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# Delve

November 2023



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## Prayer as Primary Speech

by Sam Lee

I came to Canada in 1987 when I was 10 years old without knowing more than a few words in English. Toronto was less diverse back then compared to what it is now. My elementary school had one other Korean student but she didn't speak any Korean. I remember going to my ESL classes and being aware that I had no idea what people were saying. It wasn't long before I learned how to speak the language and although I can still speak Korean, English has become my main language. It is the language I think in, pray in, and dream in. Yet there are certain words, certain phrases that can't capture quite right the meaning or the "essence" behind that word unless it's in my mother tongue. For instance the word 눈치 (noon chi). It means something along the lines of social awareness but still doesn't get to the essence of the word which is the ability to tell how someone is reacting to a social situation and how the other person is feeling. It's hard to explain in English.

In a similar way, prayer is the mother tongue of all people and is, as Ann & Barry Ulanov put it, our primary speech. It is the primary speech that connects us to the living God. It is that foundational and primordial language where we speak out of the

depths of who we are (whether or not we use words is another thing). This primary speech speaks heart to heart, soul to soul, and is the revealing of our whole selves - the good, the bad, and the ugly - to a God who cares, who listens, who knows us better than we know ourselves.

So it is with this thought that we want to encourage you through our current Sunday morning series to engage with your mother tongue, with your heart language. Take time to pray, to listen, to just be with God. Know that God is the one who is listening to you and though your words may not be able to express everything you are feeling or wanting, God knows and is with you in your ramblings, in your crying out, in your silence. God wants to hear from you and remember that God also wants to speak with you.

Till the end of November, we are going through the different postures of prayer as a way to pray to God who knows and understands our mother tongue. On our website, under the heading "more," you will see a page with [Spiritual Practices](#) to help guide you in praying. May you engage with the God who loves you, who knows your heart, and who is ready to listen and to speak.

## Current Worship Series:



## Postures of Prayer

Abiding in God as  
God abides in us



# Another Season of Growing in the Community Garden

By Brenda Forder

## Partnership with St. Clare’s Residence

This year we were able to make ten bi-weekly deliveries of fresh produce from our Community Garden to St. Clare’s Residence which is just north-east of SGC on Bayview. St. Clare’s provides transitional crisis housing and support for up to 30 women. They have been extremely appreciative of each of our modest harvests, and it has been a blessing to be able to partner with them this year. Thank you to the many individuals who volunteered in a variety of ways to allow this to happen!

## Welcoming Space

In addition to assisting with the practical need of providing fresh food for those in the community facing food insecurity, the Community Garden also creates a space that welcomes people from the community in and meets them where they are at. Community members are often observed interacting with the garden in a variety of ways, although there is not always contact or interaction so we don’t always know how the space is impacting them but we see that it is.



## Testimonial!

Eva Sham recounts one experience she had this year: ‘One summer day, I dropped by our Community Garden

to see what should be done. While weeding, I heard someone talking. I walked over to investigate because the tall tomato and cosmos plants had hidden the person from my view. I saw a young woman sitting on the bench talking on her mobile. She explained that she had come for some solitude during her lunch break from work. I am glad that our Community Garden provides a quiet space for folks who live or work nearby. May they encounter the living God during one of their quiet moments at the Garden.’

## Challenges

While we had numerous challenges in the beginning, from the unseasonably hot then cold weather, plants dying or not even germinating, to an invasion of aphids, there is a silver lining. Even though these challenges are somewhat annoying, they also help to connect us to the people that grow our food, and to appreciate their hard work and the hurdles they face, and to appreciate each individual fruit or vegetable that we eat. As one of our volunteers, Colleen Stevens, remarked, ‘The key to food sustainability is knowing where our food comes from. How many fast food restaurants do I know vs how many farmers do I know?’ Colleen also appreciated the experience of learning how to grow, eat and enjoy our own locally grown produce with others in our neighbourhood.

