WEEK'S EVENTS AT A GLANCE

Sunday Sept 1, 2024

11:00 am

Worship Service

Thursday Sept 5, 2024

7:15 pm

Choir Practice - Sanctuary

Sunday Sept. 8, 2024

11:00 am

Worship Service

Join the Online Directory!

We do have an online directory and want you all to be part of it!

It's a great way to know each other and, also have contact information when needed.

First step is to ensure that Nadine in the office has your email.

If the office has your email, you can then go to instantchurchdirectory.com.

Click on the bars on the top right, and then scroll down on member log in.

Then follow the directions.

You can also download the Instant Church Directory on your phone or tablet.

On a regular basis we will try and take your picture after church if you don't have one in the directory or would like to update yours.

Alternatively, you can send a picture to Abel Pandey (abelpandy@rogers.com) and he will upload it for you.

Any questions, feel free to contact Abel.

Hymn

Holy, holy, holy

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty!
early in the morning
our song shall rise to thee.

Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns
around the glassy sea,
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
who wert and art and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide thee,
though our eyes in sinfulness
thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy, there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty!
all thy works shall praise thy name
in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Hymn

All things bright and beautiful

Refrain:

*All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful,
in love God made them all.*

Each little flower that opens,
each little bird that sings,
God made their glowing colours;
God made their tiny wings.

(Refrain)

The cold wind in the winter,
the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruits in the garden,
God made them, every one.

(Refrain)

The rocky mountain splendour,
the haunting curlew's call,
the great lakes and the prairies,
the forests in the fall,

(Refrain)

God gave us eyes to see them,
and lips that we might tell
how great is God almighty
who has made all things well.

(Refrain)

Hymn

Precious Lord, take my hand

Precious Lord, take my hand;
lead me on, let me stand;
I am tired, I am weak,
I am worn; through the storm,
through the night, lead me on to the light:
take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When my way grows drear,
precious Lord, linger near;
when my life is almost gone,
hear my cry, hear my call;
hold my hand lest I fall:
take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When the darkness appears
and the night draws near,
and the day is past and gone,
at the river I stand,
guide my feet, hold my hand:
take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

Hymn

Make me a channel of your peace

Make me a channel of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me bring your love;
where there is injury, your healing power,
and where there's doubt, true faith in you.

Make me a channel of your peace:
where there's despair in life let me bring hope;
where there is darkness, only light,
and where there's sadness, ever joy.

O Spirit, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace:
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving to all that we receive,
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.