

Sunday Worship at CPC
Second Sunday after Epiphany
January 16, 2022 @ 11:30am



“Yeshua”

***Ms. Laura Barron,
Jews for Jesus
Matthew 1:18-25 ESV***

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English Sunday Worship Service on Zoom:

On [CPC Zoom](#) Meeting ID: 416 977 5625 Passcode: torontocpc

Join by Phone:

647 558 0588 Meeting ID: 416 977 5625 Password: 4703591748

Weekly Groups:

Sunday Morning Bible Study at 10:00AM: On Zoom. Contact Lily Chong (lilychongchong@gmail.com)

Children Sunday School at 10:30am on CPC Zoom: For details, contact Pastor Alan (alan.goh@torontocpc.com) or Joanne Li Yu (joanne.li.yu@torontocpc.com).

Wednesday Prayer Time: 7-8pm on CPC Zoom.

Thursday Mandarin Bible Study-10:30am to 11:30am:

Studying book of Exodus. Facilitated by Heung Ling Liu 廖享寧弟兄, Theology student at Tyndale University. Contact Pastor Mary Lee 李鄧碧真牧師 (mary.lee@torontocpc.com).

Thursday Cantonese Bible Study and Prayer Group – 8-9pm:

Join for Bible Study and Prayer in Cantonese. Contact Pastor Mary Lee.

Becoming an Encouraging Church

And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Hebrews 10:24, 25

Welcome and Announcements:

We Welcome Today's Guest Speaker – Laura Barron, Jews for Jesus:

Laura and her husband, Andrew, are pioneers of the first overseas branch of Jews for Jesus in South Africa; currently they serve with Jews for Jesus in Canada. Andrew and Laura are blessed with three older children: Rafi, Ketzia and Simona. Laura co-ordinates special projects and events and speaks on behalf of the organization. Over the past few years, she has been focused on reaching Haredi (ultra-Orthodox Jews) women with the Gospel.

Laura is a graduate of San Diego State University with a B.A. in English literature. She also has a master's degree in Missiology with emphasis on Jewish studies from the Fuller School of World Missions in Pasadena, CA. She enjoys writing about her faith and teaching the Bible and loves leading the team of women reaching out to Haredi women. Please partner with Laura in this pioneering ministry.

Brothers and sisters, my heart's desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved.
Romans 10:1

2022 church-wide Teaching Theme – Becoming an Encouraging Church

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On the first Sunday of each month, Pastor Alan will preach on this theme in both the Cantonese and English service.

Help Wanted! Our children's Sunday School has been taking place on CPC Zoom meeting before the English Service at 10:30am. At present, we are in need of a few more leaders to love and nurture our children in the faith. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Alan (alan.goh@torontocpc.com) or Joanne Li Yu (joanne.li.yu@torontocpc.com)

Small Groups - Besides regular attendance at worship, every member is invited to belong to a small group and to be serving in some area of church life. A "Join a Small Group at CPC" questionnaire has been sent out (attached). Please complete and return to Pastor Alan by Jan 23.

January 23rd, 2pm- Third Townhall meeting studying the traditional and progressive views on human sexuality

As a result of our denomination (the PCC) adopting a new definition of Christian marriage and permitting the ordination of LGBTQI teaching and ruling elders, all congregations are encouraged to study the issues and the implications of this change in church doctrine and polity. The next townhall meeting is **Sunday, January 23rd** on Webex to inform and educate our congregation on the progressive view on human sexuality. This meeting will be held in both English and Cantonese, and will involve presentations, Q & A, and group discussions.

Join a Small Group at CPC

Besides regular attendance at worship, every member is invited to belong to a small group and to be serving in some area of church life. A small group is a gathering of 3 to 12 persons meeting regularly for mutual caring and connecting, learning and serving. Place a ✓ beside the small group(s) in which you are interested. Please return form to Pastor Alan by Jan 23, 2022. Thank you!

