



Leaside Presbyterian Church

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

Transfiguration Sunday

February 15 - 10:30 a.m.

*please stand as you are able

PRELUDE

Piano Sonata in F Major, K. 332: I. Allegro
by W. A. Mozart

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME OF CENTERING

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: On this Transfiguration Sunday, we gather on the mountaintop with Jesus, wondering what we will encounter.

All: **We come to encounter God's glory revealed.**

One: We witness the revelation of Christ's divinity made plain before us.

All: **We come to witness God's glory revealed.**

One: We remember that God's glory is not about spectacle but truth, not about show but about Love made real among us.

All: **We come to remember God's glory revealed.**

One: We follow Jesus down from the mountaintop into the valleys, as God's glory goes before us and behind us.

All: We come to be sent out to share God's glory revealed. Thanks be to God! Amen.

***HYMN** *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* No.321

OPENING PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of the blazing chariots, the whirling wind, the sacred silence,

Listen softly to the confessions of our hearts.

[silence]

Create clean hearts in us.

Renew right spirits within us.

Shelter us within your presence.

Sustain us by your Holy Spirit.

Restore to us the joy of our salvation.

Blazing, whirling, sacred God,

inhabit and transform our stories. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

You are God's Beloved;

with you, **God is well pleased.**

You are renewed and restored;

forgiven and loved.

You are a new creation in Christ,

everything old has passed away;

see, everything is becoming new.

Go and share the good news of God's love. **Amen.**

PEACE OF CHRIST

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

***HYMN** We have come at Christ's own bidding No.187
(Alternate tune: Hydrofol)

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 Exodus 24:12-18 OT pg.70

One: The grass withers, the flower fades,

All: **But the Word of the Lord stands forever.**

SPECIAL MUSIC Ring out, wild bells by Percy E. Fletcher

SCRIPTURE Matthew 17:1-9 NT pg.18

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

***HYMN** You, Lord, are both lamb and shepherd No.356

PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERING I love the name; Paul Williamson, soloist

***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

WELCOME TO OUR MINISTER-IN-ASSOCIATION

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

***SENDING AND BLESSING**

We came together, we sang, we prayed, we looked for God's presence.

Now we go out to serve, to pray, to look for God's activity.

As you live and serve, may you let God's love flow through you into the world at large.

As we live and love, may our eyes be opened to see

God in friend and neighbour.

So go now with open eyes and open hearts. Go trusting that God,

 who has created and is creating;

 who is revealed in Jesus, the Word-Made-Flesh;

 who works in each of us through the Holy Spirit

Is with you each step of life's journey.

Thanks be to God. Amen

***SUNG BENEDICTION**

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:

Hyfrydol arr. R. Vaughan Williams

WORSHIP HOSTS

Vestry Elder: Nancy Scripture: Jo

 Usher: Susan Dick

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.

- **Minister-in-association:** Today we recognize and celebrate the **Rev. Bill Elliott** who is now a minister-in-association (MIA) with Leaside PC. The MIA is a member of LPC who offers voluntary pastoral support to the staff and congregation. Bill joins the **Rev. Barry Van Dusen** as MIA's of LPC.
- **Journeying Together Through Lent**
Lent is a forty day period (excluding Sundays) leading up to Easter when followers of Jesus look inward by examining themselves and their relationship with God. An in-person and online inter-generational Lenten series will be offered focusing on individuals who worked for more love, kindness, and justice, even when that rocked the religious boat. The resource we will be using is an illustrated children's storybook: **Holy Troublemakers & Unconventional Saints.**

- The first session kicks off on Ash Wednesday, February 18 at 12:30pm and will meet on six consecutive Sundays at 12:30pm throughout Lent. Session 1 - Holy Troublemaker: **Maryam Molkara – Being True To Yourself Also Frees Others**

Maryam Molkara always knew who she was, even when others refused to see it. Even as a child, she felt that she had been born into the wrong body. When she learned what it meant to be transgender, she felt so much better, knowing she wasn't alone and that she could be helped to live as her true self.

- **Imposition of Ashes** will be offered on Ash Wednesday at 1:30pm (following the lunch-and-learn) in the Glebe Community Room.
- **LPC reads...** is an *online* book club for the people (and friends) of Leaside Presbyterian Church. Details like books to read, when to meet, etc. are yet to be determined. If you are interested, please contact Barry.
- Save the date: LPC's **annual meeting** and **elder elections** will take place on Sunday March 1st at 12pm in the sanctuary.
- **Centering prayer** takes place online every Wednesday at 9am. Learn how to pray with others for twenty-minutes, deepening our relationship with God not through words but in silence. Email Paul for details.
- A reminder that **the service is being recorded** and will be available on both the website and on Facebook.
- Happy birthday to **Ethelyn R.** (turned 102), **Grace M.**, and those who will be celebrating birthdays this week. If we didn't know it was your birthday, please let the office know.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday February 15, 10:30am

- Transfiguration Sunday

Wednesday February 18, 12:30pm

- Ash Wednesday

- Lenten Series - Session One:
Holy Troublemakers & Unconventional Saints

Sunday February 22, 10:30am

- 1st Sunday in Lent
- Lenten Series - Session Two (12:30pm):
Holy Troublemakers & Unconventional Saints

UNCEASING PRAYER

Every Sunday, you'll find an updated prayer for specific PWS&D programs and emergency responses, new prayers from PWS&D's global partners, Canada-wide volunteers and ecumenical coalitions, as well as prayers taken from the Bible or the Book of Praise. Thank you for continuing to pray for people affected by conflict, climate change, inequality and systemic cycles of poverty around the globe.

**God, when we think of your creation, we are amazed.
We can never come to the end of your wonders.
But you have entrusted us to take care of all these.
You have shown us how to sustain life.
Help us to use this knowledge for the good of the world,
To the benefit of your people and to the glory of your name.
Amen.**

From the Canadian Foodgrains Bank's 2025 World Food Day resource Until All Are Fed.

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.