

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 :

WE APPROACH GOD

Call to Worship:

L: Praise the Lord!

P: Praise God in his sanctuary; praise God in his mighty firmament!

L: Praise God with trumpet sound; praise God with lute and harp!

P: Praise God with clanging cymbals; praise God with loud clashing cymbals!

L: Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!

P: Praise the Lord!

Introit: Come to us, beloved Stranger v. 1 #262

Come to us, beloved Stranger, as you came that Easter day.

Walk with us to our Emmaus, for we need you still today.

Come to us when we are broken, when our dearest hopes are lost,

Speak to us the prophets' message you fulfilled upon the cross.

Opening Prayer

*Opening Hymn: "The day of resurrection" # 249

Please be seated

Prayer of confession

L: In the time that has passed since Easter Sunday, have we become a changed people? Have we lived with hope and promise, trusting in the Risen Christ? Or have we been more like the earliest disciples, still gathered behind locked doors out of fear? Trusting in a second-chance God who meets us as dedicated yet doubting followers, let us confess our sins in the presence of Christ and one another.

P: Gracious and loving God, the resurrection of your Son has not pulled us far from our old ways. Our faith becomes fear in the face of the world's troubles. We trust more in the power of "the way things are" than in the new life you grant. We hesitate to speak out against wrong, convinced it will do no good. We excuse ourselves from chances to help others, fearing for our security. We stay busy with small concerns to avoid facing our shortcomings.

Holy God, forgive our fears and our doubts. Plant Easter seeds in us to push through the packed, dead ground of old habits. Transform our suffering into greater faithfulness. Catch us up into the dance of your Holy Spirit, so that we may find hope and strength for the living of these days. Amen.

L: Even the hardest and most unchanging rock gives way to the persistent dripping of water. In the same way, God's continual grace washes away our failings and shapes us into faithful disciples of Christ. By the waters of baptism, God forgives us all our sins. Let go of the old ways. Live new lives of confident faith, abundant hope and overflowing love.

P: Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

L: May the peace of Christ be with you.

P: And also with you.

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

Responsive Reading: Psalm 150

L: Praise the LORD!

P: Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty firmament!

L: Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his surpassing greatness!

P: Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp! Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe! Praise him with clanging cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

L: Let everything that breathes praise the LORD!

P: Praise the LORD!

*Hymn: "He is Lord" #252

Children's time

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Life and Work of the Church

Scripture: Acts 5:27-32 p. 123

Revelation 1:4-8 p. 245

John 20:19-31 p. 115

L: The word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God.

*Hymn: "They set out on their homeward road" #263

Sermon: One week later

WE RESPOND

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Offering & Offertory:

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:

Generous God, we thank you for all we have received from you which brings us hope and joy. Bless the gifts we bring so they may help establish your reign in the world you love. In the name of your greatest gift, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

*Closing Hymn: "I danced in the morning" v. 1-4 #250

Sending

*Benediction: "Lord of the dance" v. 5 #250

They cut me down and I leap up high; I am the life that'll never, never die;

I'll live in you if you'll live in me; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.

Dance, then, wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,

and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be, and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

Postlude:

thank you ☺

Thank You to our guest organist, Martin Bohl.
Your giving is greatly appreciated!

April 28: Rebuilding businesses and dreams

In Malawi, Lucia and her husband care for their six orphaned grandchildren. It's a lot of work to meet the needs of a large family, but Lucia was earning a good income running a grocery store—a dream she'd always had. When her husband fell ill, Lucia used all her earnings to pay hospital bills and could no longer afford her grandchildren's school fees. When her husband was discharged, Lucia had no money left to rebuild the business she loved. An answer to her prayers, Lucia received a loan to get her store running again through a Presbyterian World Service & Development-supported self-help group. "I was worried about how I would pay school fees and provide for my grandchildren's basic needs," Lucia said. "Self-help groups have really helped."



PWS&D empowers families out of poverty.

This January, the Gay Lea Foundation announced it had approved more than \$250,000 in grants at its first meeting of the 2019 fiscal year (October 1 – September 30), with funds being channeled to 15 registered Canadian charities working in Ontario, Alberta, Haiti, Malawi and Tanzania.

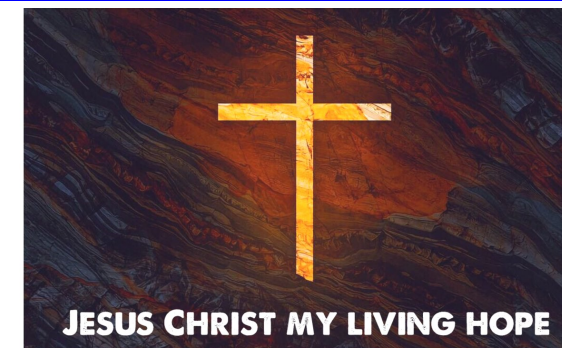
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FOUNDATION

Today, April 5th, the Foundation follows up on that announcement with news of five more Canadian charities set to receive grants in 2019, raising the total value of funds distributed by the Foundation since its creation in 2014 to more than \$957,000.

