

giving

our thanks & praise

***The Way of Joyful Giving :
Living a Life of Generosity and Gratitude
2022***

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*We, at Holy Trinity, Guildwood, are a Caring, Open-Hearted Community,
who Dream, Pray and Work with Jesus for a Loving, Equitable and Peaceful World.*



Giving Our Thanks and Praise at Church of the Holy Trinity, Guildwood

As we wind up our 60th anniversary celebrations, we are grateful to the Anglican Diocese of Toronto (Bishops Andrew and Kevin) which has continued to support this church's ministry financially and spiritually. We celebrated this special diamond anniversary with the Archbishop of Ontario (Anne Germond), the Primate of Canada (Linda Nicholls), the then National Indigenous Archbishop (Mark MacDonald) as well as a few other special guests – our previous priest, (Don Downer), our Member of Provincial Parliament (Mitzie Hunter), authors and advocates (Rosemary Sadlier and Channon Oyeniran). Our worship is filled with scripture, song, and story about God's generosity to us and our response - thanksgiving. In our worship, we regularly say what we believe, and in celebration we affirm our baptismal vows. We believe that we are called as individuals, families, congregations, and a denomination to follow the way of Jesus to bring about a world of justice and peace. Many contribute generously of their gifts to bless us with meaningful and uplifting worship.

Worship, pastoral care, community outreach, discipleship (education and nurture), mission and outreach, and fellowship are all important parts in the life of the church. We aim to journey with people in the Way of Jesus, communicate with seekers, and create opportunities for family and friends to connect, and share their faith in person and online. Thank you to those who regularly let us know that this church ministry is making a difference in the lives of our members and those in the community.

Our heartfelt thanks to all who have dedicated time, talent, and treasure to create a church where God's love is both lived and shared to build up the kingdom of God right here in our village and beyond. With God's blessing and your ongoing prayer and devotion, may Holy Trinity, Guildwood continue to be a source of hope, faith, and growth in the future in how we take care of this parish and community. We invite you to engage in worship services, ministry opportunities and be our partners in ministry to be a thriving parish.

Giving Our Thanks & Praise is the theme that we will highlight in our worship and learning opportunities for all ages. Each of us receives unique gifts in life and is called to share them generously to pass these blessings on.

Five Marks of Mission

- *To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom*
- *To teach, baptize and nurture new believers*
- *To respond to human need by loving service*
- *To seek to transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and to pursue peace and reconciliation*
- *To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth*

(These five Marks of Mission are a framework used to describe and encourage ministry throughout the worldwide Anglican Communion. Some churches abbreviate the five marks to five words:

TELL – TEACH – TEND – TRANSFORM - TREASURE)

Worship

Church of the Holy Trinity, Guildwood is known as a welcoming community with a great Sunday service and program for young people with exciting special events. The wonder of Gathering on Sunday as Community is the power of the whole to accomplish infinitely more than the total of its parts in isolation.

On average in the last year, 160 people of all ages worshipped with us each Sunday, either in person at our 8am and 10:30am services or online at 10:30am. Our church YouTube channel currently has 171 subscribers, and our Facebook page has 225 followers. Now that we have reopened for in-person worship, we find that approximately three quarters of our community is attending in person, while one quarter continues worshipping with us online, thanks to our Audio Video Team. Our parish administrator prepares a weekly program booklet (order of service/bulletin). The Altar Guild beautifies the Sanctuary. The Lay Assistants and Readers lead us in prayer and hearing the Scriptures. The Word is opened by relevant sermons and engaging drama by the Drama team. Eucharist is prepared, celebrated, and shared – all through the work of many hands – Clergy, Lay Assistants and Communion Ministers. The Choir and Music Director give melody to our worship, and the organ, keyboard and music library are well maintained. In addition to our regular worship on Sundays, special liturgies are crafted to express the many seasons of the human spirit including baptisms, weddings, funerals, and special festivals.

In this challenging pandemic time, Holy Trinity Guildwood was there for people as they grieved the loss of a loved one or sought to continue the growth and maturation of their children when the education system was pandemic pressured. We celebrated the joys of love and marriage and new birth. Loving care was expressed one on one, as well as in meaningful funeral services, confirmations, baptisms, and marriages.



Resources required to sustain and grow this ministry: \$95,500

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Missional Outreach

At Holy Trinity, Guildwood, we are involved in a wide range of outreach ministries: assisting aboriginal communities in Ontario, working with East Scarborough Boys and Girls Club and Sir Wilfrid Laurier Collegiate to support local youth, funding development in impoverished nations, supporting world-wide relief to victims of natural disaster, as well as combatting local food insecurity in Scarborough Guildwood with our own parish food cupboard which currently supports 20 community families with food, toiletry and cleaning items, grocery gift cards and transit tickets.