## Treasure Hunt

When harvesting fruits and vegetables I like to think of it as a treasure hunt. Partly because it’s true (they like to hide!), partly to make it fun, and partly to make us think. When we start to look at each cucumber and tomato as a treasured individual that required care and perseverance by a





person with a name to grow it, instead of a never ending mass at the grocery store, it leads us to think about larger issues. Issues like how much food ends up wasted and how might we demonstrate our appreciation for the work of the farmer, thankfulness to God for the gift of food, and caring for God's creation. Reducing our food waste is one place to start.

### Practical Tips for Creation Care

One way to do this is to eat things often thrown away. Think of how much waste is created when you cut up a watermelon! Jin Lee suggests cutting up the watermelon rind (mostly the tender whiter part) to use as a substitute for cucumber.

Leftover coffee? Instead of dumping it down the drain make this delicious chocolate cake!:

[www.tasteofhome.com/recipes/coffee-chocolate-cake/](http://www.tasteofhome.com/recipes/coffee-chocolate-cake/)

(and if you take a few minutes to ask Google, there's a multitude of other ideas you could experiment with!).

Food distribution (such as connecting food with someone who can use it before it spoils) is a huge challenge...and now there is technology to help us! Ben Kielstra recommends the 'Too Good to Go' app where you can connect with food retailers (ie grocery stores and restaurants) in your neighbourhood to buy excess food at a reduced cost. It is a bit of a surprise but that is part of the fun!

So while the season of growing food in the SGC Community Garden has come to an end for 2023, may the garden continue to grow gratitude and care for God's gift of creation in our hearts and minds for many seasons to come.







## Halloween at SGC

For Halloween, we will be handing out candy and serving hot chocolate to our neighbours. If you don't celebrate Halloween or you live in a condo and would like to help with handing

out candy, please email Emily at [emilykielstra@springgardenchurch.ca](mailto:emilykielstra@springgardenchurch.ca).

## Treat-Yourself Fundraiser: Nov 5th, 2023

Join us after the morning worship for our Treat-Yourself Fundraiser. Our youth are hosting a bake sale and joining the RAG team to raise funds for the Risou family our church is sponsoring. By supporting our Bake Sale Fundraiser, you not only treat yourself to tasty treats and goodies but you'll also be supporting this family as they seek a safer life.

**Payments:** We are accepting Cash, Cheques, and e-transfers to [Payments@springgardenchurch.ca](mailto:Payments@springgardenchurch.ca)



## Home Group Sundays

You are invited to join us after worship from 12-2PM on November 5th & 19th for a time of eating, conversation, and prayer. For each of the weeks, we will

meet downstairs in the multipurpose room where we will share a meal together, participate in an intergenerational activity, have a chance to engage in conversation about the sermon, and spend some time praying for one another. Please note that this is an intergenerational event and so, people of all ages are welcome to join us. Sign up at [tiny.cc/homegroupsunday](http://tiny.cc/homegroupsunday) or email Emily at [emily.kielstra@springgardenchurch.ca](mailto:emily.kielstra@springgardenchurch.ca).



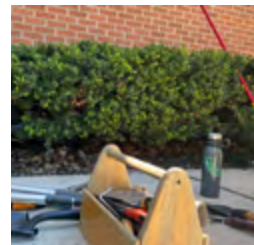
## Volunteering at Willowdale Manor

Are you interested in connecting and supporting seniors in our community? If so, Willowdale Manor and NeighbourLink North York are inviting us to participate in two events at 175 Cummer Ave. **Thursdays, Nov. 9th & 30th from 4-6PM.**

They are looking for volunteers to connect with and offer support to the seniors who will be coming out these events.

If you are interested in receiving more information or you are available to volunteer at the events, contact Emily at:

[emilykielstra@springgardenchurch.ca](mailto:emilykielstra@springgardenchurch.ca).



