



Forward together in Faith, Hope, and Love

Sunday, December 1, 2024 – First Sunday in Advent
The Sacrament of Holy Communion

We Prepare for Worship

Praise Band

Preparing our Hearts

Prepare our hearts: Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord.

Psalm 27:14

Prelude: *Fughetta on "Veni, Veni Emmanuel"*

arr. Gaël Liardon

*Processional Hymn: *Oh come, oh come, Emmanuel*

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Welcome and Community Life News

We Worship God

The Call to Worship

Kaleb Nogueron

L: Advent is a time for waiting.

P: We wait for God, who appears like a tender branch growing from a stump.

L: Advent is a time for hoping.

P: We wait for God, who comes with justice and righteousness.

L: Advent is a time to worship.

P: We wait for God, praising the One who comes to fulfil promises.

L: Let us worship God!

Advent Candle Liturgy: **see Advent 1 insert**

Doug and Sharon Miron

Introit: *Arise, the Kingdom is at hand*

Christopher Tye

Prayers of Adoration and Confession

The Assurance of Pardon

Minister: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

*Praise Time: **Remember Him**

All you poor, weak and malnourished

You don't need money for bread

Only bring your hunger to Jesus

He will give you the feast of Himself

All who thirst, come to the table

Drink the wine, buy without debt

Just receive, Jesus is offering
He will give you the drink of Himself
*Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good
Give thanks and sing of His endless love
Remember Jesus until He comes again, remember Him*
All you saints, come to the banquet
There's a seat for all those unwell
Oh, rejoice in the life of your Saviour
He will give you the feast of Himself
Oh, He'll give us the feast of Himself
*Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good
Give thanks and sing of His endless love
Remember Jesus until He comes again, remember Him
Remember Him, remember Him.*
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We Listen for God's Word

Children's Time

Anthem: *In the stillness*

Arlen Clarke

Prayer for Illumination

Sheila Gault

Scripture Readings:

Responsive Reading: Psalm 25:1-10

Sam Nogueron

¹To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

²**O my God, in you I trust;
do not let me be put to shame;
do not let my enemies exult over me.**

³Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame;
let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

⁴**Make me to know your ways, O Lord;
teach me your paths.**

⁵Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
for you I wait all day long.

⁶**Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast
love, for they have been from of old.**

⁷Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;
according to your steadfast love remember me,
for the sake of your goodness, O Lord!

**⁸ Good and upright is the Lord;
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.**

⁹ He leads the humble in what is right
and teaches the humble his way.

**¹⁰ All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and
faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his
decrees.**

New Testament: Luke 21:25-36

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Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: Watching...Waiting

Rev. Dr. H. Vais

We Respond to God's Word

*The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. AMEN

Prayers of the People

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

*Doxology

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*Dedication of the Offering and Elements

*Invitation to the Table

*Communion Hymn: *Let all mortal flesh keep silence*

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The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The prayer opens with thanksgiving for creation and for God's mighty acts throughout salvation history.

The people join in the ancient song after these or similar words:

... we join with the whole creation to lift our hearts in joyful praise.

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Prayers of thanksgiving continue for the work of Jesus Christ, his life, death, and resurrection and for the institution of the Lord's Supper.

The people are invited to "proclaim the mystery of faith:"

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Thanksgiving continues for the gift of the Holy Spirit. The presence of the Holy Spirit is invoked followed by a doxology and the people say:

Amen.

As our Lord taught us, we now pray:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done On earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory

Forever. Amen

The Breaking of the Bread

Distribution of the Elements

(please come forward as able)

Prayer after Communion

*Recessional Hymn: *Herald! sound the note of judgement*

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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: *Choral Fanfare on "Comfort, Comfort ye, my people"*

arr. Grimoaldo Macchia

*** 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 for children 5 years old and under, we have a nursery in the Christian Education wing where the service can still be heard. Our ushers are available to assist you. Children must be accompanied by an adult relative.**

For Worship:

Please silence and minimise use of cell phones during the service of worship.