Thank you for your generosity that has kept Holy Trinity, Guildwood's food cupboard well stocked despite unprecedented use and thank you to our community partners: Cob's Bread Bakery at Morningside Crossing, Rotary Club of Scarborough, residents of the Condos at 20 Guildwood Parkway, Chartwell Retirement Residence, Sir Wilfrid Laurier Collegiate Institute, YouthLink and concerned village residents.

We have developed strong local partnerships in our community such as Rotary Club of Scarborough, Chartwell Guildwood, Extencicare Guildwood, Guildwood Community Presbyterian Church, Sir Wilfrid Laurier Collegiate Institute, Robin Hood Army Canada, YouthLink, Cobs Bread Bakery, and more.

Our annual FaithWorks campaign, which benefits the wider Anglican Church's outreach efforts throughout the Diocese of Toronto - most recently provided over \$7,000 for the Canadian Indigenous Water Project of the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund.



Resources required to sustain and grow this ministry: \$61,300

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Discipleship (Education & Nurture)

There are opportunities to grow in faith for all ages at Church of the Holy Trinity, Guildwood – and not just on Sundays - through ongoing bible and discipleship studies, prayer, meditation and more. Recent areas of study, discussion and teaching have been Creation Care, The Book of Genesis, and the Sunday lectionary and sermons.

Over the past year, Earth's Angels continued to inform and educate the parish on various ecological issues and offered articles, tips, and links to assist people in making green choices that reduce our negative impact on the earth. Earth's Angels is committed to help you with your quest to become increasingly “green”.

An engaging and interactive Messy Church is available at 10:30 a.m. on Sundays for young people up to 20 years old. After stories, crafts and games, the young people are welcomed into the adult worship service to receive their choice of a blessing or Communion. Afterwards, there is a special time for them to share their thoughts about what they've learned. The insights of the young people are often impressive, sometimes presented in a hilarious way, and always appreciated by the whole congregation.



Resources required to sustain and grow this ministry: \$49,500

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Pastoral Care

Through God's eyes we see each other as extended family. We particularly seek to care for any in need, not just those who worship with us, but all in our wider community. The volunteers in the Parish Nurse Support Group regularly contact more than 30 folk per month. In addition, they provide rides to doctor, vaccine, and medical lab appointments, as well as grocery shopping and grocery delivery. In the past year, printed copies of Holy Trinity, Guildwood newsletters were delivered weekly to several parishioners who do not have access to the online newsletters. We started a Caring and Calling Ministry this year to make more connections. We strive to continue serving pastoral needs whether parishioners are in their own homes, a senior's residence, or long-term care facility.



Resources required to sustain and grow this ministry: \$48,000

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Evangelism & Hospitality

At Holy Trinity, Guildwood, we welcome all who come to worship with us. Hospitality undergirds our ability to share ‘what we love with those we love.’ We share the good news of Jesus and Holy Trinity, Guildwood with those around us – family, friends, neighbours, acquaintances and the wider Guildwood community. The Greeters and Sides Persons offer the gift of welcome and hospitality on behalf of all. Though we are people of diverse backgrounds, lifestyles, and opinions, we are one in our desire to follow Jesus Christ. We seek to love our neighbours as ourselves by being sensitive to their needs, appreciating their gifts and recognizing in them the image of God, in which we all are created. We seek to live as diversity in unity, offering a community in which we can all grow together as one Body: God's in Christ.



Resources required to sustain and grow this ministry: \$24,500

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Fellowship

We like to have fun, relax, and enjoy each other's company at book club, potlucks, and special celebrations. Even when we roll up our shirt sleeves - at bazaars, yard work cleanup parties, or the Holy Trinity Guildwood Day lunch barbeque – we have a good time together. Our social gatherings reinforce our love and support for each other, as well as integrating and welcoming visitors and newcomers so all who wish can belong and feel part of our community

Fellowship also happens over the coffee following Sunday worship, after the early service at a Tim Horton's and the later service in the church lobby, as well as seasonally as the different parish ministry groups (which are open to everyone) work and meet.

We have regular opportunities for all ages to connect with each other, such as at the Welcome Back to Church Celebration, and Scarborough Anglican Youth Ministry Baseball. We are a parish family where new friends are always welcome.