## Fall Church Clean-Up

**Sunday, November 12, 12:00-2:30pm**

We will be holding our Fall clean-up after worship on Sunday, November 12. Bring lunch, and we will work on cleaning up leaves and flower beds, trimming any hedges, and working

on some interior projects. The day will be our opportunity to work together as a community and care for the resources and facilities God has given us. Come join us!

The Property Stewardship Team: Scott Moore, Ben Reynolds, Gary Lam, Sam Lee, Martin Bouwma, Wes Chapman, Clem Lee, Peggy Moore, Chad Tranter, James Wright.



## SGC Gym Nights

What: A night of sports including but not limited to Volleyball, Basketball, etc.

Event Times & Locations:

- November 18, 7:30pm-9:30pm at Alexander McKenzie High School

- Jan 27, 7pm-9pm at Westmount C.I.
- Cost: \$5 per person, per event

Go to [tiny.cc/sgcgymnights](http://tiny.cc/sgcgymnights) to sign up.



## Sunday Morning Bible Study

On November 26th, December 3rd, and December 10th, you are invited to join Ben Reynolds and Eva Sham for a three part Sunday morning Bible Study from 9am-10am. The Bible study will look at the three Advent themed prayers in Luke 1-2. We will meet in the children's theatre in the church basement. Please join us and bring your Bible. For those with kids, there will be childcare. If you have any questions, email Emily at [emilykielstra@springgardenchurch.ca](mailto:emilykielstra@springgardenchurch.ca)

## Baptism Sunday

Are you interested in learning more about baptism or would you like to get baptised? If so, we will be hosting two gatherings in the second half of November (specific dates TBD) to talk through what baptism is and why it is important. Following these sessions, we will celebrate the baptisms of those in our community who wish to get baptised on Sunday, December 3rd. Please contact Emily at [emilykielstra@springgardenchurch.ca](mailto:emilykielstra@springgardenchurch.ca) by Monday, November 13th if you are interested in getting baptised or would like more information.



## 2024 Church Wide Retreat May 31 - June 2, 2024

This year's church retreat was a wonderful time of renewal in community. We had such a great time that we decided to have another retreat next year! We will have a new speaker and enjoy the same location, except we will get full use of the beach for the entire weekend! Keep watching our weekly email to get your early bird discount when sign-up starts.

**Home Groups** As people who worship a triune God, we believe we are called to embrace spiritual growth as a collective, not simply as individuals. We also believe that we are all made in the image of God and are therefore created to belong in community. Home Groups are designed for us to pursue spiritual growth together and experience a deeper sense of belonging by creating opportunities to strengthen relationships with one another, engage in spiritual disciplines together, and participate in mission as a community. We have a number of Home Groups:



Wednesdays from 7:30 pm to 9 pm  
At Spring Garden Church (in person)



Wednesdays from 8 pm to 9:30 pm  
Online (Zoom)



Every second Sunday from 1 pm to 3 pm  
At Spring Garden Church (in person)

If you are interested in joining a Home Group or you would like more information about Home Groups, please contact Emily at [emilykielstra@springgardenchurch.ca](mailto:emilykielstra@springgardenchurch.ca)

Do you want to share something God is doing in your life or that you see God working around you? Something that could be a positive influence for the readers? A poem, story, art, photos...? We want to hear from you!

Email [delve@springgardenchurch.ca](mailto:delve@springgardenchurch.ca) if interested.

# YOU ARE INVITED!

## BRING YOUR APPETITE!

SAMPLE FOOD FROM OUR INTERNATIONAL HOT FOOD MENU INCLUDING OUR POPULAR BEEF CROQUETTES, PEA SOUP, LASAGNA, PIZZA, AND SOME ASIAN INSPIRED DISHES!

## START YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING!

WE WILL BE FEATURING 20+ VENDORS FOR YOUR SHOPPING PLEASURE INCLUDING JEWELRY, ORNAMENTS, HOME DECOR AND GREETING CARDS.