At the end of the service, please feel free to appreciate the postlude. If you do leave the sanctuary, please do so quietly. Thank you.



The Sacrament of Holy Communion

We invite all who profess Jesus as Lord to come forward to receive the Sacrament.

If you have mobility challenges, please advise an elder and we will bring communion to you.

There is no Sunday School today.

Children will remain in church and receive Communion with their families.



The 2025 Presbyterian Wall calendars

are available at the church and can be purchased for \$10.00 each.

Alternatively, you can reserve one by calling our Church Administrator Nadine.

The Open door

The Christmas 2024 issue of the "The Open Door" is available today. Please pick your copy up in the foyer.

Thank you to all who contributed to the newsletter.

The Sock Tree

This Sunday marks the beginning of Advent and with it the re-appearance of our Sock Tree.

Every night, hundreds of people in the GTA find themselves without a place to call home. They face unimaginable challenges, struggling to meet their basic needs of food, shelter and warmth. Among these essential needs, one item often goes unnoticed and unappreciated – **socks**. While socks may seem like a simple item, they play a crucial role in the lives of homeless individuals, offering both physical and psychological benefits. Throughout the Advent and Christmas season, we will be collecting warm men's and women's socks on **THE SOCK TREE** to be distributed to those in need through Evangel Hall Mission.



Thornhill Christmas Assistance Program (CAP)

The Thornhill Christmas Assistance Program was started by local churches in Thornhill more than thirty years ago to help those in need. This program gives us an opportunity to serve others in an important way.

Historically, TPC has been a generous supporter of CAP.

You can assist by donating before Friday, December 6.

Please mark "Christmas Assistance Program" on your donation so it can be transferred to the appropriate account. Your donation will be used to purchase gift cards for grocery stores and Walmart to be distributed to families living below the poverty line in Thornhill.

TPC's Annual Congregational Christmas Dinner!

Come share the joys of the Christmas season with us and spread some cheer.

We will gather on **Saturday December 7th at 5:30pm** for a Congregational Christmas dinner.

The meal will be provided by the Congregational Life Committee for a suggested donation of \$10.

Anyone is welcome to bring a dessert. Sign up in advance at the table in the lobby on Nov. 16, 23, or 30.

Sunday Morning Discovery

will have its last session for the calendar year 2024 on December 8.

It will resume in 2025 – date yet to be determined

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UPCOMING WEEK'S EVENTS AT A GLANCE

Sunday December 1, 2024

9:40 am – 10:15 am

Junior Choir – Chapel

9:45 am – 10:30 am

Sunday Morning Discovery – Conference Room

10:20 am

Chancel Choir Practice – Chapel

11:00 am

Worship Service – Advent 1 - Communion

Tuesday December 3, 2024

10:00 am – 12:00 pm

ESL Class – Chapel

Thursday December 5, 2024

7:30 pm – 8:10 pm

Chancel Choir Practice - Sanctuary

8:10 pm – 8:45 pm

Adult Christmas Choir rehearsals – Sanctuary

Saturday December 7, 2024

5:30 pm

Congregational Christmas Dinner

– Fellowship Hall

Sunday December 8, 2024

9:40 am – 10:15 am

Junior Choir – Chapel

9:45 am – 10:30 am

Sunday Morning Discovery – Conference Room

10:20 am

Chancel Choir Practice – Chapel

11:00 am

Worship Service – Advent 2

**Hey Junior Youth Kids
and Teens!**

On Saturday December 14

We are having a

**Sunday School Pageant Practice
& Pizza Party!**

Pageant rehearsal 5:00 p.m.

Pizza Party and Games for all ages – 6:00 p.m.

Kids Christmas Pageant Rehearsals!

With Advent upon us, it is time, once again, for the Grades 1-6 Class to prepare our Christmas Pageant presented on Sunday December 15th during Worship service.

