Leaside
Presbyterian Church

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

Reign of Christ Sunday
November 22, 2026 - 10:30 a.m.
*please stand as you are able

PRELUDE *Prelude in C Major, BWV 545 by J. S. Bach*

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME OF CENTERING

CALL TO WORSHIP

All: **For the Lord is good!**

***HYMN** *Hail the day that sees Christ rise No.265*

OPENING PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Loving God
We come to You, distracted.
All: **Still our minds, dear Lord, as we take stock.**
One: We come to You, ashamed.
All: **Still our hearts, dear Lord, as we approach You.**
One: We come to You, yearning.
All: **Still our souls, dear Lord, as we seek to be enfolded.**
One: You have chosen us to be Your people.
All: **And yet we have forgotten.**

(silence is held)

All: **Here, we take time to acknowledge to ourselves and to You all that we have done and all that we have not done;**
those we have hurt and those we have ignored; our careless stewardship of all that You have given us; and the lack of attention we have paid to You.
We come, aware of how this diminishes us and how this dishonours You.
We come with heavy hearts.
And yet, we come in the knowledge that, despite it all, You care for us;
despite it all, You love us;
despite it all, You forgive us.
And You invite us, too, to care for, love and forgive those who seek to make their peace with us.
You encourage us to believe that we can model Christ's example.
You breathe into us the conviction that we are forgiven people of God who, in our brokenness, can be healed,
and that we can share that healing with the world. And for this, Lord, we rejoice. Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: The Sovereign God rules with gentleness, grace and mercy.

All: **God offers forgiveness and a new start when we miss the mark.**

One: As beloved citizens of God's Kin-dom we are welcomed, we are forgiven, we are loved.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

PEACE OF CHRIST

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

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

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 Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 OT pg.803

One: The grass withers, the flower fades,

All: But the Word of the Lord stands forever.

SPECIAL MUSIC *Coronation by Craig Courtney*

SCRIPTURE Matthew 25:31-46 NT pg.29

One: The Word of the Lord**.**

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON The least of these

***HYMN** *Lord whose love No.722*

OFFERING

One: As receivers of God's grace,
We offer our gifts to God in gratitude,

All: trusting God to multiply what we bring.

OFFERTORY *ii. Largo from Trio Sonata No. 5 in C Major, BWV 529 by J. S. Bach*

***DOXOLOGY** *O God beyond all praising NO.448 v.1*

O God beyond all praising,
we worship you today
and sing the love amazing
that songs can not 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 up on your word;
we honour and adore you,
our great and mighty Lord.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE **Salt Prayer**

All: **MAY YOUR KINGDOM COME**

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** *Crown him with many crowns No.274*

***SENDING**

One: We have gathered together. We have prayed. We have sung. We have listened

All: And now it is time for us to return to the mission field.

One: Go out into the world to feed those who hunger in body and spirit, to provide company to those who are alone, to comfort those who are afflicted.

All: As we go, may we see the face of Christ in all we meet.

One: And may they see the face of Christ in you.

All: Amen

***BENEDICTION**

***SUNG BENEDICTION** *Amen No. 780*

Amen (x3)

POSTLUDE: *Fugue in C Major, BWV 545 by J. S. Bach*

WORSHIP HOSTS

Vestry Elder: Mary Scripture: Sylvia
Usher: Nancy
Coffee Hour: Weida

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.
- As part of our **Mission program,** we will once again be **contributing casseroles to Evangel Hall** in December. Pans are available on the table outside the office along with Alice Morgan's

recipe but please feel free to make your own favourite! Please label your casserole and put it in the church freezer in the Silverthorn Hall kitchen by Sunday, **December 6**. Please speak with **Judith** with any questions.

- Calling all Elves! You are invited to join the fun of decorating the sanctuary **this Sunday** after the service to prepare for **Advent** and **Christmas**. All help is very much appreciated, thank you!
- Financial update: By the end of October, **total income** was **$365,701**, **approximately $20,965 below budget, primarily due to lower offerings**. **Total expenses** were **$359,730**, coming in **$13,273 under budget**. Higher property costs, particularly repairs and snow clearing, were partially offset by savings in other areas. The congregation recorded a **year-to-date surplus of $5,972**, compared with the **budgeted surplus of $13,664**. As we approach the end of the year, we thank you for your faithful financial support as we try to meet our budgeted offerings.
  - The Board of Managers
- Special thanks to **Susan**. The update of the **narthex is now complete**. A fresh coat of paint has been applied on the walls and furniture, new artwork has been hung, a welcome sign has been placed and a digital photo-frame installed. Photos relating to the history of both Leaside and Glebe churches are randomly looping on this screen every Sunday and new images will be added from time to time in the future. Please take some time to have a look at our refreshed space and enjoy the show… you may even find yourself pictured among the slides as we are reminded of special moments

from our congregations' past. LPC would like to thank the **Barbara Craig Legacy Fund**, administered by **Anne Thomson**, for allowing us to take on this project.

- **Blessed are you** is a Bible study series based on the Beatitudes led by the **Rev. Harry Klassen**. It takes place in the Glebe Community Room on Tuesday November 24, December 1and 8 from 1:00 - 2:30pm.
  Tuesday, November 24: Matthew 5:1-7-Who are the 'meek'? Do they really inherit the earth (Cf. Luke 6:20,21)? Can those who hunger and thirst for righteousness truly be filled? The beatitudes truly turn the world's values upside down and begin to demonstrate how different being a Christian is. Please email **admin@leasidepc.ca** to sign up.
- **Soles4Souls Canada** is a program through **Bioped**, that **collects gently used shoes** that **help women and families, who are less fortunate,** start micro businesses that let these families earn money to send their kids to school, put shelter over their heads, and provide food for themselves. Please consider donating shoes you no longer wear or need. There will be a collection box outside the office **for 3 weeks,** until **December 6**.
- **Centring prayer** takes place online every Wednesday at 9am. Praying in silence for twenty-minutes can help us live more fully in the present moment as we grow more conscious of God's presence abiding within us. Email **paul@leasidepc.ca** for details.

- Thank you to Nancy, Caroline, Keith, and Touba for their help hosting the our **4th Learn to Play Mahjong** night.
- A reminder that **the service is being recorded** and will be available on the website and on Facebook.
- Happy birthday to **Anne T., Raymond W.,** and all who will be celebrating birthdays this week.

MISSION MOMENT

Twenty-year-old Dipmala Kumari from Bihar, India, was forced to leave school when her family could not afford further studies and community attitudes discouraged girls' education. Her future changed when Karuna Project staff recognized her potential and helped her restart her education. With their encouragement, Dipmala enrolled in a Bachelor of Arts program, received coaching for competitive exams and completed computer training. When the Bihar Police recruitment opened, the project helped her prepare and apply. Because of the support, Dipmala is now attending police training, preparing to provide security support during local elections. Proudly supporting her family, she also plans to fund the education of two girls, giving back the support she received. The Karuna project is an initiative of the Duncan Hospital, supported by PWS&D.

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.