



Forward together in Faith, Hope, and Love

Sunday, November 17, 2024

Praise Band

Preparing our Hearts:

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding.

Prov. 3:5

Prelude: *I have decided to follow Jesus*

arr. Lani Smith

*Processional Hymn: *We are God's people*

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Welcome and Community Life News

We Worship God

The Call to Worship

Grace Girard

L: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless God's holy name.

P: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all God's benefits.

L: The Lord is full of compassion and mercy,

P: slow to anger and abounding in love.

L: The Lord is with us from the rising of the sun to its setting,

P: the Lord's name is to be praised!

L: Let us worship God!

Introit: *Give ear to my words, O Lord (Psalm 5)* *Bill Sprouse Jr.*

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: **Cannons**

It's falling from the clouds, a strange and lovely sound

I hear it in the thunder and the rain

It's ringing in the skies, like cannons in the night

The music of the universe plays

(We're singing) You are holy great and mighty

The moon and the stars declare who You are

I'm so unworthy but still You love me

Forever my heart will sing of how great You are

Beautiful and free, the song of galaxies
Reaching far beyond the Milky Way
Let's join in with the sound, come on let's sing it out
As the music of the universe plays

*(We're singing) You are holy great and mighty
The moon and the stars declare who You are
I'm so unworthy but still You love me
Forever my heart will sing of You*

**All glory honour power is Yours amen
All glory honour power is Yours amen
All glory honour power is Yours forever, amen**

*You are holy great and mighty
The moon and the stars declare who You are
I'm so unworthy but still You love me
Forever my heart will sing of You*

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We Listen for God's Word

Children's Time

Prayer for Illumination

Lorraine McBride

Scripture Readings:

Responsive Reading: Psalm 16

Zhenyi Li

¹ Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

² **I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord;
I have no good apart from you."**

³ As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble ones
in whom is all my delight.

⁴ **Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows;
their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out
or take their names upon my lips.**

⁵ The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup;
you hold my lot.

⁶ **The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
I have a goodly heritage.**

⁷ I bless the Lord, who gives me counsel;
in the night also my heart instructs me.

⁸ **I keep the Lord always before me;
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.**

⁹ Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices;
my body also rests secure.

¹⁰ **For you do not give me up to Sheol
or let your faithful one see the Pit.**

¹¹ You show me the path of life.
In your presence there is fullness of joy;
in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Anthem: *Like as the hart*

Vincent Novello

New Testament: Luke 12:13-21

NT p. 74

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: Decisions, Decisions

Rev. Dr. H. Vais

*Hymn: *I'm gonna live so God can use me*

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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

*Recessional Hymn: *O servants of 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: *Toccata in D Minor BWV 565*

Johann Sebastian Bach
Organist: Artiom Loginov

** 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.

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.



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.



BAKE SALE & RAFFLE A GREAT SUCCESS!

A huge THANK YOU to everyone who supported last Sunday's Bake Sale & Raffle - by baking or by purchasing! To date, just over \$2,000 has been raised for the Thornhill Ministerial Association's Christmas Assistance Program. We still have a few apple pies (frozen, unbaked) and some jam available. If you are interested in purchasing any of these, please see Lorraine McBride after worship today.

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. Phone or text (416) 738-9799 or email lrrainemcb@gmail.com.



UPCOMING FOOD COLLECTION

Next Sunday, November 24th, we will be receiving items for the Richmond Hill Community Food Bank. Please see the display at the church entrance for a complete list of urgently needed items. Shopping bags are available to help you add some items for the Food Bank when doing your shopping this week.

Thank you for your support!



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.



Hey Teens!

Its Time to Go Bowling!

When? Saturday, November 30

Time: starting at 6:30 pm after supper.

Bowling starts at 7:00 sharp.

Where? Splittsville in Thornhill, on Leslie St. North of Hwy 7

What do I do?? Let Abel or Rev. Heather know if you are coming.

