



Leaside Presbyterian Church

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

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 26, 2025 - 10:30 a.m.

**please stand as you are able*

PRELUDE

Toccata by Theodore Dubois

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME OF CENTERING

We use this time to make the transition between "getting here" and "being here." Take these few moments of quiet to get in touch with the calm places, the still, deep places in you where God dwells. Relax your body; quiet the inner dialogue of your mind. Take a deep breath in and say "Jesus." Take a deep breath out and say "mercy" as you relax and let go of any thoughts. Repeat. Feel the spirit of community in this moment of silence.

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!
Serve the Lord with gladness; come into God's
presence with singing.

**All: We come with gratitude for all that has been,
with hope for all that will be.**

One: Know that the Lord is God. It is God who made
us, and we belong to God

All: We are God's people, the sheep of God's pasture.

One: Enter God's gates with thanksgiving and God's courts with praise!

All: For the Lord is good; God's steadfast love endures forever, and God's faithfulness to all generations.

***HYMN** *Come, ye thankful people, come No.803*

OPENING PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and gracious God,
we confess that we do not always
live as your planted people.
You sow seeds of love,
and we let weeds of fear take root.
You call us to shine,
and we sometimes hide our light.
Forgive us when we lose sight of your purpose,
and when our gratitude gives way to grumbling.
Renew in us the joy of your salvation,
that we may grow again in grace
and shine with your love.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PEACE OF CHRIST

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

***HYMN**

We cannot own the sunlit sky No.717

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

**Lord, open our hearts and minds
by the power of your Holy Spirit,
that we may hear your word with joy. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 100 OT pg.552

1 Corinthians 3:5-11 NT pg.167

One: The grass withers, the flower fades,

All: But the Word of the Lord stands forever.

SPECIAL MUSIC *Down by the Riverside arr. Jay Althouse*

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 5:13-15 NT pg.4

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Planted in Grace, Shining in Love

***HYMN**

They did not build in vain No.616

OFFERING

Cantique de Jean Racine

by Gabriel Faure

***DOXOLOGY**

448 O God beyond all praising (vs. 1)
O God beyond all praising,
we worship you today
and sing the love amazing
that songs cannot repay;
for we can only wonder
at every gift you send,

at blessings without number
and mercies without end:
We lift our hearts before you
and wait upon your word;
we honor and adore you,
our great and mighty Lord.

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, and the power, and the glory for ever. **AMEN**

***HYMN** *Christ is made the sure foundation No.482*

***SENDING**

***BENEDICTION**

***SUNG BENEDICTION** Hallelujah! We sing your praises

Refrain:

**Hallelujah! We sing your praises;
all our hearts are filled with gladness.
Hallelujah! We sing your praises;
all our hearts are filled with gladness.**

Now he sends us all out,
strong in faith, free of doubt.
strong in faith, free of doubt.
Tell to all the joyful gospel.

*Following the sung benediction, feel free to make your way to the
Glebe Community Room for refreshments or to the back of the
sanctuary to greet the minister or to remain seated to listen to the
postlude.*

POSTLUDE:

Toccata in D Minor, BWV 565

by J. S. Bach

WORSHIP HOSTS

Vestry Elder: Mike Scripture: Steve

Usher: Caroline

Coffee Hour: Dan & Liz

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Welcome to worship at Leaside Presbyterian Church. Whether you have come to worship in person or online, we are grateful to be connected as we worship together.
- Thank you for your generous support of the work of Leaside Presbyterian Church. The total for congregational donations to the end of

September is \$135,000, which is about \$30,00 higher than last year and about \$15,000 below budget. Please continue your support to reach our budgeted donations amount by the end of the year.

- Today our guest preacher is Rev. Jen Sokolowsky, an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church in Canada who serves in a variety of creative and compassionate roles. At the beginning of October she completed her role as Interim Minister at Doon Presbyterian Church in Kitchener. She is currently a Spiritual Care provider at A.R. Goudie Long-Term Care Home and has returned to school to study Psycho-Spiritual care. Jen's official first ministry position was at Leaside approximately 25 years ago where a team including Ben McLean and others. Jen brings more than twenty years of experience in ordained ministry, with a heart for storytelling, pastoral care, and creating meaningful moments of worship. She is passionate about helping people notice God's presence in everyday life and to live with hope, gratitude, and grace.
- Today is the **83rd anniversary for Leaside presbyterian Church** and the **112th anniversary of Glebe Presbyterian Church**. There will be a light lunch after the service to celebrate.
- The **Fall Food Drive** finishes today. Please bring your non-perishable food items and hygienic products forward during the offering and place them on the front steps. All donations are in support of the Thorncliffe Neighbourhood Organization (TNO) Food Collaborative.

- As part of our Mission program, we will once again be **contributing casseroles for Evangel Hall next month**. Pans and covers are available on the table outside the office along with Alice Morgan's recipe but feel free to make your favourite. Please label your casserole and put it in the church freezer in the Silverthorn Hall kitchen by Sunday, November 2.
- If you would like to purchase gift cards for Christmas, you can order them through the church to help us fundraise. Orders for gift cards through **AVGEN** will take place in early November. Please contact Touba for more information on what gift cards are available.
- If you would like to order the **2026 Wall Calendar**, with the theme, **Our Hands in Loving Service** please email to admin@leasidepc.ca. The cost of each calendar is \$7.
- Come join us online for a **twenty-minute guided meditation** every Wednesday at **9:00am**. Discover the gift of inhabiting the present moment more fully as we seek to grow more aware of God's loving presence that abides with us. Please email paul@leasidepc.ca for a Zoom link.
- A reminder that **the service is being recorded** and will be available on both the website and on Facebook.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday November 1, 2:30pm

- **Camp Cairn's** 95th anniversary celebration at Trinity-York Mills PC. Please see the poster in the hallway for more information.

Saturday November 8

- **Christmas Wreath Workshop** in the Glebe Community Room. Design your own wreath. To register or for more information, see the Friday email or the poster in the hall.

Tuesday November 11, 7:00pm

- **We Lend a Hand** - The Forgotten Stories of Ontario Farmerettes. Tickets on sale at www.welendahand.ca/events. See the poster in the hall for more details. We are seeking drivers to offer rides to the theatre. Please stay tuned for transportation options.

Sunday November 23

- **Reception of New Members**
- **Baptism of Dularie's great-grandson, Felix.**

Wednesday December 3, 7:30pm

- **Knitting Pilgrim** for more information please contact **Mary Kopman**

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.