

**Please take a few moments in silent meditation to prepare our minds and hearts to worship God. Please stand as you are able when the beadle enters with the Bible.**

Prelude - Diapason Movement – Mayrice Greene

### WE APPROACH GOD

Call to Worship: See Lenten insert

Introit: Spirit of the living God verse 2 #400  
*Spirit of the living God, move among us all;  
Make us one in heart and mind; make us one in love;  
Humble, caring, selfless, sharing.  
Spirit of the living God, fill our lives with love!*

Opening Prayer

\*Opening Hymn: "As the deer" Accompanied by Youth Band #27

1. *As the deer pants for the water,  
so my soul longs after you;  
you alone are my heart's desire,  
and I long to worship you.*

Refrain: *You alone are my strength, my shield;  
to you alone may my spirit yield.  
You alone are my heart's desire,  
and I long to worship you.*

2. *I want you more than gold or silver  
Only you can satisfy  
You alone are the real joy giver  
And the apple of my eye*

3. *You are my friend and you are my brother  
Even though you are my king  
I love you more than any other  
So much more than anything.*

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Please be seated

Prayer of confession

**P: O God, we do not always follow the way of the cross. We have short memories so we forget that you led your people through the wilderness and gave them water when they were thirsty. We forget that you provide spiritual drink for our souls through Jesus Christ. Too often we desire evil and turn away from your covenant with us. Forgive us for thinking we have risen above ancient ways of sin. Show us how we too seek after idols. Forgive us when we put you to the test. Amen**

L: Remember that God made an everlasting covenant with us. Remember God is merciful and will abundantly pardon. Know with certainty that God loves us, forgives us, and calls us to begin again with grace and peace from our Lord Jesus Christ.

**P: Thanks be to God.**

L: May the peace of Christ be with you

**P: And also with you.**

### WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

Interlude: Masterpiece – Bernie Herms and Emily Weisband. Given in praise by Youth Band

Responsive Reading: Psalm 63:1-8

L: O God, you are my God, I seek you,

**P: my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.**

L: So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.

**P: Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.**

L: So I will bless you as long as I live;

**P: I will lift up my hands and call on your name.**

L: My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast,

**P: and my mouth praises you with joyful lips when I think of you on my bed, and meditate on you in the watches of the night; for you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.**

L: My soul clings to you;

**P: your right hand upholds me.**

\*Hymn: "Come, let us sing to the Lord our song" v.1,2 #412

Children's time

\*Hymn: "Come, let us sing to the Lord our song" v.3,4 #412

Life and Work of the Church

Scripture: Isaiah 55:1-9 p. 685  
Psalm 63:1-8 p. 527  
1 Corinthians 10:1-13 p. 172

L: The word of the Lord

**P: Thanks be to God.**

\*Hymn: "You thirsty ones" #190

Sermon: Ho! Everyone who thirsts!

### WE RESPOND

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Offering & Offertory - The Old Rugged Cross Made the Difference – Gloria and William J. Gaither, Arr. Mary McDonald, Given in praise by Adult Choir, Soloist: Randy Vermass

Doxology: *Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise Him all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts,  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Prayer of dedication:

**Loving God, accept these our gifts, we pray. Bless them and use them to bring peace to places of unrest, love to places of hate, joy to places of fear, and hope to places of loss. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

\*Closing Hymn: "Jesus thou joy of loving hearts" #366

Sending

\*Benediction: verse 4 #836

*Women and men, in age and youth, can feel the spirit, hear the call,  
and find the life, the way, the truth, revealed in Jesus, freed for all.*

Postlude - As Pants the Hart for Cooling Streams – Hugh Wilson, Arr. Rachel Chapin

~ Please join us for Explorations in Music ~

### PWS&D Responds to Malawi Floods

On March 6, 2019, a tropical disturbance over Mozambique brought heavy rains and flooding to parts of southern Malawi. Thirteen districts have been severely impacted by the deluge, which has damaged infrastructure and affected electricity and water supplies. Water sources have been contaminated and water-borne diseases, as well as cholera and malaria outbreaks, are posing serious health risks.

Dozens of people have died and hundreds of thousands have been impacted. The number of people in need continues to rise. Please continue to keep the people and communities in southern Malawi in your prayers.

PWS&D is in close contact with partners in the affected area who are monitoring the situation and coordinating a response. PWS&D will continue to work with local communities to assess damage and meet the most immediate needs.

ACT Alliance members in Malawi have identified food security, nutrition, psychosocial support, and water and sanitation as the priority areas of need.

International Ministries staff, the Rev. Dr. Blair and Vivian Bertrand, are serving in southern Malawi and providing updates on the situation.

PWS&D is accepting donations to help bring relief to those suffering in the wake of flooding.



**Presbyterian World Service & Development**

### Sunday School News

~ Palm Sunday (April 14th) all children are encouraged to meet Joni in the foyer at 9:45 am so that we can all be part of the parade into church.

~ On Easter Sunday there will be a scavenger hunt for all children. This will begin before church and continue on after worship. Packages will be available at the back of the church on Easter.