Resources required to sustain and grow this ministry: \$17,500

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GET INVOLVED AT HOLY TRINITY, GUILDWOOD

Choir has Returned
if you're interested in joining the choir
please contact Myron.
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SOCIAL TIME
VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO BE HOSTS, ONCE
A MONTH, AFTER THE 10:30 AM SERVICE

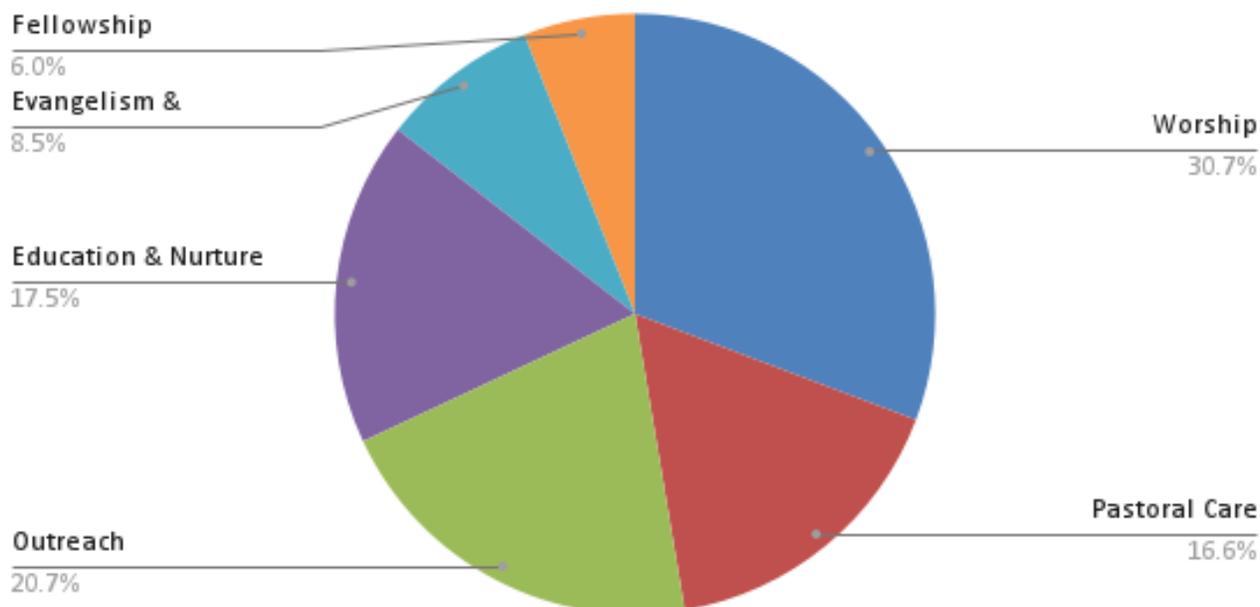


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- The following areas may suit your Time and Talents: altar guild; child, youth and family outreach; parish administration; parish nursing support group; property; sidesperson (usher); stewardship; welcome ministry; worship; audio/video team. We would especially love to connect with people who are passionate about Christian education and discipleship as well as outreach.
- The goal of Giving Our Thanks and Praise is to invite you to give thanks and praise by volunteering your time and talents and financially supporting the various parish ministries of HTG to ensure the vibrancy, vitality, and loving service of our Holy Trinity, Guildwood community.

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Our Joyful Giving Pledge Goal - \$206,745



Our 2022 Ministry Investment Goal - \$295,350

We value:

- Loving Relationships - We are a loving community who offer open hearts to welcome and care for all we encounter.
- Celebrating Diversity: We are a diverse community who respect and celebrate the unique differences and giftedness each of us offers.
- Empowering Leadership – We are an equipping community who encourage and support everyone to use their unique gifts to journey with others.

Land Acknowledgment

We recognize the enduring presence of Indigenous people on this land. We honour and acknowledge that this land and locality is the historical traditional lands of the Indigenous Peoples of what we call Turtle Island and what is commonly called North America. Specifically, our Church of the Holy Trinity, Guildwood is situated upon traditional territories of Wendat, Anishinabek Nation, the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, the Mississaugas of Scugog, Hiawatha, Alderville First Nations and the Metis Nation. The treaty that was signed for this particular parcel of land is collectively referred to as the Williams Treaty of 1923 and applies to lands east of Woodbine Avenue. As we journey through life and faith, may we always seek to walk together the path of reconciliation and renewal. Today, let us commit ourselves to be partners in healing and peace, to the glory and thanksgiving of God our Creator.

We acknowledge the leadership of Indigenous Elders, who continue to teach us about what it means to live in a balanced and good way with all creation.

We pray that the Spirit will lead us into all truth, into repentance for the wrongs of the past and into true reconciliation with our Indigenous brothers and sisters that we may be partners in healing and peace, to the glory and thanksgiving of God our Creator.



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Blessed are you, Lord our God, creator of heaven and earth,
You create the fruit of the land to sustain our families and neighbours,
You nurture the church, loving communities of faith,
deepening our relationship with you and with one another,
You offer us the gift of baptism and the sacrament of Christ's body
and blood so that we may be fed and filled with your Holy Spirit,
You bless us with generous hearts so that we may support the outcast,
the hungry, the sick and all those who long for intimacy with Jesus.
You fill us with determination
to be mindful of the ministry and mission to which we are called,
And you call us to generous support of our church,
Blessed are you Lord our God. Amen.