

27TH ANNUAL

# Markham Prayer Breakfast

Friday, November 22, 2024

Angus Glen Golf Club, 10080 Kennedy Road

PRAYING FOR THE LEADERS AND PEOPLE OF MARKHAM



**SPEAKER**  
Dr. Peter Chu



**MUSIC BY**  
Jonathan Michael

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**SPECIAL MUSIC**

**Jonathan Michael**

*Soloist*

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## **O CANADA**

O Canada  
Our home and native land  
True patriot love  
In all of us command  
With glowing hearts  
we see thee rise  
The true north, strong and free  
From far and wide, O Canada  
We stand on guard for thee  
God keep our land  
Glorious and free  
O Canada  
We stand on guard for thee

Ruler Supreme  
Who hearest humble prayer,  
Hold our dominion  
In thy loving care,  
Help us to find,  
O God, in thee  
A lasting rich reward.  
As waiting for  
The Better Day  
We ever stand on guard.  
God keep our land  
Glorious and free  
O Canada  
We stand on guard for thee

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## PROGRAM

*Music in the Lobby* . . . . . Tak Kwan, violin &  
Steve Buck, cello

*Piping in the Head Table* . . . . . Grant Rutherford

*O Canada* . . . . . Jonathan Michael

*Welcome* . . . . . Rev. Dr. James Clubine, Co-Chair

*Grace* . . . . . Rev. Dr. James Clubine

*Breakfast*

*Introduction of the Head Table* . . . . . Rev. Dr. James Clubine

*Greetings* . . . . . His Worship  
Mayor Frank Scarpitti

*Video Presentation* . . . . . Canadian Bible Society

*Scripture* . . . . . York Regional Police Deputy Chief  
Paulo Da Silva  
. . . . . Bishop Ransford Jones

*Prayer For Leadership* . . . . . Rev. Tina Pitamber  
. . . . . Monsignor Vid Vlastic  
. . . . . Anna Anandarajan

*Ministry in Music* . . . . . Jonathan Michael

*Introduction of the Speaker* . . . . . Rev. Dr. James Clubine

*Speaker* . . . . . Dr. Peter Chu

*Closing Comments* . . . . . Rev. Peter Ma  
& *Benediction*

*Coffee & Mingling in the Lobby* . . . . . Tak Kwan, violin &  
Steve Buck, cello

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## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

*We would like to thank the many companies, churches and individuals on the enclosed insert for their generous partnership and sponsorship of the Markham Prayer Breakfast.*

*Thank you to Piper Grant Rutherford  
for piping in the head table.*



# About Our Participants

**Dr. Peter Chu** is married to Hyon, with two children, Charlotte and Katie. He is an adjunct professor of Biblical Studies at Tyndale Seminary and a general/trauma surgeon at Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre, University of Toronto. Since 1998, Peter and his family have annually served as “long term – short term” volunteers at Galmi Hospital, an SIM mission hospital in Niger. Hyon is a full-time missionary serving as the Global Director of People Development with SIM International. Peter and his family are members of The Peoples Church. Peter enjoys canoeing, badminton and dreams of being a cabinet maker.

**Jonathan Michael** began singing as a cantor at St. Margaret of Scotland Parish and mentored under Suzanne Kompass. Jonathan’s repertoire extends to classical crossover, musical theatre, pop and jazz. Jonathan’s first album entitled “The Compilation” came out in 2015. In June of 2017, Jonathan was awarded 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the City of Markham’s Star Search Talent Competition out of over 200 entries.

**Paulo Da Silva** is Deputy Chief of York Regional Police. He is in his 31<sup>st</sup> year of policing, having started his career in 1993, and joining York Regional Police in 1997. He is currently in charge of Operations Branch, which includes overseeing operations at all five district stations across York Region. Deputy Da Silva is actively engaged and dedicated to community service, partnerships and volunteerism. He is past president of the Board of Directors for the Richmond Hill Welcome Centre (Catholic Community Services of York Region), sits as co-chair for United Way York Region and is Chair of the “Be A Hero Campaign” which raises funds for pediatric oncology at Southlake Regional Health Centre.

**Rev. Dr. Tina Pitamber** is the Senior Pastor of Impact Church of the Nazarene in Unionville. Impact Church is the new name for two churches that amalgamated in December 2022: Village Church of the Nazarene in Markham, and Solid Rock Community Church in Richmond Hill. Tina is the author of “*God Is That You? Hearing From God*” published in 2021. Tina has a twin, and 3 other sisters. She plays the guitar, trumpet & piano, and loves to watch basketball.

**Bishop Ransford Jones** is the Pastor of Destiny Gospel Centre in Markham. He is also the District Overseer for the Markham & Scarborough Churches of God. He also serves as Chairman of the Canadian Black Clergies & Allies, and serves on the National Board of the Church of God in Canada. Ransford is married to Janett and has two children.