~ **We need adults to help out with this, so please speak with Joni if you want to join the fun!**

### Opportunities for You

The **Gala Dinner Event** supporting Thursday Night Supper and Social will be held April 14th here at St. Andrew's. Tickets are available in the hall following worship or in the church office during the week.



We are ordering **Easter flowers** again this year. Please fill out the insert in the bulletin and return with payment to Joni or into the office by April 7th.

Thank you for your participation and support!

Our readings are taken from the Revised Common Lectionary a 3 year cycle of readings used by many Christian denominations. Next week's lectionary readings will be: Joshua 5:9–12; Psalm 32; 2 Corinthians 5:16–21; Luke 15:1–3, 11b–32.



We have asked Alexis Smith (who is currently minoring in Indigenous Studies) to prepare us some information on Indigenous issues that relate to our church:

The Mohawk Institute is a residential school located in Brantford, Ontario. It was run by the Anglican Church and originally opened in 1828 as the Mechanics' Institute for Indigenous boys from Six Nations. In 1831 boys started boarding at the school and by 1834 a girls' dormitory was added. The building was destroyed by a fire thought to be set by students in the 1850s and a new, bigger building was constructed with the name Mohawk Institute. Increasing numbers of boys and girls started attending the residential school, especially after the 1894 amendment to the Indian Act which made residential school education mandatory for all Indigenous children. Another fire destroyed the school in 1903 which prompted the construction of the building that is still standing today. The Mohawk Institute is infamously known as the "Mush Hole", a reflection of the quality of food fed to students. Not unlike other residential schools, students at Mohawk Institute faced abuse and many died within its walls. The school closed in 1970 and in 1972 the property was turned into the Woodland Cultural Centre which is run by Indigenous people. Woodland Cultural Centre is "a non-profit organization that serves to preserve and promote First Nations culture and heritage." ([www.woodlandculturalcentre.ca/the-campaign/](http://www.woodlandculturalcentre.ca/the-campaign/)). I highly recommend going to the Woodland Cultural Centre's museum and taking a tour of the Mohawk Institute. It is a very educational and eye-opening experience.

**Deacons** please note our next meeting on Monday, April 1st at 7:30 pm. We will be welcoming our new deacons and brainstorming ways to move forward.

**Choir Position** – Music & Worship, with the approval of session and in coordination with the choir, are taking a look at the best place for the choir to be situated in the sanctuary. Over the next three weeks we will be trying out different spots. There is a form in the back to provide feedback. Please fill it out! We would like to hear from as many people as possible. An extensive look at the goals and issues is featured in our Lenten newsletter.

St. Andrew's **Session** has been very busy recently. Please read our Newsletter to find out what they have been doing .

The women of Waterloo-Wellington **Presbyterial** will be packing knitted items for India on Wednesday March 29<sup>th</sup> at Eden Mills Church at 10 am. If anyone has some, please leave at the church before Wednesday. Last fall 28 boxes were sent to India.

We are once again weaving **Milk Bag Mats**. And we need your help. We are collecting clean, dry, flat milk bags (the outer bag) for weaving. We are also in need of people to help with the prep work. It is very easy work and can even be done while you are watching TV! If you are interested and would like to help please speak with Joni Smith or Mary Vincent. Recently a group of us were able to weave 2 mats to be sent to third world countries.

This Week at St. Andrew's		
Monday	9:00 am	Early Years
Tuesday	12:00 pm	Hope Clothing
Wednesday	9:30 am	Hope Clothing
Wednesday	10:00 am	Bible Study
Wednesday	5:30 pm	Family Night
Thursday	11:00 am	Hope Clothing
Thursday	5:00 pm	Thursday Night Supper & Social
Thursday	5:15 pm	Youth Band
Thursday	7:00 pm	Adult Choir
Friday	9:00 am	Early Years
Friday	8:00 pm	A-A, Al-Anon, Al-Ateen

Next Week's Sermon:



April 4th - Athalie Read Group Garage Sale  
 April 14th - Thursday Night Supper and Social Gala Event  
 May 25th - Boundaries Workshop  
 May 25th - Open Mic Night  
 August 6th-9th - Summer Day Camp

**March specials** are Dollarama, Shell, and the Ultimate Dining Card. Dollarama cards will make a great Easter gift for children! Order date is March 31st.



**Thank you to everyone who participated in today's service:**

Music Director: Corey Cotter Linforth  
 Beadle: Jean Godin  
 Worship Assistant: Marg McKenzie-Leighton  
 Greeters: The Goulet Family and Joanne Waugh  
 Ushers: Ron Paddock and Vern Platt  
 Tech Team: Alex Goulet

**Thank you to everyone who assisted with today's program:**

Family Ministries & Sunday School Coordinator: Joni Smith  
 Holy Sherlocks (Gr 4-6): Cynthia MacDonald  
 Divine Detectives (JK-Gr 3): Joni Smith and Olivia Cann  
 Little Explorers (up to JK): Laura Einwechter and Sarah English  
 Nursery Coordinator: Laura Einwechter

# St. Andrew's Hespeler Presbyterian Church

## March 24, 2019

### 3rd Sunday in Lent



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Monday to Friday - 9:00 am - Noon