



Forward together in Faith, Hope, and Love

Sunday, October 13, 2024

Thanksgiving Sunday

We Prepare for Worship

Praise Band

Preparing our Hearts

Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. James 1:17

Prelude: *Come, ye thankful people, come* arr. Henry Balcombe

*Processional Hymn: *Come, ye thankful people, come* #803

Welcome and Community Life News

We Worship God

The Call to Worship

Aquiline Yow

L.: Give thanks to God!

P.: We thank God for joy, for laughter, for abundant blessings of every kind.

L.: Give thanks to God at all times and in everything!

P.: We thank God, when we can and as we can, for struggles, for solitude, for fears.

L.: Give thanks to God at all times and in everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

P.: We thank God that, in Christ, our joys as well as our pain, our losses as well as our laughter, are in God's heart and hands.

L.: Let us worship God!

Introit: *Come with thanksgiving*

Ruth Elaine Schram

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: ***Your Grace Is Enough***

Great is your faithfulness O God
You wrestle with the sinner's restless heart
You lead us by still waters into mercy
And nothing can keep us apart

*So remember Your people, remember Your children
Remember Your promise O God*

**Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough for me**

Great is Your love and justice, God of Jacob
You use the weak to lead the strong
You lead us in the song of Your salvation
And all Your people sing along
*So remember Your people, remember Your children
Remember Your promise O God*

**Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough for me
Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough for me**

*Remember Your people, remember Your children
Remember Your promise O God*

**Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough for me**

**Your grace is enough, heaven reaches out to us
Your grace is enough for me
Your grace is enough, I'm covered in Your love
Your grace is enough for me ... for me.**

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We Listen for God's Word

Junior Choir:

*Give thanks with a grateful heart
For all good gifts*

*arr. Henry Smith
Mark Burrows*

Children's Time

Prayer for Illumination

Sheila Gault

Scripture Readings:

Responsive Reading: Psalm 64

Zhenyi Li

- ¹ Hear my voice, O God, in my complaint;
preserve my life from the dread enemy.
- ² **Hide me from the secret plots of the wicked,
from the scheming of evildoers,**
- ³ who whet their tongues like swords,
who aim bitter words like arrows,
- ⁴ **shooting from ambush at the blameless;
they shoot suddenly and without fear.**
- ⁵ They hold fast to their evil purpose;
they talk of laying snares secretly,
thinking, "Who can see us?"

**6 Who can search out our crimes?
We have thought out a cunningly conceived plot.”**

For the human heart and mind are deep.

**7 But God will shoot his arrow at them;
they will be wounded suddenly.**

**8 Because of their tongue he will bring them to ruin;
all who see them will shake with horror.**

**9 Then everyone will fear;
they will tell what God has brought about
and ponder what he has done.**

**10 Let the righteous rejoice in the Lord
and take refuge in him.**

Let all the upright in heart glory.

New Testament: Matthew 6:25-33

NT p. 6

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Choir Anthem: *Thou crownest the year*

Caleb Simper

Sermon: To God Alone

Rev. Dr. H. Vais

*Hymn: *Now thank we all our God*

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We Respond to God's Word

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Intercession (response)

By your Spirit, O God,

May others see in us signs of a grateful heart.

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

*Doxology

#830

*Dedication of Offering

*Recessional Hymn: *We plough the fields and scatter*

#807

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: *Nun Danket Alle Gott (Chorale from Cantata BWV 79)*

J.S. Bach

**** 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. All children under the age of 5 are welcome to remain in worship or go with a parent or guardian to our pre-school and nursery room in the Christian Education Wing. Please speak to an usher for assistance.**

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.

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

IMPORTANT Nursery and Preschool Update

Great News! Our Sunday School enrolment has gone up! Our challenge is we need volunteers! We are seeking parents and others to volunteer to help supervise in the Sunday school and/or the nursery/pre-school room occasionally. You will not have to teach if you do not wish to. Contact the Church office, George Huang, Rev. Heather, or Amy Girard.

There is no Sunday School today.

Children will remain in church with their families.

Please join us after church at the Coffee Hour in the Fellowship Hall!



Calling all Kids!

Come and Join our Amazing JUNIOR CHOIR

Rehearsals at 9:40am in the chapel.

Questions: contact Jones at jones.peterson@gmail.com

New Members and Baptism!

We will be soon receiving new members into our church family. If you are not a member and wish to become one, please speak with Rev. Heather. A brief membership class will be offered to those who wish to learn about the faith.



Become Part of Our Church Family

TPC's 175TH Anniversary Cookbook

As part of our ongoing 175th Anniversary Celebrations we're cooking up something special and we need YOUR recipe contributions. Whether it's a cherished family recipe, a unique fusion dish or a local delicacy, we want it all! From appetizers to desserts, traditional to unique, your submissions will showcase the beautiful diversity of our church community. We will be working with an online cookbook service for collecting and compiling our book.

