



*Forward together in Faith, Hope, and Love*

Sunday, September 15, 2024 – Rally Sunday

**September Sermon Series**

*What it Means to be a Christian:  
Tips for growing in your Christian walk*

**We Prepare for Worship**

Praise Band

Preparing our Hearts

*Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding;  
in all your ways acknowledge Him, and he will make your paths straight.*

*Proverbs 3:5-6*

Prelude: *Immortal, invisible, God only wise*

*arr. Roger C. Wilson*

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

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Welcome and Community Life News

**We Worship God**

The Call to Worship

Julian Francis

L.: Come, people of God, worship the One who listens to our prayers.

**P.: We will worship the One who hears us.**

L.: Come, people of God, worship the One who watches over us.

**P.: We will worship the One who cares deeply for us all.**

L.: Come, people of God, worship the One who offered his life for us.

**P.: We will offer thanks and praise to the One who gives us life.**

L.: Let us worship God!

Introit: *O come let us worship*

*Richard Shephard*

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: ***All My Ways***

In days of peace and days of rest

In times of loss and loneliness

Though rich or poor Your word is true

That all my ways are known to You

No trial has come beyond Your hand

No step I walk beyond Your plan  
The path is dark outside my view  
Still all my ways are known to You  
*And O what peace that I have found  
Wherever I may be*

*For all my ways are known to You  
Hallelujah they are known to You*

I do not fear the final night  
For death will be the door to life  
You take my hand and lead me through  
For all my ways are known to You

*And O what peace that I have found  
Wherever I may be*

*For all my ways are known to You  
Hallelujah they are known to You*

**Open up my eyes so I may see  
That You have made these ways for me**

**Open up my eyes so I may see**

**That You my God will walk with me REPEAT BRIDGE**

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Wherever I may be*

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## **We Listen for God's Word**

### Children's Time

The Commissioning of our Teachers, Support Staff, and Youth  
Leaders and Presentation of Bibles

(See last 2 pages)

Prayer for Illumination

Garth Low

Scripture Readings:

Responsive Reading: Psalm 116:1-9

1 I love the Lord because he has heard  
my voice and my supplications.

**2 Because he inclined his ear to me,  
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.**

3 The snares of death encompassed me;

the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;  
I suffered distress and anguish.

**4 Then I called on the name of the Lord,  
“O Lord, I pray, save my life!”**

5 Gracious is the Lord and righteous; our God is merciful.

**6 The Lord protects the simple;  
when I was brought low, he saved me.**

7 Return, O my soul, to your rest,  
for the Lord has dealt bountifully with you.

**8 For you have delivered my soul from death,  
my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.**

9 I walk before the Lord in the land of the living.

Old Testament: Jeremiah 1:4-10

OT p. 698

New Testament: Luke 9:57-62

NT p. 70

Leader: The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Anthem: *Hymn setting on "O Master let me walk with Thee"*

Sermon: Servant Leadership: Doing God's Jobs

Rev. Dr. H. Vais

\*Hymn: *Give me oil in my lamp*

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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: *We've a story to tell to the nations*

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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: *To the glory of God*

arr. E.K. Heyser

***\* 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 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.**



## It's Back to *Sunday School* Time!

All children grades 1-6 are welcome and will go to Sunday School after the bible presentations.

Parents, please register your children for Sunday School today by completing a registration form and placing it in the basket in the lobby.

## **The TPC Fall Fun-Fair and Faith Festival is on TODAY!**

Everyone is invited to our coffee hour special lunch where you can learn about all the great ministry and volunteer opportunities there are at TPC.

**Listed below are the teachers and Leaders involved in educating the children in our church this year.**

### **Teachers for the 2024 - 2025 school year:**

Sandra Bhikram-Lee  
Sharon Miron  
Janet Gargano  
Abel Pandy  
Amy Girard  
Michelle Francis

### **Christian Education Committee:**

George Huang (chair)  
Amy Girard  
Sandra Bhikram Lee  
Betty Spittle

**Senior Youth Group Leader:** Abel Pandy

**Junior Youth Group Leader:** Rev. Heather (or YOU!)

**Youth Group Volunteers:** Sandra Bhikram-Lee, Amy Girard, and other parents and volunteers.

**Help Needed:** volunteers are needed to support our ministry to preschool-aged children (3-5 years old) and to help with the nursery.

