



Forward together in Faith, Hope, and Love

Sunday, October 27, 2024

Reformation Sunday

We Prepare for Worship

Praise Band

Preparing our Hearts

So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; look, new things have come into being! 2 Cor. 5:17

Prelude: *Hymn arrangement on "A mighty fortress is our God"*

*Processional Hymn: *Oh for a thousand tongues to sing* #374

Welcome and Community Life News

We Worship God

The Call to Worship

Mason Girard

L.: Praise the Lord in every time and place.

P.: We will tell of God's goodness each day.

L.: Boast only in the Lord.

P.: We will praise God's wonderful deeds.

L.: Spread the news of God's greatness.

P.: We will give God glory everywhere we go.

L.: So let us worship God together here and now, now and always!

Introit: *O come ye, servants of the Lord*

Christopher Tye

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: ***The Battle & the Blessing***

We did not bear the wounds that freed us

Or walk the road to Calvary

We did not share Your cup of suffering

And yet we share Your victory

We did not wear that heavy burden

Nor face the shame and agony

A crown of thorns was placed upon You

Now we are crowned with love and peace

*Praise the Lord my God now I am free
At the cross Your grace took hold of me
There You paid my debt there You fought my fight
Yes the battle was Yours and the blessing is mine*

You chose to be a man of sorrows
That I can be a child of God
You stood and faced this world's rejection
I stand accepted by Your love

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My sin was buried with the Saviour
Now there is hope beyond the tomb
For You were raised again in glory
And I am raised to life in You
Forevermore to live with You

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We Listen for God's Word

Children's Time

Prayer for Illumination

Judy Chen

Scripture Readings:

Responsive Reading: Psalm 34:1-8

Zhenyi Li

¹ I will bless the Lord at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

² **My soul makes its boast in the Lord;
let the humble hear and be glad.**

³ O magnify the Lord with me,
and let us exalt his name together.

⁴ **I sought the Lord, and he answered me**

and delivered me from all my fears.

⁵ Look to him, and be radiant,
so your faces shall never be ashamed.

⁶ **This poor soul cried and was heard by the Lord
and was saved from every trouble.**

⁷ The angel of the Lord encamps
around those who fear him and delivers them.

⁸ **O taste and see that the Lord is good;
happy are those who take refuge in him.**

New Testament: Mark 10:46-52

NT p. 47

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem: *My God, how excellent Thy grace*

Stanley A. Day

Sermon: Brazen Faith

Rev. Dr. H. Vais

*Hymn: *I greet thee, who my sure Redeemer art*

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We Respond to God's Word

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Intercession

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

*Doxology

#830

*Dedication of Offering

*Recessional Hymn: *A mighty fortress is our God*

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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: *Fanfare on "Solid Rock"*

arr. John F. Wilson

****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.

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

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.



Sunday School Today

A one-room Sunday School class is available for our junior youth today after Praise Time.

All children grades 1-6 are welcome.



Don't Forget!

Next Saturday night move your clocks back one hour as Daylight Savings Time ends.



Richmond Hill Community Food Bank

Thank you for your donations to the Food Bank. Your contributions are important to those facing food insecurity in our community.

Sunday November 3 we will be celebrating the Sacrament of Holy Communion and receiving new members by baptism and profession of faith.

Come Join our Christmas Choir!

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

Congregational Photo Today!

Immediately after the benediction we will be having a
congregational photo to mark our 175th year.
Please remain in your pews and await instructions.

ATTENTION ALL BAKERS!

On **Sunday, November 10th** we will be holding a Bake Sale
and Raffle during Coffee Hour in support of the Thornhill Ministerial
Association's Christmas Assistance Program.
We are asking for donations of baked goods or preserves to be
brought to the Fellowship Hall prior to worship on the morning of
November 10th. If you have any questions,
please contact Lorraine McBride at (416) 738-9799.



ESL Classes

ESL classes have been cancelled until Tuesday,
November 26, at 10:00 am to 12:00 pm in the chapel.

