



Leaside Presbyterian Church

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

Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 18 - 10:30 a.m.

*please stand as you are able

PRELUDER *I have decided to follow Jesus arr. John Carter*

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME OF CENTERING

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Welcoming God, on this January morning with others all across this land and around the world we respond to Your invitation:

All: Come and see

One: Help us to open our imaginations to hear You say these words to us words first spoken to those other curious disciples:

All: Come and see

One: This morning we too chose to follow You to seek out the place where You stay to simply hang out, to abide, with You to hear You whisper to our souls

All: Come and see

One: Let us come and see, Let us come and be seen, Let us come now and worship You in spirit in truth

All: Amen.

***HYMN** *Immortal, invisible, God only wise* No.290

OPENING PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

For when we have thought of ourselves too highly or too lowly
For when we have thought of others too little or too much
For when such thoughts have informed and influenced our actions

God forgive us

For when we have prioritised the trivial and mundane
For when we have ignored the things of life and love
For when we have been too easily distracted from what truly matters

God forgive us

For when we have disagreed disagreeably
For when we perpetuated division and discord
For when we have hindered Your will being done

God forgive us

For the pain and suffering of the world
For the actions and inactions that lie at its the root
For the failure to learn from historical mistakes

God forgive us

And for all those situations and circumstances
that have left us hurt, bruised and disappointed

God help us to forgive as we are forgiven

**We bring all of these confessions before You
confident of Your generous mercy resting in Your steadfast
love and trusting in Your constant faithfulness
with thanks and deep gratitude, we pray. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Through Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away
the sin of the world,
God offers forgiveness, grace, and mercy.

PEACE OF CHRIST

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

***HYMN**

You are my all in all
by Dennis Jernigan

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

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

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 49:1-7 OT pg.679

One: The grass withers, the flower fades,

All: But the Word of the Lord stands forever.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Lord, in thy mercy grant us peace
by Felix Mendelssohn

SCRIPTURE

John 1:29-42 NT pg.92

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

What are you looking for?

***HYMN**

Will you come and follow me No.634

Presentation of our Offerings

OFFERING

In dir ist Freude ("In you is joy")

arr. Marcel Dupre

***DOXOLOGY**

“We praise you O God” NO.425 v.1

We praise you, O God,
Our Redeemer, Creator;
In grateful devotion
Our tribute we bring.
We lay it before you;
We kneel and adore you;
We bless your holy name;
Glad praises we sing.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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**

I have decided to follow Jesus No.570

***SENDING**

As we leave this place, remember:
God, who chose you before your birth,
who calls you and knows you by name,
now sends you out into the world—
**to bring light to those in darkness,
comfort to those who grieve,
hope to those who despair.**

BENEDICTION

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Tune: Bunessan No. 814

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

POSTLUDE:

How brightly beams the morning star

arr. Johann Pachelbel

WORSHIP HOSTS

Vestry Elder: Grace Scripture: Jo

Usher: Katherine

Coffee Hour: Isobel and Paola

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Welcome** to Leaside Presbyterian Church. Whether you have come to worship in person or online, we are grateful to be connected as we worship together.
- Prayer Shawl will be on January 22, February 26, March 26, April 23, May 28.
- The flowers in the church this morning are in loving memory of **Barbara J. Weir**. Barbara was born **January 18, 1923**. She was a graduate of Ewart College and worked as a church deaconess and a hospital chaplain.

- A reminder that **the service is being recorded** and will be available on both the website and on Facebook.
- Happy birthday to **Rohit B.** and all who will be celebrating birthdays this week. If we forgot to include your name here, please let the office know.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday January 25, 10:30am

- 3rd Sunday after Epiphany

Sunday February 1, 10:30am

- 4th Sunday after Epiphany & the Lord's Supper with the Rev. Joan Masterton

Sunday February 8, 10:30am

- 5th Sunday after Epiphany

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.