## FUN FOR THE KIDS!

FOR A SMALL ENTRY FEE, CHECK OUT OUR KIDS' CRAFT ROOM, FACE PAINTING, AND KIDS MAY ENJOY CRAFT TIME AND FUN GAMES!

## FAN FAVOURITES!

GET TO OUR CUSTOMIZABLE GINGERBREAD COOKIE DECORATING STATION EARLY BEFORE THEY SELL OUT! AND THE DUTCH TABLE FOR A VARIETY OF DUTCH TREATS. STOCK UP FOR HOLIDAY GUESTS AT OUR BAKE TABLE FOR MANY HOMEMADE TREATS PREPARED BY OUR FAMILIES.

## ATTENTION THRIFTERS!

CHECK OUT OUR SECOND-HAND ROOM FILLED WITH BOOKS, HOUSEHOLD ITEMS, AND TOYS AT BARGAIN PRICES!



## NeighbourLink's Christmas Market

On Saturday, November 25th, NeighbourLink North York will be hosting their 3rd Christmas Market & Parade. The market will be held at Mel Lastman Square and will take place between 2pm-9pm.

More specifically, the parade will take place at 5:30pm and there will be a Festive Tree Lighting presented by the Yonge North York BIA at 6:30pm.

If you are interested in donating craft supplies and/or volunteering at a craft booth co-hosted by Spring Garden Church and REACH Church, please contact Emily at [emilykielstra@springgardenchurch.ca](mailto:emilykielstra@springgardenchurch.ca). Additionally, if you would like to volunteer with NeighbourLink for the event, you can sign up using NeighbourLink's volunteer portal <https://forms.gle/gAAXYyvHqNBk4SMj9>.



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COME READY TO  
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**SAT. NOV 18TH  
9 AM - 2 PM**



**WILLOWDALE  
CHRISTIAN SCHOOL  
60 HILDA AVE**

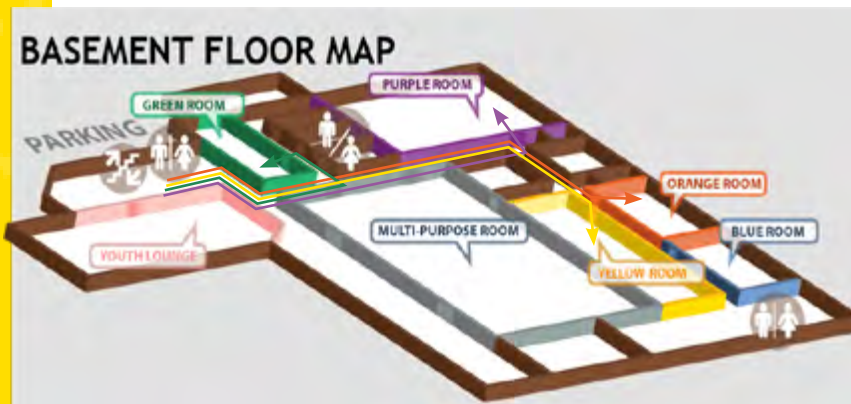




Hey Everyone!

As November begins, here's some info we want to share with you!

1. **Nursery:** Our revamped **Blue Room** is open for parents with babies (0-18 months) to use and enjoy freely during worship on Sunday mornings. We've renovated the room with new items to use with your baby and a livestream connection. **\*\*Please remember to clean up and supervise your child as the room will not have active supervision by ministry volunteers.\*\***
2. **Kid's Groups Combined!:** Our Toddlers & Pre-K, and JK/SK groups, will now meet as one group in the **Orange Room** for their worship on Sunday mornings. - **\*\*New Group: Toddler - SK Group (2 - 5 years)\*\***
3. **Big & Small Groups:** Both Grades 1-3 and Grades 4&5 will meet for the God Story teaching in the **Purple Room** for drop-off and end in separate locations for pick-up:
  - a. **Grades 1 - 3** will continue in the **yellow room** for their small group following the God Story.
  - b. **Grades 4 & 5** will remain in the **purple room** after the God Story.



