



Forward together in Faith, Hope, and Love

Sunday, November 24, 2024
Christ the King Sunday

Praise Band

Preparing our Hearts:

*The Lord will be king over the whole earth. On that day there will be one Lord,
and his name the only name.* Zechariah 14:9

Prelude: *Prelude on "Darwall's 148th" (Rejoice the Lord is King)*

arr. Henry Coleman

*Processional Hymn: *Rejoice, the Lord is King* #267

Welcome and Community Life News

We Worship God

The Call to Worship

Parsa Moshkanifarahani

L: The Lord is the first and the last, our beginning and our end.

**P: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord our God, who was and is, and is
to come.**

**All: Blessing and honour, glory and majesty be to our God, now
and evermore.**

L: Let us worship God!

Introit: *Let all the world in every corner sing*

Basil Harwood

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: ***King of Kings***

In the darkness we were waiting
without hope without light
Till from Heaven You came running
there was mercy in Your eyes
To fulfil the law and prophets
to a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory
to a cradle in the dirt

Refrain: *Praise the Father, Praise the Son
Praise the Spirit three in one
God of Glory, Majesty
Praise forever to the King of Kings*

To reveal the kingdom coming
and to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation
You did not despise the cross
For even in Your suffering
You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation
Jesus for our sake You died **Refrain:**
And the morning that You rose
all of heaven held its breath
Till that stone was moved for good
for the Lamb had conquered death
And the dead rose from their tombs
and the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come
to the Father are restored
And the Church of Christ was born
then the Spirit lit the flame
Now this Gospel truth of old
shall not kneel shall not faint
By His blood and in His Name
in His freedom I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ
who has resurrected me **Refrain 2X:**

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We Listen for God's Word

Children's Time

Anthem: *At the name of Jesus*

Richard Waters

Prayer for Illumination

Judy Chen

Scripture Readings:

Responsive Reading: Psalm 93

Heather Ann Lowry

¹ The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty;
the Lord is robed; he is girded with strength.

He has established the world; it shall never be moved;

² **your throne is established from of old;
you are from everlasting.**

³ The floods have lifted up, O Lord,
the floods have lifted up their voice;
the floods lift up their roaring.

⁴ **More majestic than the thunders of mighty waters,
more majestic than the waves of the sea,
majestic on high is the Lord!**

⁵ Your decrees are very sure;
holiness befits your house,
O Lord, forevermore.

New Testament: Luke 23:33-43

NT p. 89

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: Take Me to Your Leader

Rev. Dr. H. Vais

*Hymn: *Praise, my soul, the King of heaven*

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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: *Crown him with many crowns*

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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: *Postlude on "Duke Street" (Jesus shall reign) arr. David Lasky*

***if you are able, please stand**

Welcome

We welcome everyone who is worshiping 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.



FOOD COLLECTION TODAY

Today, we are collecting items for the food bank. Some of the items collected are utilized within our own community and the balance is delivered to the Richmond Hill Community Food Bank.

There, it helps the hundreds in York Region who rely on the food bank for their daily bread.

Thank you for your support!

With Deepest Sympathies

The sympathies of the congregation are extended to Dolores Gunness and family at the passing of their beloved husband, father, and grandfather, Alfred on Sunday November 17. We, his church family, also grieve the loss of a faithful churchman and long-time member of TPC who lived his faith in every aspect of his living.

A funeral will be held on **Saturday November 30 at Thornhill Presbyterian Church in the sanctuary at 1:00 p.m. with a reception to follow in the Fellowship Hall.**



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 Sock Tree

Next 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 two sessions for the calendar year 2024 on December 1 and December 8.

It will resume in 2025 – date yet to be determined

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UPCOMING WEEK'S EVENTS AT A GLANCE

Sunday November 24, 2024

9:40 am – 10:15 am

9:45 am – 10:30 am

10:20 am

11:00 am

Junior Choir – Chapel

Sunday Morning Discovery – Cancelled today

Chancel Choir Practice – Chapel

Worship Service – Christ the King Sunday

Tuesday November 26, 2024

10:00 am – 12:00 pm

7:30 pm

ESL Class – Chapel

Board of Managers Meeting - Zoom

Thursday November 28, 2024

7:30 pm – 8:10 pm

8:10 pm – 8:45 pm

Chancel Choir Practice - Sanctuary

Adult Christmas Choir rehearsals – Sanctuary

Saturday November 30, 2024

1:00 pm

Alfred Guinness Funeral - Reception to Follow

Sunday December 1, 2024

9:40 am – 10:15 am

9:45 am – 10:30 am

10:20 am

11:00 am

Junior Choir – Chapel

Sunday Morning Discovery – Conference Room

Chancel Choir Practice – Chapel

Worship Service – Advent 1 - Communion

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.

Please speak to Abel Pandy or email him at

abelpandy@rogers.com

Or contact Nadine at the church office for information.

Upcoming Events for You!

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

Free Voice Training with our talented tenor, Artiom.

Express Yourself Drawing Classes

Offered by one of our talented members

Stay tuned for more details!



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.



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!

Hymn

Rejoice, the Lord is King

Rejoice, the Lord is King;
your sovereign Lord adore;
give thanks, O mortals, sing
and triumph evermore.

Lift up your heart; lift up your voice;
rejoice, again I say, rejoice.

For Christ the Saviour reigns,
the God of truth and love;
when Jesus purged our stains,
he took his seat above.

Lift up your heart; lift up your voice;
rejoice, again I say, rejoice.

His reign can never fail;
he rules o'er earth and heaven:
the keys of death and hell
are to our Saviour given.

Lift up your heart; lift up your voice;
rejoice, again I say, rejoice.

He sits at God's right hand
till all his foes submit
and bow to his command
and fall beneath his feet.

Lift up your heart; lift up your voice,
rejoice, again I say, rejoice.

Rejoice in glorious hope,
for Christ the Judge shall come
and take the faithful up
to their eternal home.

We soon shall hear the archangel's voice;
the trump of God shall sound: rejoice.

Hymn

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
to his feet thy tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who like me his praise should sing?
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him,
praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favour
to our fathers in distress;
praise him, still the same forever,
slow to chide and swift to bless;
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him,
glorious in his faithfulness.

Fatherlike he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes:
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him,
widely as his mercy flows.

Frail as summer's flower we flourish;
blows the wind and it is gone,
but, while mortals rise and perish,
God endures unchanging on:
praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him,
praise the high eternal One.

Angels, help us to adore him,
ye behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him,
dwellers all in time and space,
praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him,
praise with us the God of grace.

Hymn

Crown him with many crowns

Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon the throne:
hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own!

Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died to be
your Saviour and your matchless King
through all eternity.

Crown him the Son of God,
before the worlds began;
let all who tread where he has trod,
crown him the Son of Man,
who every grief has known
that wrings the human breast,
and takes and bears them for his own,
that all in him may rest.

Crown him the Lord of life,
who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife
for those he came to save.

His glories now we sing
who died and rose on high,
who died eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of peace
whose kingdom is at hand;
from pole to pole let warfare cease
and Christ rule every land!

Continued....

A city stands on high;
Christ's glory it displays,
and there the nations 'Holy' cry
in joyful hymns of praise.

Crown him the Lord of years,
the Source, the End of time,
Creator of the rolling spheres
in majesty sublime.

All hail, Redeemer, hail,
for you have died for me;
your praise shall never, never fail
through all eternity!