

# Blessing of the Backpacks Sunday

September 10, 2017, 10:30am



**Armour Heights Presbyterian Church**

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Welcome & Announcements

**OUR APPROACH TO GOD**

Sharing Peace with One Another:

The Peace of Christ be with you all;

**And also with you**

Time of Silent Prayer

*Asking God to open our spirits to listen and receive as we worship.*

Worship Theme

Call to Worship:

We come to church in order to listen, get inspired and reflect on what it is we believe and how it is we are called to live.

**Jesus summarized God’s will for us when he said: “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength... and you shall love your neighbour as yourself.”** (Mark 12:30-31)

As we listen, think, sing, pray and feel, may God speak to us and inspire us to live as God’s children in the specific challenges, responsibilities and opportunities of our lives.

**ALL: Let us worship God together!**

**\*Gathering Hymn: Morning has broken**

**814**

Prayers of Approach, Confession & The Lord’s Prayer

Anthem: Welcome Back!

B. Nasmith

**LISTENING FOR GOD’S WORD**

**\*Children’s Hymn: Lord, listen to your children praying**

**449**

Children’s Time

Introducing our Scripture Readings

Old Testament: Exodus 20: 1-17 (page 66)

Gospel: Mark 12: 28-34 (page 49)

New Testament: Romans 13: 8-10 (page 162)

We are listening, O God;

**Speak to us.**

Anthem: Hosanna

Brooke Ligertwood

Sermon: WHAT PRINCIPLES DO YOU LIVE BY?

Time of Silent Meditation

*What is God speaking to you?*

**OUR RESPONSE TO GOD**

**\*Hymn: Deep in the shadows of the past** **510**

Gathering of Offerings:

Solo with choir: Thy Perfect Love

Rutter

*Soloist: Anna Bateman*

\*Presentation & Dedication of Offerings:

**We give thee but thine own,  
What e'er the gift may be;  
All that we have is thine alone,  
A trust, O Lord from thee.**

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Pastoral Concern

**\*Hymn: Spirit, Spirit of gentleness** **399**

\*Benediction

Blessing Song:

**Go now in peace. Never be afraid.  
God will go with you each hour of every day.  
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.  
Know God will guide you in all you do.  
Go now in love, and show you believe.  
Reach out to others so all the world can see.  
God will be there, beside, within, above.  
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.**

Choral Amen

Piano postlude: Prelude in G

Rachmaninoff

*Pianist: Paul Radkowski*

## LOOKING AHEAD

- Sept. 10 Official induction of Dr. Harris as minister of Armour Heights by the Presbytery of East Toronto, 7pm.
- Sept. 17 Church School Launch. Corn Roast Lunch after church.
- Sat. Sept. 23 Benefit concert for Armour Heights Youth in Mission Trip: David Chodoriwsky on Piano. 7pm-8pm followed by refreshments. Free-will offering.
- Sept. 24 Presbyterians Sharing Sunday/Food Collection during worship
- Oct. 1 World Communion Sunday
- Oct. 8 Thanksgiving Sunday
- Oct. 15 Holistic Health & Healing Focus Sunday
- Oct. 22 Special Time with the children during worship/  
Lunch fellowship outing after church (more details to come)
- Oct. 27-29 Women's retreat (speak to Linda or Gillian for more info)
- Oct. 29 Reformation Sunday/Food Collection during worship
- Fri. Nov. 3 Special dinner, followed by smudging ceremony led by an indigenous elder, and the "blanket exercise" led by staff of our PCC Justice Ministries. 6pm-9pm.  
Child care will also be provided.

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