## C&Y Registration Forms 2023:

For us to provide our ministry to the children of our church, we require new registration forms to be filled by their families every year as part of our policy to protect. Please fill out our form through this link

[tiny.cc/SGCFamilyRegistration](https://tiny.cc/SGCFamilyRegistration)



## Sunday Morning Registration:

On Sunday mornings, you'll be able to register children for worship at the child and youth check-in area. If you require assistance with this either Jeremy or Sam can help!

We will have sticker name tags printed out for our children to wear along with a security label displaying the unique code also printed on your child(ren)'s name tag.

**\*\*Please keep your security labels each Sunday for pick-up to help our new volunteers get to know and be familiar with you\*\*.**



We've come across a book that we believe would be valuable and worth reading for parents of children desiring to foster their faith. **Book Suggestion: Woven: Nurturing a Faith Your Kid Doesn't Have to Heal From** - by Meredith Miller

In Woven, Meredith Miller offers her perspective on parenting children in the Christian faith. Instead of focusing on obedience and strict rules, Meredith emphasizes the importance of nurturing a faith based on trust and a genuine relationship with God. Drawing from her experiences as a pastor and parent, the author challenges the traditional obedience-training models, suggesting that faith is more like a web, woven strand by strand, rather than a wall built brick by brick.

Woven encourages parents to create space for their children to explore the Bible, ask big questions, and develop their faith genuinely so they can adapt and grow over time and in the midst of what challenges their faith both now and/or later when they're older. Meredith also offers tangible tools, suggestions, and examples to

get started in nurturing faith at home holistically. The book serves as a guide for parents who wish to foster a resilient faith in their children, one that is rooted in love and trust in God rather than a rigid set of rules. Our faith is one that our kids don't have to heal from as they grow older, and that's what we find valuable about it. Woven is a valuable resource for parents seeking to pass on a faith that is both deeply rooted and tenacious, allowing children to encounter and know God genuinely and choose to follow personally.

\*\*This is a new addition to our SGC Library so you can check it out there if you're interested!!\*\*

## Sunday Morning Kids' Worship

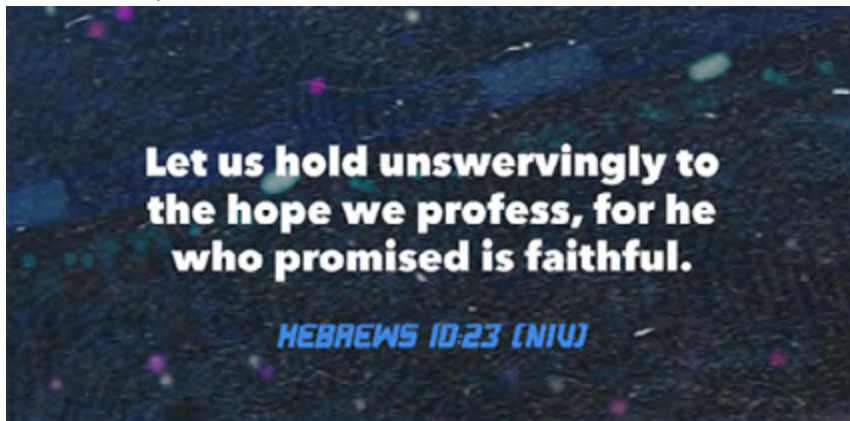
Here is what we will be talking about on Sundays!