Recipes will be collected until Oct. 21st. Our goal is to have the books ready to distribute in time for Christmas.

Connect with Jessica Chapman (at chapman.jessica@yahoo.ca) or Julie Meek (juliemeek@hotmail.com) for more information including how to contribute a recipe, online or in person.

We will also set up a table in the lobby after worship on Oct. 6, 13 & 20 with more information.

WMS In-Person Meeting

The WMS is reminded of their **in-person** meeting in the Conference Room on Tuesday, October 15 beginning at 11:00 am — Please bring your lunch.

Inviting interested adults and kids to join the Christmas Choir for the Advent Season.

The Chancel Choir and Junior Choir will jointly present

The Christmas Story in Song
on Sunday December 22 at 11:00 am

Rehearsals:

Chancel Choir regular rehearsal beginning 7:30 pm Thursdays
joined by Christmas Choir singers 8:10 – 8:45 pm

Junior Choir rehearsals – Sundays 9:40 am



Richmond Hill Community Food Bank

As we gather to celebrate Thanksgiving, may we be mindful of those in our community who are experiencing food insecurity.

Our next collection for the Food Bank will be held on
Sunday, October 27th.

More details will be provided next week.

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UPCOMING WEEK'S EVENTS AT A GLANCE

Sunday October 13, 2024

9:40 am – 10:15 am

9:45 am – 10:30 am

11:00 am

Junior Choir – Chapel

Sunday Morning Discovery – Conference Room

Worship Service – Thanksgiving Sunday

Tuesday October 15, 2024

10:00 am – 12:00 pm

11:00 am

ESL Class – Chapel

WMS Meeting – Conference Room

Wednesday October 16, 2024

8:00 pm

Stewardship Committee – MS Teams

Thursday October 17, 2024

7:30 pm – 8:10 pm

8:10 pm – 8:45 pm

Chancel Choir Practice - Sanctuary

Adult rehearsals for Christmas Choir –
Sanctuary

Sunday October 20, 2024

9:40 am – 10:15 am

9:45 am – 10:30 am

11:00 am

Junior Choir – Chapel

Sunday Morning Discovery – Conference Room

Worship Service

Sunday Morning Discovery!

Discussing deep life questions through the lens of the Bible.

Sunday mornings from 9:45 -10:30



ESL Classes

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



We need additional volunteers to help run the
sound and livestreaming systems
on Sunday mornings.

It is not complicated. Speak to Abel.

If Abel is able, you can be able too!

Hymn

Come, ye thankful people, come

Come, ye thankful people, come,
raise the song of harvest home;
all is safely gathered in,
ere the winter storms begin:
God, our Maker, doth provide
for our wants to be supplied.
Come, to God's own temple, come:
raise the song of harvest home.

All the world is God's own field,
fruit unto God's praise to yield;
wheat and weeds together sown,
unto joy or sorrow grown;
first the blade and then the ear,
then the full corn shall appear.
Lord of harvest, grant that we
wholesome grain and pure may be.

For the Lord our God shall come,
and shall take the harvest home;
from the field shall in that day
all offences purge away;
give the angels charge at last
in the fire the tares to cast,
but the fruitful ears to store
in God's storehouse evermore.

Even so, Lord, quickly come
to thy final harvest home:
gather thou thy people in,
free from sorrow, free from sin;
there, forever purified,
in thy presence to abide.
Come, with all thine angels, come:
raise the glorious harvest home.

Hymn

Now thank we all our God

Now thank we all our God
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done,
in whom God's world rejoices,
who from our mother's arms
has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

Oh may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever-joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us,
and keep us all with grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God
who reigns in highest heaven,
the Father and the Son
and Spirit now be given,
the one eternal God,
whom heaven and earth adore,
for thus it was, is now
and shall be evermore.

Hymn

We plough the fields and scatter

We plough the fields and scatter
the good seed on the land,
but it is fed and watered
by God's almighty hand:
you send the snow in winter,
the warmth to swell the grain,
the breezes and the sunshine,
and soft refreshing rain.

Refrain:

***All good gifts around us
are sent from heaven above;
we thank you, Lord,
we thank you, Lord
for all your love.***

You only are the Maker
of all things near and far;
you paint the wayside flower,
you light the evening star;
the winds and waves obey you;
by you the birds are fed;
much more to us, your children,
you give our daily bread.

(Refrain)

We thank you, our provider,
for all things bright and good,
the seedtime and the harvest,
our life, our health, our food.
No gifts have we to offer
for all your love imparts,
but that which you most welcome:
our humble, thankful hearts.

(Refrain)