

**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 - Largo in D minor – Samuel Long

### 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: "God is our refuge and our strength" #30

Please be seated

Prayer of confession

**P: Heavenly Father, we praise you for your abiding love, yet we confess that we have a hard time believing this good news, much less living it out. Past mistakes and failures, regrets and grievances, often haunt us. We carry our sins, and the sins others have laid upon us, like heavy burdens which sap our energy and enthusiasm. We hear old voices repeating their condemnations: "What you have been, you will always be..." "You can't change, so why try?..." Lord, help us accept the gift of new life you offer us in Jesus Christ. Forgive us for listening to voices that condemn us rather than your voice of liberating love. Refresh us with springs of living water, so that our parched lives may blossom in your renewing presence. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

L: Hear the Good News: "If anyone is in Jesus Christ there is a whole new creation. The past is finished and gone. Behold, the new has come!" Friends, believe the gospel: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Receive the power to begin new lives, starting this very moment.

**P: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

L: May the peace of Christ be with you.

**P: And also with you.**

### WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

Interlude: Leaving Eden – Brandon Heath and Lee Thomas Miller, Offered in praise by Joyful Sound!

Responsive Reading: Psalm 126

L: When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.

**P: Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy;**

L: then it was said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them."

**P: The LORD has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.**

L: Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like the watercourses in the Negeb.

**P: May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy. Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.**

\*Hymn: "One more step along the world I go" vs 1-3 #641

Children's time

\*Hymn: "One more step along the world I go" vs 4-5 #641

Life and Work of the Church

Scripture: Isaiah 43: 16-21 p. 672  
Philippians 3:4b-14 p. 198  
John 12:1-8 p. 106

L: The word of the Lord

**P: Thanks be to God.**

\*Hymn: "Sing a new song unto the Lord" #422

Sermon: One perfect afternoon

### WE RESPOND

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Offering & Offertory - On Eagle's Wings – Arr. Mark Haze, Offered in praise by Lynn Craig and Margaret McKenzie-Leighton

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:

**Christ, at the dinner party in Bethany, Mary offered you her love when she anointed your feet with rare perfume. The whole house was filled with the sweet aroma of her generosity. You accepted Mary's gift gladly and graciously. We trust that you will also receive our gifts offered with glad and generous hearts. Amen.**

\*Closing Hymn: "Spirit, Spirit of gentleness" #399

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 - O Sacred Head, Now Wounded – Arr. Cindy Berry

~ Please join us for Explorations in Music ~

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 today or in the church office during the week.

We are ordering **Easter flowers** again this year. Forms are available at the back of the sanctuary. Forms and payments are due **TODAY!**

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: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Luke 19:28-40, Isaiah 50:4-9a, Philippians 2:5-11.

The sign up board for the **Holy Saturday Vigil** on April 20th, 8:00 am—midnight, is now available at back of the sanctuary. Please sign up and help us "keep watch" throughout the day. Come for a short time, come for a long time.

### Youth News (for Grade 7 - high school):

- ~ Come down to the kitchen this morning during church
- ~ Meet at the church at **6:00 pm on Friday, April 12th**. Eat supper before you come. Wear good walking shoes and appropriate outdoor clothing for the weather.
- ~ Parents, please sign and return the waivers asap.

The Annual Athalie Read Garage Sale will be held on Saturday, May 4th from 8:00 am—noon, in the gym. Drop off of any treasures would be appreciated on Friday, **May 3rd from 2:00—7:00 pm**. Please no clothing or electronics.



### World Health Day (April 7)

Good health starts with good nutrition—especially for young children. In a poor village in Haiti, one-year-old Marcellus was losing weight rapidly and had a persistent cough. Because of crop losses, his single mother was struggling to feed the little boy and his five siblings. She knew Marcellus needed medical attention, but the price of transport to the closest health facility was more than she could afford. Hope came to Marcellus's mother in the form of a mobile clinic supported by Presbyterian World Service & Development and other Canadian Foodgrains Bank members. There, Marcellus received a nutrient-rich food supplement called Nourimanba, antibiotics and multivitamins. Marcellus is no longer malnourished and is on course to grow up healthy and strong. *PWS&D brings health care closer to home.*



(Photo: Mark Brender)

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.





## Report from Session

At its regular meeting this past Tuesday, St. Andrew's Kirk Session continued to work on some important tasks that have been set for it:

- We advanced our work on a covenant – a set of behaviours we intend to follow and hold each other accountable to follow. Once we finish and adopt this covenant, we will share it with the congregation. One hope is that this will provide a template that may help us in many parts of the congregation.
- We received an encouraging report on youth ministry possibilities in our congregation. Joni Smith will join the session next month to advance these discussions.
- We are planning a future elder training workshop with Rev. Linda Ashfield.
- We are planning a future *Leading with Care* workshop with David Phillips. This workshop will include Deacons, Sustaining Elders, anyone involved with children or youth ministries and anyone else who is interested. (We will say more about Sustaining Elders in another bulletin.)
- At the last meeting a Christian Education initiative was approved. On a given Sunday, an elder would preach and Rev. Scott would leave with the children to spend some meaningful time with one of the Sunday School classes. This will take place on Sunday, May 26.
- A Presbytery workshop on maintaining healthy boundaries will be held at St. Andrew's on Saturday, May 25 (9 am - 3 pm), lunch included. This workshop will be open to anyone in the congregation.

*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 term "Indigenous" currently tends to be an acceptable way of referring to anyone who is First Nations, Métis, or Inuit. When you can, try to be as specific as possible, such as referring to someone with the name of the nation they come from (eg. if someone were Anishinaabe). Find out how someone wants to be referred to by asking them, because for some people, Indigenous may not be how they would like to be referred to and may prefer another term.

## 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!**

- ~ The Holy Sherlocks Sunday School class will be holding their annual **Bake Sale** on Sunday, May 5th. Donations of baked goods will be appreciated. More information will follow.

## This Week at St. Andrew's

Monday	9:00 am	Early Years
Tuesday	12:00 pm	Hope Clothing
Tuesday	7:30 pm	Parenting Study
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	5:15 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
Sunday	5:00 pm	TNSS Gala Dinner

Next Week's Sermon:

Palming off  
the palms

There are lots of promotions this month!  
Esso, Stokes, Conestoga Mall, Vaughn Mills.  
This promotion runs until April 28th.



## Other upcoming events. Stay tuned for more details!

- May 25th - Boundaries Workshop
- May 25th - Open Mic Night
- June 2nd - Prayer in the Park
- August 6th-9th - Summer Day Camp



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

Music Director: Corey Cotter Linforth  
Beadle: Steve Marsh  
Worship Assistant: Joanne Waugh  
Greeters: Carol Johnston and Bill & Margret Hunter  
Ushers: Hartley Vandermeer and Don Paddock  
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): Lori Marsh  
Divine Detectives (JK-Gr 3): Laurie Paddock and Jaquelyn Roland  
Little Explorers (up to JK): Kathy Bott and Julia Rowland  
Nursery Coordinator: Laura Einwechter

# St. Andrew's Hespeler Presbyterian Church

## April 7, 2019

### 5th Sunday in Lent



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Monday to Friday - 9:00 am - Noon

## Holy Week Services

Thursday, April 18 @ 7:30pm ~ Maundy Thursday Communion Service

Friday, April 19 @ 10am ~ Good Friday Worship Service

Saturday, April 20 @ 8am to 11pm ~ Holy Saturday Vigil

Sunday, April 21 @ 10am ~ Communion and Celebration of the

Resurrection