**ON THE RIGHT TRACK | A 4-WEEK SERIES ON JOSHUA**

- Racers, start your engines! In a race, you might need to navigate obstacles, pit stops, and tight turns in order to stay on the

right track. As you're zooming through the track, there's so much to think about and it can be hard to stay focused on what's most important! In this four-week series, we'll learn some important stories from Joshua about how obstacles are no problem for God and courage comes from knowing God's words. No matter how long the race, God can use someone like you because with God, there is victory Online Resources



## Online Resources For Home

To help serve your family better, we have uploaded all our SGC Kids' curricula online. The following link can be used to access our curriculum and use it at home, as well as find info pamphlets for following up with kids on what was discussed during their worship on Sunday mornings.

SGC Kids Curriculum Link: <http://tiny.cc/OnlineCurriculum>

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**Date:** Nov 5th, 2023

**Payments:** We are accepting Cash, cheques, and e-transfers to [payments@springgardechurch.ca](mailto:payments@springgardechurch.ca).



## Sunday Morning Worship Gatherings:

**November 12th & 19th:** We will have regular worship gatherings for youth in grades 6-12. Following the children and youth's blessing, the youth will move to our lounge to continue in worship.

**Nov 5th:** We are hosting a Bake sale fundraiser and will be setting up on this Sunday morning and joining the adult congregation for worship.



**Nov 26th:** On the last Sunday of each month our youth will be part of the upstairs worship gathering along with the adult congregation. On these Sundays, we encourage youth to participate in and/or to serve in another area of the church's ministry. For those interested please speak with Jeremy and fill out the following form [tiny.cc/YouthLIT-Fall](http://tiny.cc/YouthLIT-Fall) or QR code:



### Youth Home Groups:

**Sr High Home Groups:** \*Nov 17th, 2023\* - Our Sr High home group are meeting in our youth lounge. We will gather in our youth lounge to have dinner and talk about life as we're growing up and how Jesus can play a part of that. To ensure enough food is prepared, please [email Jeremy \(jeremy@springgardenchurch.ca\)](mailto:jeremy@springgardenchurch.ca) (along with any allergy/food restriction info) to let us know!

**Time:** 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

**Cost:** \$5 (Dinner Included)

**Jr High Home Groups: Nov 24th, 2023** - Our Jr High home group will meet in our building this month. Unlike our regular youth events, Life Groups focuses on intentionally living life as a community. We want to engage in conversations with youth about what is happening around us and the struggles we face.

**Time:** 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

**Cost:** \$0 (Dinner will not be provided, but we will have snacks and treats)

### Friday Youth Gatherings:

**Nov 3rd: Bake Sale Prep/Artisan DIY Night** - Our youth are hosting a bake sale and joining the RAG team to raise funds for the Risou family our church is sponsoring. This will happen in place of and as part of our monthly Artisan D.I.Y night. To ensure enough food is prepared, please [email Jeremy](mailto:jeremy@springgardenchurch.ca) to reserve space by 12:00 pm the Thursday before along with any allergies or dietary concerns we need to know!

**Time:** 6:00pm - 9:00pm

**Cost:** \$5 per youth (Dinner included)

**Nov 10th: Games Night** - We will meet at our building to play some of our favourite games and enjoy each other's company and friendly competition. To ensure enough food is prepared, please [email Jeremy](mailto:jeremy@springgardenchurch.ca) to reserve space by 12:00 pm the Thursday before along with any allergies or dietary concerns we need to know!

**Time:** 6:00pm - 9:00pm

**Cost:** \$5 per youth (Dinner included)

**Staying Updated:** To stay up to date on what is happening for your youth, please visit our google calendar which has all our planned events. <http://tiny.cc/YouthCal>



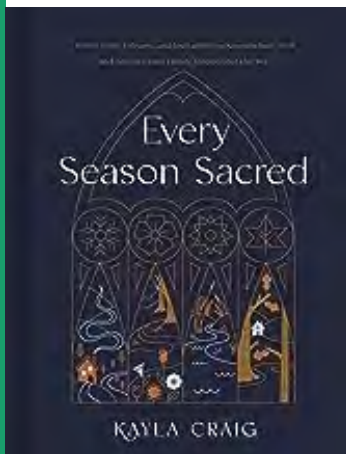


### **Mother God by Teresa Kim Pecinovsky**

Teach your kids that God's love transcends single-gender expression--God is creative, fierce, protective, and her love as a Mother knows no bounds.