Worship (*"Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength."* Matthew 22:37)

- ☐ Worship Band small group (for musicians, vocalists, A/V tech support)
- ☐ Worship Leaders small group (for those leading in the worship service)
- ☐ Hospitality small group (for those organizing the before and after worship food and beverages)

Ministry (*"Love your neighbor as you love yourself."* Matthew 22:39)

- ☐ Good Deeds small group (i.e. Evangel Hall food and clothing drive, serve meals)
- ☐ Visitation small group (following-up with newcomers, visiting in hospitals and homes)
- ☐ Ministry Partnership small group (i.e. with TCBC, IVCF)

Evangelism (*"Go and make disciples of all nations..."* Matthew 28:19)

- ☐ Badminton Outreach small group (Tue/Thu evenings)
- ☐ Pickle Ball Outreach small group (Mon/Wed evenings)
- ☐ Mission small group (praying for our missionaries, promoting mission work)

Fellowship (*"Baptizing them [the way new believers enter into the fellowship of a local church] in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit..."* Matthew 28:19)

- ☐ Prayer small group (praying for the congregation and for each other)
- ☐ Congregational Events small group (planning and carrying out events for the congregation)
- ☐ Men's / Women's small group (connecting with the men and women of the congregation)

Discipleship (*"Teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you."* Matthew 28:20)

- ☐ Bible Study small group (meeting to study and apply God's Word)
- ☐ Baptism/Confirmation small group (confirming the faith of seekers and new believers)
- ☐ Spiritual Formation small group (learning the principles of spiritual growth)

☐ Other small group ideas? _____

Name _____ Interested in leading small groups? Yes / No

Phone _____ Email _____

Silent Prayer

INVITED TO WORSHIP

Call to Worship (*Calling God's People into God's Presence*)

One: How precious is God's steadfast love!

All: We will find refuge in the shelter of God's wings.

One: Come and feast on God's abundance.

All: We will drink from the river of God's delights.

One: For with God is the fountain of life;

All: And in God's light we will see light.

One: Let us worship God with joy and thanksgiving!

All: We will bring God our prayers and our praise with hearts full of love.

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

God of light and life,

as the new year unfolds before us,

we begin to feel the sunlight coming back to brighten the winter.

Our spirits grow stronger in the light.

You shine your light into our lives in your Son Jesus.

Your Spirit strengthens us to face whatever this year will hold.

And so we come to praise you

for your light which transforms our days and our lives,

and for your wisdom which enlightens truth for our times.

Shine through us, we pray,

so that we may bear the light of Jesus in this world you love.

God of all life and our lives,

we gather in worship week by week,

seeking your refreshing presence.

But we confess sometimes we are discouraged

by things happening around us.

We don't expect your presence to make a difference for us.

Forgive us when we give up on you and end up feeling unfulfilled.

By your grace, refresh us when we are weary or worried,

and renew our trust in you.

Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn?

Only Christ, and Christ died for us,

Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.

No power in heaven or on earth can separate us from God's great love.

Take heart, and know that you are forgiven.

Pass the Peace of Christ

Since we are reconciled to God in Christ,
let us share the peace with one another.

May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: **And also with you**

INVITED TO HEAR

Children's Moment

Songs of Worship

Along the Journey Reading

The New Year is a time for new traditions. Each week we will read a portion of Scripture that is chosen to follow the Church Calendar. As we do this we share our journey along with believers around the world who will also hear this reading today from Psalm 36:5-10 NIV.

Your love, Lord, reaches to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the skies.
Your righteousness is like the highest mountains,
your justice like the great deep.
You, Lord, preserve both people and animals.
How priceless is your unfailing love, O God!
People take refuge in the shadow of your wings.
They feast on the abundance of your house;
you give them drink from your river of delights.
For with you is the fountain of life;
in your light we see light.
Continue your love to those who know you,
your righteousness to the upright in heart.

Scripture Reading

Matthew 1:18-25 English Standard Version

The Birth of Jesus Christ

Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:

“Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall call his name Immanuel”

(which means, God with us). When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

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Prayer of Commitment

INVITED TO RESPOND

Response Song

Offering and Thanksgiving

God offers us many gifts through the same Spirit so that, together, we may serve in Jesus’ name. Trust that what you have to give, God will bless in faithfulness and fruitfulness.

God of grace and mercy, receive all our gifts, offered in thanksgiving.
We share the fruit of our labours with you,
asking that you will multiply their effects in and through the Church.
And we share the fruit of our time and talent,
seeking to know how you would have us serve in Jesus’ name. **Amen.**

Prayers of the People

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