# Children & Youth Ministry



## TPC Youth Groups!

### SENIOR YOUTH GROUP

Teen Group: Grades 7 to 12

### JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP

For kids Grade 1 to Grade 6

**Contact Abel or Rev. Heather  
for information.**

# Music Ministry

## Join the Senior Choir!!

We welcome new members to lead in  
the music ministry.

Please contact our Music Director or the church office.

Rehearsals on Thursdays at 7:30 pm

## Children/Youth Choir!!

*Come, children, join to sing  
Alleluia! Amen.*

Jones, our new Director of Music Ministry, is anxious to re-start the Children / Youth Choir. Please bring your children / grandchildren and invite others you know. They will have fun learning to sing praises to God. First gathering will be Sunday, September 22, at 9:40am in the chapel. Interested parents/guardians are asked to contact Jones at [jones.peterson@gmail.com](mailto:jones.peterson@gmail.com)

## PRAISE BAND

Meets Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. for rehearsal

Musicians and Singers Welcome

Contact the church office

or contact Abel Pandey 416-222-9058

## Bible Study Opportunities!

### *Sunday Morning Discovery!*

Sunday mornings from 9:45 -10:30  
Beginning Sunday October 6

## Thank you to the Congregation

Deborah, David and Deborah's father, Gordon, wish to thank the congregation for their thoughts, prayers and support during their time of loss.

## Congratulations!

Congratulations to Norman and Muriel Macleod who celebrated their 64<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on September 10<sup>th</sup>.

## SEPTEMBER SERMON SERIES



*Tips for growing in your Christian Walk*

## ESL Classes



ESL classes will be held on Tuesdays  
at 10:00 am to 12:00 pm in the Chapel.

*The Open Door*

The deadline for the autumn issue of "The Open Door" is  
**Monday, September 30, 2024.**

Please forward your articles to Garth Low at  
[garth.low@garthlow.com](mailto:garth.low@garthlow.com).

Written submissions can be put in the Open Door newsletter  
mail box located by the Chapel.

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Minister: Rev. Dr. Heather Vais

Director of Music Ministry: Jones Peterson

Church Office Administrator: Nadine Calfa

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

Custodian: Shadrack Obodai

**Duty Elder: Carolyn Adamson and Sheila Gault**

### **UPCOMING WEEK'S EVENTS AT A GLANCE**

#### **Sunday September 15, 2024**

11:00 am

Rally Sunday – Worship and coffee hour lunch

#### **Tuesday September 17, 2024**

10:00 am – 12:00 pm

ESL Class – Chapel

#### **Thursday September 19, 2024**

7:30 pm

Choir Practice - Sanctuary

#### **Sunday September 22, 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](http://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 Pandy  
([abelpandy@rogers.com](mailto:abelpandy@rogers.com)) and he will upload it for you.

Any questions, feel free to contact Abel.

## Upcoming Worship Service



Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> is  
**Worldwide Communion Sunday**

A day where Christians around the world celebrate their unity in Christ by sharing the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

At T.P.C. we want to celebrate our cultural diversity and our unity in Christ!

Even though we are all Canadians, many of us have cultural roots in other countries.

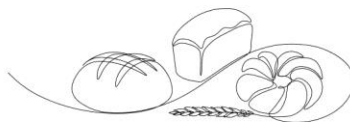
On October 2, we invite you to wear a piece of clothing representing your country of birth or ancestry.

We also invite you to sign up to bring a type of bread and a spread to go with it from a country in your heritage.

We will present the **Breads of the World** during worship and pray for the countries of the world they represent.

We will then share those breads and spreads at our coffee hour in the Fellowship Hall after church.