Please see the following rehearsal key dates below:

Sunday December 8 (During Sunday School)

Saturday December 14 (5pm-8:30pm) Pizza Party & Rehearsal

Sunday December 15 (Pageant Day) arrive at 9:30am

Please note that our teen and kindergarten/preschool class are also preparing presentations. The leaders of these groups will reach out to their participants directly.

Any questions, please reach out to Amy Girard
(amy.girard@rogers.com)

Evangel Hall Christmas Dinner



Every year the TPC senior youth go to Evangel Hall with some youth leaders and the minister to prepare and serve Christmas dinner to the homeless and underhoused at **Evangel Hall Mission** in Toronto.

This ministry is only made possible by the generous donations of cash and food by our TPC members.

This year our youth will be serving dinner on **Sunday December 22.**

The need is even greater this year as it is estimated we will need to feed close to **200 people** as opposed to the usual 100.

We pray you can support us again this year.

Our present needs include:

Cash donations	8 cooked turkeys
11 hams	9 bags of potatoes
12 bags of veggies	200 Rolls/buns
3 Pies	14 cans cranberry sauce
12 cans gravy	24 boxes of stove-top stuffing
4 pounds of butter	1 large tub of Margarine

Sign up to donate at the table in the Fellowship Hall.

**All food must be brought to the church
on Sunday December 22.**

Hymn

Oh come, oh come, Emmanuel

Oh come, oh come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lowly exile here,
until the Son of God appear.

Refrain:

Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.

Oh come, oh come, thou Lord of might,
who to thy tribes on Sinai's height,
in ancient times didst give the law
in cloud and majesty and awe. ***(Refrain)***

Oh come, thou Wisdom from on high,
and order all things far and nigh;
to us the path of knowledge show,
and cause us in her ways to go. ***(Refrain)***

Oh come, thou Branch of Jesse, free
thine own from Satan's tyranny;
from depths of hell thy people save,
and give them victory o'er the grave. ***(Refrain)***

Oh come, thou Key of David, come
and open wide our heavenly home;
make safe the way that leads on high
and close the path to misery. ***(Refrain)***

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Oh come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer
Our spirits by thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night
And death's dark shadows put to flight. **(Refrain)**

Oh come, desire of nations, bind
All peoples in our heart, one mind;
Bid envy, strife and discord cease
And be thyself our source of peace. **(Refrain)**

Hymn

Let all mortal flesh keep silence

Let all mortal flesh keep silence,
and with fear and trembling stand;
ponder nothing earthly minded,
for with blessing in his hand
Christ our God to earth descendeth
our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary,
as of old on earth he stood,
Lord of all, in human vesture,
in the body and the blood,
Christ will give to all the faithful,
his own self for heavenly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven
spreads its van guard on the way,
as the Light of Light, descending
from the realms of endless day,
comes the powers of hell to vanquish
as the darkness clears away.

At his feet the six-winged Seraph,
Cherubim with sleepless eye
veil their faces to the Presence,
as with ceaseless voice they cry,
'Hallelujah, hallelujah,
hallelujah, Lord most high.'

Hymn

Herald! sound the note of judgement

Herald! Sound the note of judgement,
warning souls of right and wrong,
turning them from sin and sadness,
till once more they sing the song.
Sound the trumpet! Tell the message!
Christ the Saviour King has come!

Herald! Sound the note of gladness!
Tell the news that Christ is here;
make a pathway through the desert
for the one who brings God near.
Sound the trumpet! Tell the message!
Christ the Saviour King has come!

Herald! Sound the note of pardon!
Those repenting are forgiven;
God receives us wayward children,
and to all new life is given.
Sound the trumpet! Tell the message!
Christ the Saviour King has come!

Herald! Sound the note of triumph!
Christ has come to share our life,
bringing God's own love and power,
granting victory in our strife.
Sound the trumpet! Tell the message!
Christ the Saviour King has come!