Announcements – November 1, 2026

A warm welcome to guests and visitors. Please leave your name and contact details with our greeters for more information. We have **Pew Packs** (engaging activities designed for children and youth) available in the Narthex.

This service is being livestreamed to our Zoom congregation.

Special Thanks to:

- **Elizabeth G and Joan E. and Village Group 3** for providing volunteers during our worship for the month of November and to **Margaret W**. for organizing our Zoom worshipers.
- **Volunteers** for hosting Coffee & Conversation today.
- **Technical Team** scheduled today.

Faith Development:

Bible Study on Monday, November 2: The readings are: ***Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25; Psalm 78; 1-7; Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13.***

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Our Sunday bulletin is now available in a digital format: Please scan the QR code below to access the bulletin.

If necessary, please select the TUC Guest network. Password: Welcome25

Our Mission Statement

Our faith in God's love moves us to celebrate spirituality, to care with compassion, and to welcome all warmly.

Affirming Vision Statement

Thornhill United Church believes in Jesus' message of God's kingdom of love and grace which includes all people.

We declare our commitment to be fully inclusive in all aspects of our life and work. This includes, but is not limited to, people of all ages, races, ethnicities, sexual orientations and gender identities.

Thornhill United Church seeks to be a safe place in the eyes of God and of all people, and to be a growing vibrant, inclusive, welcoming church.

Memorial Sunday
November 1, 2026 – 10:30am



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Hearing assists are available from the sound system operator, if you are having difficulty hearing in the service.

GATHERING

***marks time to stand as able*

Prelude: ***Adagio*** E. Bairstow
Litany for the Feast of All Saints F. Schubert

Welcome and News

Lighting of the Christ Candle: *Olga B.*
One: Radiant light – a beacon for our journey.
All: The light of Christ.

Call to Worship

****Opening Hymn:** ***Come Touch Our Hearts*** MV 12

****Opening Prayer** *(unison)*

LISTENING

Focus Time

Anthem: ***In This Room*** S. and J. Althouse

Scripture: ***Psalm 34:1-10, 22*** *read by Olga B.*
Matthew 23:1-12

One: Words of life, words of faith and promise.
All: Thanks be to God!

****Hymn:** ***We Are Pilgrims*** VU 595

Message: **"Our Patterns for Sainthood"** *Rev. Leigh Olson*

RESPONDING

Invitation to the Offering.

Offertory Music: ***What a Friend We Have in Jesus*** arr. M. Hayes

****Presentation Hymn:** ***We Give Our Thanks to You*** MV 187, vs. 1

We give our thanks to you,
We give our thanks to you,
We give our thanks to you,
We give our thanks to you.

****Dedication Prayer**

In Memorium

A candle is lit for each person named on our Memorial List; those who have died since our last Memorial Service and whose lives were celebrated with this church this year. If you would like to light a candle in memory of a loved one, please rise, come to the table with the memorial candles, take a candle and light it from the candle in the holder, then place it in the tin of sand.

Allan Carswell
Betty Black
John Honsberger
Keith Macdonald
Lona Richardson
Beverley Terrell-Deutsch
John Shorteed

Prayers of the People *led by Morgan L.*

The Lord's Prayer (*said)* VU 921

SENDING

Closing News

****Closing Hymn:** ***In the Bulb There is a Flower*** VU 703

****Sending and Blessing**

****Choral Blessing:** ***May God's Sheltering Wings*** MV 214

May God's sheltering wings,
her gathering wings protect you.
May God's nurturing arms,
her cradling arms sustain you,
And hold you in her love,
And hold you in her love.

Postlude: ***Precious Lord, Take My Hand*** arr. M. Hayes
(Jeff Whittington, bass guitar, Ethel Briggs, piano)

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Pastoral Visit

If you would like a pastoral call or visit, or know of a family member who is ill or in the hospital, please let the office know.

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Just in Case: Please help us keep our records current by completing the form below and returning it to the church office.

