



Leaside Presbyterian Church

***To grow with others in relationship with Jesus Christ,
so that we all feel loved and share God's love with others***

May 11, 2025 - 10:30 a.m.

Mental Health Awareness & Christian Family Sunday

On a piece of paper, write down a word or phrase that represents a burden you are carrying at this moment - a burden for yourself or for others. During the time of offering, we invite you to place the paper in the container at the front. Following the service, we will use the pieces of paper to light a fire outside, releasing our burdens to God.

*please stand as you are able

🎵 **PRELUDE** Chorale Prelude on "Out of the depths I call to Thee" by Johann Kuhnau

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BREATHING EXERCISE

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come, all you whose souls thirst for the living God.

All: We come in search of help and hope.

One: Come, you who are acquainted with grief or oppression.

All: We come bearing our doubts, our wounds, and our fears.

One: Come, you who are in need of good news.

All: We come in search of joy, truth, and light.

One: Come and find refuge in God your rock.

All: Let us again praise the One who is our help and our hope.

*HYMN

Sanctuary (see lyrics below)

🙏 **OPENING PRAYER**

📖 **SCRIPTURE**

Psalms 42 Pg OT 515

¹ As a deer longs for flowing streams,
so my soul longs for you, O God.

² **My soul thirsts for God,
for the living God.**

When shall I come and behold

the face of God?

³ My tears have been my food
day and night,
while people say to me continually,
"Where is your God?"

⁴ **These things I remember,
as I pour out my soul:
how I went with the throng
and led them in procession to the house of God,
with glad shouts and songs of thanksgiving,
a multitude keeping festival.**

⁵ Why are you cast down, O my soul,
and why are you disquieted within me?
Hope in God, for I shall again praise him,
my help ⁶ and my God.

**My soul is cast down within me;
therefore I remember you
from the land of Jordan and of Hermon,
from Mount Mizar.**

⁷ Deep calls to deep
at the thunder of your torrents;
all your waves and your billows
have gone over me.

⁸ **By day the Lord commands his steadfast love,
and at night his song is with me,
a prayer to the God of my life.**

⁹ I say to God, my rock,
"Why have you forgotten me?
Why must I walk about mournfully
because the enemy oppresses me?"

¹⁰ **As with a deadly wound in my body,
my adversaries taunt me,
while they say to me continually,
"Where is your God?"**

¹¹ Why are you cast down, O my soul,
and why are you disquieted within me?
Hope in God, for I shall again praise him,
my help and my God.

(silence is kept)

TESTIMONY

*J HYMN

Kathryn Whaley
As the deer No. 27

PEACE OF CHRIST

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.



The Lord is my shepherd (Psalm 23)
by Harold Goodall



PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

All: Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.



SCRIPTURE

Revelation 7:9-17 Pg NT 249

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

A way of life



*HYMN

Arise, your light is come No. 712

BLESSING OF THE PRAYER SHAWLS

One: Let us give voice to the gratitude and love that rest within our hearts.

All: Generous God, we thank you for bringing us together in this circle. We thank you for the gift of knitting and crochet, and the gift of praying. We thank you for those who have passed on this ancient art to us. We thank you for those who created the yarn, those who brought it to market, and those who stocked the shelves. We are blessed by the love of the many people who make our knitting and crocheting possible.

One: Let us pray for those who will receive these shawls.

All: Compassionate God, We ask you to bless all the people for whom our shawls are made. May these shawls be a reminder of your presence in their lives. May these shawls bring them love and light, hope and joy.

Blessing:

One: May God's grace be upon these shawls, warming, comforting, enfolding, embracing. May these mantles be a safe haven, a sacred place for security and well-being, sustaining and embracing in good times as well as difficult ones. May the ones who receive these shawls be

cradled in hope, kept in joy, graced with peace,
and wrapped in love. Blessed Be!

Adapted from Knitting in the the Mystery, Morehouse Publishing, 2003

🎵 OFFERING Chorale Prelude on "Now thank we all our
God" by G. F. Kaufmann

*🎵 DOXOLOGY *Now thank we all our God* (v. 1) No.457

1. 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.

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🙏 PRAYER OF DEDICATION

🙏 PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

🙏 THE LORD'S PRAYER

**All: 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; and lead us not
into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the
kingdom, the power, and the glory; for ever and ever.
AMEN**

*🎵 HYMN *Sent forth by your blessing* No. 775

CLOSING PRAYER Sylvia McLean

*BENEDICTION

*🎵 SUNG BENEDICTION Tune No. 814

*New life has bloomed here, God's love has warmed us;
Now the world calls us to go spread that love.
God's peace go with you. May it sustain you,
bring us together to praise God again.*

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🎵 POSTLUDE Triumphal March on "Now thank we all our
God" by Sigfrid Karg-Elert

SANCTUARY

Chorus:

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary

Pure and holy, tried and true

With thanksgiving, I'll be a living

Sanctuary for You

It is you, Lord, who came to save the
heart and soul of everyone.

And it is you, Lord, who knows my weakness
who gives me strength with Thine own hands.

Lead Me on Lord, to rule temptation.

Purify me from within

Fill my heart with your holy spirit

And take all my sins away.

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🎵: Choir/Organ/Piano music

🎵: Congregational music

🙏: Prayer

📖: Scripture Reading

WORSHIP HOSTS

Vestry Elder: Caroline Cassin Scripture: Craig Homewood

Usher: Weida and Kathryn Coffee Hour: Sylvia and Karen

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Today is **Mother's Day** and also **Mental Health Awareness Sunday**. Our desire is for all people, including those living with or supporting loved ones with mental health challenges, to feel like the church is a safe space to find healing and support. Through our worship today, we hope to offer creative ways to acknowledge and share the full range of human experience in our faith community. Participating in today's worship service are those who attended the Sanctuary Course over Lent.
- The blessing of the **Prayer Shawls** will also take place today. The Prayer Shawl ministry was started five years

ago by Betty and involves twelve women who knit and crochet prayer shawls (and patches) which are then gifted to people as a reminder of God's infinite and loving presence that is with them always.

- Paul will be away on study-leave next week, returning Tuesday May 20th.
- Next Sunday, we welcome back the Rev. Harry Klassen who will be leading worship.
- Please join us following worship for **refreshments and fellowship** in Glebe Community Room and for our virtual coffee hour following worship if you are online.
- A reminder that **the service is being recorded** and will be available on both the website and on Facebook.
- Thank you our treasurer, Lisa, for keeping our financial statements up to date and for providing us with a financial update for the first three months ending March 31, 2025. **Our total givings for the first quarter of 2025 are just below budget, but have exceeded last year by almost \$11,000.** Thank you for your generous and faithful financial support that allows us to live out our purpose.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We acknowledge with gratitude and humility this land on which Leaside Presbyterian Church ministers. Today, this meeting place is still home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island and we are grateful to have the opportunity to worship on this land.

Wherever we are, we acknowledge the privilege of inheriting this land from those who have gone before us.

Wherever we are, we recognize the responsibility of caring for this land to pass on to those who come after us.

We are grateful for this gift of being on this land.