Rides available from TPC

We have prepaid the evening,

so make sure you reserve your spot. Friends welcome!

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.



The 2025 Presbyterian Wall calendars

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

Please reserve yours today by calling your Administrator Nadine or Rev. Heather.

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UPCOMING WEEK'S EVENTS AT A GLANCE

Sunday November 17, 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

Tuesday November 19, 2024

10:00 am – 12:00 pm

ESL Class – Chapel (Cancelled for today)

Thursday November 21, 2024

7:30 pm – 8:10 pm

Chancel Choir Practice - Sanctuary

8:10 pm – 8:45 pm

Adult Christmas Choir rehearsals - Sanctuary

Sunday November 24, 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

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 (abelpandey@rogers.com) and he will upload it for you.

Any questions, feel free to contact Abel.



Hey Junior Youth Kids
and Teens!

We are so excited for the
Christmas Pageant
on **Sunday December 15!**

On Saturday December 14th

We are having a

Pageant Practice
& Pizza Party!

After our rehearsals, there will be
games for the Junior Youth
and activities for the Teens!



For everyone involved in the pageant
Come at 5:00 p.m.

If you are not involved in the service but would like
to be, speak with Rev. Heather.

Even still, ALL YOUTH are invited for
Pizza, snacks, and Games Night
From 6:00 to 8:30

There will be other activities for the Teens.

You would have received an email.

Please let Rev. Heather, Abel or Amy
know if you can come.

Hope to see you all there!

Kids Christmas Pageant Rehearsals!

With Advent almost 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 November 17 (During Sunday School)

Sunday November 24 (During Sunday School)

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)



The Open Door

The deadline for the next issue of "The Open Door" is
Tuesday, November 26, 2024.

Please forward your articles to Garth Low at
garth.low@garthlow.com.

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

We are God's people

We are God's people, the chosen of the Lord,
born of the Spirit, established by the word;
Our cornerstone is Christ alone,
and strong in him we stand:
oh let us live transparently,
and walk heart to heart and hand in hand.

We are God's loved ones, the bride of Christ our Lord,
for we have known it, the love of God outpoured;
now let us learn how to return
the gift of love once given:
oh let us share each joy and care
and live with a zeal that pleases heaven.

We are the body of which the Lord is head,
called to obey him, now risen from the dead;
he wills us be a family,
diverse yet truly one:
oh let us freely give our gifts,
and so shall God's work on earth be done.

We are a temple, the Spirit's dwelling place,
formed in great weakness, a cup to hold God's grace;
alone, we die, for on its own
each ember loses fire:
yet joined in one the flame burns on
to give warmth and light, and to inspire.

Hymn

I'm gonna live so God can use me

I'm gonna live so (live so) God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime! (anytime!)

I'm gonna live so (live so) God can use me
anywhere, Lord, (my Lord) anytime! (anytime!)

I'm gonna work so (work so) God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime! (anytime!)

I'm gonna work so (work so) God can use me
anywhere, Lord, (my Lord) anytime! (anytime!)

I'm gonna pray so (pray so) God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime! (anytime!)

I'm gonna pray so (pray so) God can use me
anywhere, Lord, (my Lord) anytime! (anytime!)

I'm gonna sing so (sing so) God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime! (anytime!)

I'm gonna sing so (sing so) God can use me
anywhere, Lord, (my Lord) anytime! (anytime!)

Hymn

O servants of God

O servants of God, your Master proclaim,
and publish abroad that wonderful name:
the name all-victorious of Jesus extol,
whose reign, ever glorious, shall rule over all.

God rules from on high, almighty to save;
yet ever is nigh, whose presence we have.
The great congregation God's triumph shall sing,
ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.

Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!
Let all cry aloud, and honour the Son.
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,
fall down on their faces, and worship the Lamb.

Then let us adore, give God what is right:
all glory and power, all wisdom and might,
and honour and blessing, with angels above,
and thanks never ceasing, and infinite love.