JUST IN CASE: Information

My Name:_____

My Address:_____

*My Emergency Contact:_____

Relationship:_____

*Contact Phone #:_____

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TUC MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Bible Study meets on Monday, November 2nd at 12 noon on Zoom

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Worship and Music meets on Tuesday, November 3rd at 3:00pm on Zoom

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Council meets on Tuesday, November 3rd at 7:00pm in person

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Pastoral Care Committee on Wednesday, November 4th at 10:30am in the Narthex

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Sanctuary Choir on Thursday, November 5th at 7:30pm in the Sanctuary

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Prayer Shawl Group meets on Friday, November 6th at 10:30am in the Gathering Place

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Intercultural Sunday - Pot Luck and Slide Presentation - Sun. Nov. 15

If you haven't already done so, please send a slide of something that represents your heritage, along with a one-line caption, to Joan Elloitt: elliott61@rogers.com by Nov. 6. If you need assistance, please send a photo with details to Joan. She will create a PowerPoint slide to be added to the slide show, which will be shown while we have lunch.

Pot Luck Lunch: Please sign the sheet in the narthex indicating what food you will bring. On Nov. 15th you are also encouraged to wear clothing/jewelry that represents your heritage.

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"Joy of Christmas" Concert

Join us for our second concert of seasonal music performed by the choirs and instrumentalists of Thornhill churches, to support the Thornhill Christmas Assistance Program.

Date: Saturday, November 21 at 7:30 p.m. here at Thornhll United Church; the concert will also be livestreamed.

We will accept freewill donations to provide funds for gift cards for families in need; donations by cash, cheque or e-transfer to: treasurer@thornhillunitedchurch.ca (attention: TUC CAP).

Donations of non-perishable items for the Richmond Hill Food Bank would also be appreciated. Light refreshments will follow in the auditorium.

UPCOMING SERVICES AT TUC

Nov.	8	10:30 am	Remembrance Sunday
Nov.	15	10:30 am	Intercultural Sunday
Nov.	22	10:30 am	Reign of Christ Sunday



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2026 Christmas Assistance Program

We are so grateful for the many years that Thornhill United Church has supported the Christmas Assistance Program. 2026 brings more challenges with rising food prices. With your support, we were able to help over 300 individuals last year and we are expecting even more need this year.

We will be providing gift cards again for families this holiday season, as this allows them the freedom to purchase items that they need.

We are asking for donations by **November 29th,** as we will distribute gift cards to families on **December 12th.** Your donations may be paid by cash, cheque or e-transfer to: treasurer@thornhillunitedchurch.ca attention TUC CAP.

If you have any questions, please contact: Gabi Blair (blair.gabi@gmail.com) or Tanya Melbourne (tanya@thornhillunitedchurch.ca)

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FUNDSCRIP GIFT CARDS

- CHRISTMAS is coming and what better way to start your shopping than buying gift cards and helping TUC at the same time. Every time you buy a gift card through Fundscrip.
- TUC gets 2 - 12% from Fundscrip.
- No cost to you.

ORDER DATE:

- November 29 and December 6, 2026
- Order forms are available in the Narthex. Email order to blair.gabi@gmail.com or give to Elizabeth Gartner at church. E-transfer your payment to treasurer@thornhillunitedchurch.ca or write a cheque to TUC.
- Pick up your order at TUC the following Sunday or from Tanya during the week.

Remembrance Ceremony at Thornhill Memorial Pool, November 11, 10:30am

The Thornhill Historical Society and Remembrance Committee has invited us to attend a Remembrance Day event in honour of our Fallen Soldiers of WW1 and WW2. This will be taking place at the Thornhill Memorial Pool.

They have also asked us if we have knowledge of the family of some of our congregation's fallen soldiers from our church's Roll of Honour:



WW1:
Lorne Bell

WW2:
Sergeant L. James (Jim) Farr, Pilot Officer Robert George Eaton, Sergeant Air Gunner Cecil H. Sinclair, Flying Officer Gordon Herbert Weedon/Weeden, Private William (Bill) Findlay, Private Russell Wice.

Please reach out to Leigh if you have any information about any of these families.

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Prayer List

From our Prayer Book we pray:

With Thanksgiving For: Abundant blessings and answered prayers.

For Those in Need: Margaret, Don, Pamela, Joy, Mary, Steve, Bahar, Masoud, Samaneh, Kay, Linda, Bob, Ron and Ann, Anita, Gary, Melissa, Bertha, Jackie, Neil, Carson, Laura, Mo and Zara, Akihito. People evacuated from their home in Northern Ontario due to wildfires, the people of the Middle East, Sudan, Haiti, Ukraine and the Democratic Republic of Congo.

We also pray for friends who originate from places experiencing conflict and natural disasters.

In Memory of: Alam, Keith.