**If you wish to bring a bread of the world please sign-up on the sheet in lobby.**





## Service of Commissioning for Sunday School Teachers and Leaders

**Minister:** As the people of God, we are always growing in faith and understanding. We give thanks to God for the people who commit themselves to the church's teaching ministry. It is through the work of willing teachers that we are helped to come to know and love our Lord Jesus Christ.

### **Responsive Liturgy:**

Minister: Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.

**People: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,  
and with all your soul, and with all your might.**

Minister: Keep these words that I am commanding you  
today in your heart.

**People: Recite them to your children and talk about  
them when you are at home and when you are away,  
when you lie down and when you rise.**

Minister: Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem  
on your forehead.

**People: And write them on the doorposts of your house  
and on your gates.** (Deuteronomy 6:4-9, NRSV)

### **Minister: (addressing teachers)**

You have been called to share the stories of faith with our children and youth. You are charged to do this with gentleness and insight as the Spirit guides you in your words and witness. Through your teaching and example, the faith of our children and youth will be nurtured and deepened.

Do you promise, by the grace of God, to give yourself willing to this calling and to serve with diligence, energy, love and to be guided by the Spirit and Word of God?

**Teachers/Leaders: We do, by the grace of God.**

**Minister: (children and youth please stand)**

These teachers and leaders want to help you learn more about God. Will you promise to learn from them, ask questions, share stories, and be willing to learn all about Jesus.

**Children: We will.**

**Minister: (The congregation will please rise)**

The teachers and leaders before you have been chosen to help us as a congregation fulfill the vows of our baptism. Do you promise to encourage and support them through your presence and your prayers?

**Congregation: We do, by the grace of God.**

**Unison Prayer:** Spirit of the Living God, in every age you have appointed teachers to tell of your power, justice and love. We thank you for these men and women in faith who will teach our children the message of Jesus Christ.

We give thanks for the evidence of the Holy Spirit in our midst. Fill us with strength and peace as we follow Jesus, the Christ, our Master and Friend. Amen

**Young People Receiving Bibles this Year:**

Hannah Hibbert  
Julian Renaud  
Aida Dahkota  
Brody Renaud



*Sunday* **SCHOOL**  
**ROOTED IN GOD'S WORD**  
*Growing in Faith Together*

## 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

## ***Give me oil in my lamp***

Give me oil in my lamp; keep me burning;  
give me oil in my lamp, I pray.  
Give me oil in my lamp; keep me burning;  
keep me burning till the break of day.

### ***Refrain:***

***Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,  
sing hosanna to the Servant King;  
sing hosanna, sing hosanna,  
sing hosanna, let us sing!***

Give me joy in my heart; keep me praising;  
give me joy in my heart, I pray.  
Give me joy in my heart; keep me praising;  
keep me praising till the break of day.

### ***(Refrain)***

Give me peace in my heart; keep me loving;  
give me peace in my heart, I pray.  
Give me peace in my heart; keep me loving;  
keep me loving till the break of day.

### ***(Refrain)***

Give me love in my heart; keep me serving;  
give me love in my heart, I pray.  
Give me love in my heart; keep me serving;  
keep me serving till the break of day.

### ***(Refrain)***

# Hymn

## ***We've a story to tell to the nations***

We've a story to tell to the nations  
that shall turn their hearts to the right,  
a story of truth and mercy,  
a story of peace and light,  
a story of peace and light,

### ***Refrain:***

***for the darkness shall turn to dawning,  
and the dawning to noon-day bright,  
and Christ's great kingdom shall come on earth,  
the kingdom of love and light.***

We've a song to be sung to the nations  
that shall lift their hearts to the Lord,  
a song that shall conquer evil  
and shatter the spear and sword,  
and shatter the spear and sword,

### ***(Refrain)***

We've a message to give to the nations,  
that the Lord who reigneth above  
hath sent us his Son to save us,  
and show us that God is love,  
and show us that God is love,

### ***(Refrain)***