Markham Prayer Breakfast

This annual event will be held on Friday, November 22 at Angus
Glen Golf Club (10800 Kennedy Road), starting at 7:00 am. The
keynote speaker will be Dr. Peter Chu, a general trauma surgeon at
Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre and an adjunct professor of
Biblical Studies at Tyndale Seminary. Musical entertainment will be
provided by renowned vocalist Jonathan Michael. It will be a very
inspiring morning. Tickets are \$45 each from Lorraine McBride.
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UPCOMING WEEK'S EVENTS AT A GLANCE

Sunday October 27, 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 – Reformation Sunday

Tuesday October 29, 2024

10:00 am – 12:00 pm

7:30 pm

ESL Class – Chapel (Cancelled for today)

Mission & Outreach Committee meeting -Zoom

Thursday October 31, 2024

7:30 pm – 8:10 pm

8:10 pm – 8:45 pm

Chancel Choir Practice - Sanctuary

Adult rehearsals for Christmas Choir -Sanctuary

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Worship Service

Upcoming Events for You!

Here are some upcoming events that you may be interested in!

Sing a New Song

Prepare your hearts for Advent and join our

Advent Devotional Group Study

Express Yourself Drawing Classes

Offered by one of our talented members

Stay tuned for more details!

Congratulations to Deborah Lee who defended her PhD in Theological Studies dissertation successfully last Tuesday at the Toronto School of Theology. Her dissertation was titled: *The Power of the Rule of God in the Gospel of Mark: Deleuze and Guattari's Non-Representational Theory and the Three Abstract Lines.*

Congratulations Deborah!

Hymn

Oh for a thousand tongues to sing

Oh for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of God's grace.

Jesus, the name that charms our fears,
and bids our sorrows cease:
'tis music in the sinner's ears;
'tis life and health and peace.

He speaks, and listening to his voice
new life the dead receive;
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice;
the humble poor believe.

Hear him, you deaf; you voiceless ones,
your tongues again employ;
you blind, behold your Saviour comes,
and leap, you lame, for joy.

My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
and spread through all the earth abroad
the honours of thy name.

Hymn

I greet thee, who my sure Redeemer art

I greet thee, who my sure Redeemer art,
my only trust and Saviour of my heart,
who pain didst undergo for my poor sake;
I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take.

Thou art the King of mercy and of grace,
reigning omnipotent in every place:
so come, O King, and our whole being sway;
shine on us with the light of thy pure day.

Thou art the life, by which alone we live,
and all our substance and our strength receive;
sustain us by thy faith and by thy power,
and give us strength in every trying hour.

Thou hast the true and perfect gentleness;
no harshness hast thou and no bitterness:
oh grant to us the grace we find in thee,
that we may dwell in perfect unity.

Our hope is in no other save in thee;
our faith is built upon thy promise free.
Lord, give us peace, and make us calm and sure,
that in thy strength we evermore endure.

Hymn

A mighty fortress is our God

A mighty fortress is our God,
a refuge never failing,
our helper sure amid the flood

Continued...

of mortal ills prevailing.
yet seeks to work us woe
For still our ancient foe
with craft and power great,
and armed with cruel hate,
on earth has not an equal.

Did we in our own strength confide,
our striving would be losing,
were not a Saviour on our side,
the One of God's own choosing.
Who is this Saviour, who?
Christ Jesus, living, true.
Lord Sabbath by name,
from age to age the same,
already wins the battle.

And though this world, with evil filled,
should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God has willed
the truth to triumph through us:
the powers of death and hell
our God will surely quell:
their rage we can endure,
for look! their doom is sure:
one little word will fell them.

That Word above all earthly powers —
no thanks to them! — abiding,
ensures that all God's gifts are ours,
through Christ in us residing,
whose summons rings above
all goods, all earthly love.
Earth's powers waste away;
God's word endures alway,
whose reign will last forever.