With lyrical, rhyming text and exquisite illustrations, Mother God introduces readers to a dozen images

of God inspired by feminine descriptions from Scripture. Children and adults alike will be in awe of the God who made them as they come to know her as a creative seamstress, generous baker, fierce mother bear, protective mother hen, strong woman in labor, nurturing nursing mother, wise grandmother, and comforting singer of lullabies.

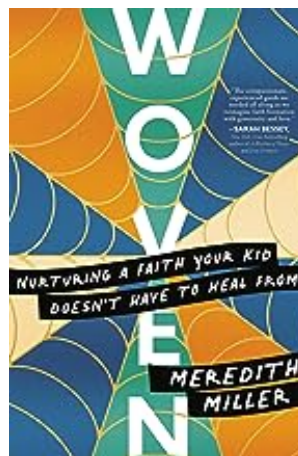


### **Every season sacred: Reflections, Prayers, and Invitations to Nourish Your Soul and Nurture Your Family throughout the Year, by Kayla Craig**

As parents, we're tasked with nurturing and guiding our children, even as we navigate our own wonderings about faith. In the overwhelming and constant

demands of life, is it possible to tend to our own souls and to our family's flourishing? With tender curiosity and contemplative wisdom, Every Season Sacred is a weekly invitation to grow spiritually alongside our children. Blending thoughtful musings and practical resources, author Kayla Craig meets parents right where they are, offering honest and

hopeful reflections for every season of the parenting journey; encouragement to parent with intention and imagination, presence and purpose; and open-ended discussion prompts and prayers to explore and practice as a family. Every Season Sacred is an invitation to ask big questions, embrace faithful rhythms, and experience God's mysterious, loving presence together. You don't have to have all the answers—and if we're honest, many answers aren't ours to have. This is the beauty of faith.



### **Woven: nurturing a faith your kid doesn't have to heal from, by Meredith Miller**

In this inspiring parenting book, learn how to create space for your children to get to know God in a way that focuses on trust instead of a list of rigid rules. Most Christian parenting books are ready with exact practices every family should follow in order to raise obedient children. In this obedience-training model, faith is a wall, constructed brick by brick, as adults tell children what to believe and how to behave. But what if obedience is

not the goal of Christian parenting? What if it's our job as parents to instead help our kids get to know God and discover that God can be trusted? And what if faith is not constructed brick by brick, but rather woven strand by strand? Much like a spider's web, in which anchor strands and internal threads combine to form a unique web, Woven can help children anchor to who God is and have faith practices that are rich, textured, and all their own. Kids need space to explore the Bible, ask big questions, and even change their understanding of God and faith along the way. With Woven, families can nurture the kind of faith that can flex and grow, be broken and repaired. This is the sort of faith that can stand up to the life a child will live, the doubts they will encounter, and the questions that will come up along the way.



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**Giving** is one of the ways in which we can respond to a generous God. We give because it is a part of our discipleship and an act of worship. Please give as you feel led. For more information please go to our website at: <https://www.springgardenchurch.ca/give>.