**Monsignor Vid Vlastic** is the Pastor of St. Justin Martyr Catholic Church. Msgr. Vid was born in Croatia was the youngest child in a family of nine. He came to Canada in 1976 to finish his theology education, and was ordained in the Toronto Archdiocese. Among other postings he was the founding Pastor of St. Jerome’s Parish, Brampton, where he succeeded in building a 750 seat church. He is celebrating his 45<sup>th</sup> year as a Priest, and enjoys his ministry and travels.

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**Anna Anandarajan** serves as the Groups and Care Ministries Pastor at *the bridge – a Markham Community Church*. Anna is passionate about inspiring and equipping the church to support those who are marginalized; helping those who are hurting to experience healing; and empowering, equipping and cultivating a healthy volunteer leadership culture. Prior to entering into vocational pastoral ministry, Anna worked as a professional engineer in the oil and gas industry. She recently graduated from Wycliffe College and Seminary at the University of Toronto with a Master's Degree in Theological Studies. Anna is originally from Sri Lanka and has lived in Markham for the past 25 years. Anna is married to Jey, and they have five children who are actively serving in the community.

**Rev. Dr. James Clubine** is Co-Chair of the Markham Prayer Breakfast Committee, and has served on the committee for over 20 years. Now retired, he served as Minister of Worship and Pastoral Care at Central United Church in Unionville from 2003 to 2024. In addition to over 35 years pastoral experience, James also established a practice in leadership development consulting and has taught college courses in preaching and communications. James resides in Unionville and takes great delight in his 10 grandchildren.

**Rev. Peter Ma** is Co-Chair of the Markham Prayer Breakfast Committee and has served on the committee for many years. He was born in Toronto, raised in Mississauga and currently lives in Markham. Peter has served as a Presbyterian minister for 26 years. At the beginning of 2023, Peter began serving as the Executive Director of Flow Without Bounds Ministries, an outreach to a subsidized housing community in Markham. Some people feel isolated and alone. We walk with neighbours inspiring each other to be connected with God and with others. We do this through house church, youth mentoring, and compassion ministry. Peter & his wife Mora have been married for over 30 years. He gets along with three of his children ... he has only three.

**Mayor Frank Scarpitti** was elected as Mayor of Markham in 2006, 2010, 2014, 2018 and 2022. He is Markham's longest serving Mayor, having first been elected as a Regional Councillor in 1985. He has served on both Markham Council and York Region Council for over 30 years. Mayor Scarpitti has been a wonderful supporter of the Markham Prayer Breakfast – he gives his time to a number of non-profit organizations related to health, social programs, art and culture. As Co-Chair of Markham Stouffville Hospital's Capital Campaign, his leadership & efforts contributed to surpassing the hospital's \$50 million fundraising goal, and he is now Co-Chairing the hospital's new Capital Campaign to raise \$150 million to help the hospital keep pace with our growing community. He led Markham's initiative to secure the Markham Pan Am Centre and attract a Markham campus for York University. Mayor Scarpitti and his wife Nancy have three children.

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# Prayer Breakfast

## PRAYER CARD

*Mission of Markham Prayer Breakfast:  
An annual gathering of the Christian community  
to pray for the leaders & people of Markham.*

### PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR COMMUNITY LEADERS, FOR:

- A strong, healthy family life
- Physical, emotional and spiritual well being
- Discernment & compassion
- Endurance & patience
- Safety & protection
- Wisdom & courage to do what is right, and
- Grace in doing it

### PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR NATION:

- That Canada will be a country that honours and serves God
- Pray for the Prime Minister, Cabinet, Senators, Party Leaders and MP's
- Pray for the Premier, Cabinet, Party Leaders & MPP's
- Pray for the Supreme Court, Judges & the Judicial System
- Pray that God will protect Canada & Canadians
- Pray for our soldiers, police officers, fire and emergency services workers
- Pray for doctors and other health care workers
- Pray for teachers, principals, Board officials and students
- Pray for our youth & children
- Pray for national unity
- Pray for the spiritual life of the nation
- Pray for peace in the world, and here in Canada

*"If my people will humble themselves and pray,  
and search for me, and turn from their wicked  
ways, I will hear them from heaven and  
forgive their sins and heal their land."*

2 CHRONICLES 7:14 (LIVING BIBLE)

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November 21, 2025*



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As she grappled with the challenges of an unknown future, Cyndi was left with a question; Why did God allow this to happen to her?

And furthermore, could she ever be whole again? Cyndi is an author, international speaker, wife, and mom.



Special Music by

**Dawn  
Caswell**

VOCALIST



Dawn Caswell is recently retired from Markham District High School after a 31-year career of teaching music. She enjoys singing on the worship team at Springvale Baptist as well as trying her hand at song writing, and she continues to offer private voice lessons from her home studio. Dawn is a proud mother to two beautiful daughters, and loves traveling the world with her husband!

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Thank you for your interest and support  
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