We are excited to say that the Gay Lea Foundation has awarded Hope Clothing a grant of \$2000.00 to help ensure that Hope Clothing continues to serve our community and that the needs of the clients and volunteers are met with dignity and compassion.

Our readings are taken from the Revised Common Lectionary a 3 year cycle of readings used by many Christian denominations. The readings for next week are: Acts 9:1-6, (7-20), Psalm 30, Revelation 5:11-14, John 21:1-19.



JESUS CHRIST MY LIVING HOPE

Sunday School News

The Holy Sherlocks Sunday School class will be holding their annual **Bake Sale** next Sunday. **Donations of baked goods will be appreciated.** The class decided to split the profits between Sleeping Children Around the World, where \$35 will buy a bedroll kit for a child and Plant an Olive Tree in Palestine (with PCC International Ministries) where \$30 will purchase an olive tree sapling for a farmer, to help keep hope alive. Please plan on supporting our Holy Sherlock class (grades 4—6) by purchasing some yummy baked goods!



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	Early Years
Wednesday	9:30 am	Bible Study
Wednesday	10:00 am	Hope Clothing
Wednesday	5:30 pm	Family Night
Thursday	11:00 am	Hope Clothing
Thursday	5:15 pm	Youth Band
Friday	8:00 pm	A-A, AI-Anon, AI-Ateen
Saturday	8:00 am to Noon	Athalie Read Garage Sale

St. Andrew's Hespeler Presbyterian Church

April 28, 2019

Second Sunday of Easter

Mission Awareness Sunday

Sustaining Elders

When we elect elders in our congregation, that is a lifetime appointment. You never cease to be an elder. The same is true for deacons as well. But we do not necessarily expect our elders or deacons to serve perpetually on the session or as a visiting deacon. People do step down for various reason or are rotated off of active service.

Sometimes we have had the habit of referring to those who are not presently serving in these ways as "inactive," but the session is recognizing that this is very unhelpful language. Elders and deacons, when they are ordained, commit themselves to sustaining and upholding the ministry of the church, whether they serve in particular ways or not. For this reason we will begin to refer to these people as sustaining elders and deacons.

This is not just a symbolic change though. Session is working on finding ways to draw upon the wisdom and experience of Sustaining elders and will be inviting them to participate in a discussion in the near future.



The Annual Athalie Read Garage Sale will be held on **THIS 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.

Mother's Day is coming soon! A gift card is a great gift idea. There are lots of promotions this month. Esso, Stokes, Conestoga Mall, Vaughn Mills.
Orders are due TODAY!



Next week we will be participating in a **Presbytery-wide pulpit exchange**. As an expression of our unity in Christ, ministers will be preaching in another congregation. Rev. Scott will be preaching at Knox, Guelph, Rev. Johan Olivier, minister of Knox will be at Calvin Presbyterian Church in Kitchener and Calvin's minister, the Rev. Dr. Ferenc (Frank) Szatmari will be here at Hespeler. Rev. Dr. Frank has a recognized Master of Divinity, Master of Theology, a Doctor of Psychology in Biblical Model, and a Doctor of Ministry degree. He is a very gifted speaker and we look forward to hearing from him.

Other upcoming events - Stay tuned for more details!



- May 4th - Athalie Read Garage Sale
- May 5th - Holy Sherlocks Annual Bake Sale
- May 11th - Church Clean Up Work Party
- May 25th - Boundaries Workshop
- May 25th - Open Mic Night
- June 2nd - Prayer in the Park
- August 6th-9th - Summer Day Camp

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Regular Office Hours:
Monday to Friday - 9:00 am - Noon



Operations Committee is planning to have a Work Party on Saturday May 11th from 9:00am until 11:30am to freshen up the nooks and crannies both on the interior and the exterior. Our Property Chair and the committee members would greatly appreciate assistance / volunteers from members of the congregation with this task. Many hands make the work light!

We would indeed be grateful of your support. Thank you!

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

Music Director: Corey Cotter Linforth
Beadle: Patrice Wappler
Worship Assistant: Joanne Waugh
Greeters: Joanne Waugh and Carol Johnston
Ushers: Randy Vermaas and Margret Hunter

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 Rowland
Little Explorers (up to JK): Leah Rayma and Julia Rowland
Nursery Coordinator: Laura Einwechter