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### Weekly

All Throughout the Week	<b>HOME GROUPS</b> <b>Connect for Community</b> Together through bible study, prayer and sharing. Meet online and in-person. Please email <a href="mailto:emilykielstra@springgardenchurch.ca">emilykielstra@springgardenchurch.ca</a> for more information or to join one. See more on page 12.	
Sundays	<b>SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP</b> Join us Sunday mornings as we go through different series' ( <a href="#">read more</a> ). Join us at: <a href="http://www.springgardenchurch.ca/live">www.springgardenchurch.ca/live</a> or come in-person.	10am
Coming Soon	<b>ESL BIBLE STUDY</b> Are you new to the English language and interested in learning more about Jesus? Coming soon, please keep your eye out for this on our weekly email or Sunday announcements.	
Tuesdays	<b>PASTORAL TEAM MEETING</b> We generally meet on Tuesday. Please pray for us, for wisdom and inspiration.	10am - 12pm
Thursdays	<b>MOMS' MEET UP</b> Moms and moms-to-be are invited to join us along with their little ones every Thursday morning for a time of conversation and play. Starting this month, we will be meeting in the Toddler Room located in the church building's basement. Contact Emily at <a href="mailto:emilykielstra@springgardenchurch.ca">emilykielstra@springgardenchurch.ca</a>	10am
1st and 3rd Thursdays	<b>LUNCH-PRAYER-SHARE</b> Call Faith: 416 805-7529 or Email: <a href="mailto:faith.holwyn@gmail.com">faith.holwyn@gmail.com</a> <b>EVERYONE IS WELCOME.</b>	12pm

### Upcoming

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Oct. 31	Halloween at SGC	9
Nov. 3	YOUTH Bake Sale Prep/Artisan DIY Night	20
Nov. 5	CLOCKS GET SET BACK ONE HOUR AT MIDNIGHT	
Nov. 5	Treat-Yo-Self Fundraiser (Bake Sale)	9
Nov. 5 & 19	Home Group Sunday	9
Nov. 9 & 30	Volunteering at Willowdale Manor	10
Nov. 10	YOUTH Games Night	20
Nov. 12	Fall Cleanup	10
Nov. 17	YOUTH Sr High Home Groups	19
Nov. 18	Gym Night	10
Nov. 24	YOUTH Jr High Home Groups	19
Nov. 26 to Dec. 10	Sunday Morning Bible Study	11
Dec. 3	Potluck, Intergen Worship, Communion and <b>Baptisms</b>	11
May 31 - June 2 2024	Church Wide Retreat	11

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Keep your eye on our Events page at:

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# Our Values

We believe in a humble God who came not to be served, but to serve. Therefore we engage in sacrificial and active service to those around us. We strive to be good stewards of God's gifts and talents by serving one another in humility. We aspire to regard others as higher than ourselves, which liberates us to creatively take risks in serving others for God's glory.

We believe in a God of grace who came to save the world, not to condemn it. Therefore, as we are continuously receiving the gift of God's grace, we seek to grow in that grace and extend it to others. We strive to define ourselves by what we are for, not what we are against.

We believe in a God who knows us, and who desires to be known. Therefore we embrace a journey of faith that requires us to constantly strive for a personal, intimate and transformative knowledge of God. We strive to be led by God's Spirit in supporting and encouraging one another in working out our faith.

We believe in a creative God. Therefore we are open to expressing our faith in new and creative ways that reflect the beauty and complexity of our creator. We are called to use our creative gifts in worship and service as we engage with our world. We take joy in the diversity of gifts that allow us to delight God and participate in His ongoing story.

We believe in a triune, relational God who calls us to come together as a diverse community of believers. Therefore, we want to walk together, supporting one another physically, emotionally and spiritually. We strive to be a welcoming, inclusive family that goes through the joys and the trials of life together, acknowledging that God uses this community to deepen and mature our faith.

We believe in a God who loves this broken world and wants to reconcile us to Himself. Therefore we are commissioned by Christ to go out into the world, meeting the holistic needs of the local and global community. God calls us to participate in a redemptive work that he has already initiated; in humility, we will partner with others to work alongside and chase after Him.

We believe in a God who is our centre. Therefore where we are on the journey is less important than that we are moving towards a deeper relationship with Christ. We believe and participate in God's redemptive work in all people, which gives us the freedom to come as we are, and to accept others as they are. We each are on a unique journey to become who God has created us to be.

