

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: With all our hearts, let us praise the Lord.

P: With all that we are, we praise God's holy name!

L: With all our hearts, let us bless the Lord.

P: We will never forget how kind God has been.

L: The Lord forgives our sins, heals our weakness, and gives us life everlasting.

P: The Lord is merciful, kind, and patient. God's love never fails.

L: Let us worship God.

Introit: Over my head I hear music in the air

*Over my head, I hear music in the air;
over my head, I hear music in the air;
over my head, I hear music in the air;
there must be a God somewhere.*

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Opening Prayer

*Opening Hymn: "The great Physician now is near" #359

Please be seated

Prayer of Confession:

P: O God, your judgment is like a consuming fire; your love and grace, like cool running springs of water. We confess we too often close our ears to your voice, turn away from your truth, and pretend we know what is best. Forgive us when we say one thing but do another. Forgive us when we follow the letter of the law but ignore your Spirit of love. Let your judgment awaken us and your mercy refresh us. Amen.

L: May the peace of Christ be with you.

P: And also with you.

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

Responsive Reading: Psalm 71:1-6

L: In you, O Lord, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame.

P: In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; incline your ear to me and save me.

L: Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress, to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.

P: Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.

L: For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O Lord, from my youth.

P: Upon you I have leaned from my birth; it was you who took me from my mother's womb. My praise is continually of you.

*Hymn: "Give me oil in my lamp" #655

Life and Work of the Church

Scripture: Hebrews 12: 18-29 p. 227
Luke 13: 10-17 p. 76

L: The word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God.

*Hymn: "Open my eyes, that I may see" #500

Sermon: When is the Right Time?

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

Almighty and everlasting God, we place before you all that we are - strengths and limits, gifts and deficiencies, faith and doubt. Receive us and use us, together with these monetary gifts, for serving you, for we give it all in Jesus' holy name, Amen.

*Closing Hymn: "There is a redeemer" #358

*Sending

*Benediction: "Come sing, O church, in joy!" v.3 #757
*Let courage be our friend, let wisdom be our guide,
as we in mission magnify the Crucified!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!*

Postlude

August 25: A home away from home

When her niece fell ill, Zenabu was accused by her sister of bewitching the little girl. Belief in witchcraft continues to be widespread in Ghana, and those accused can face relentlessly cruel treatment. Zenabu feared for her safety, until she found sanctuary at the PWS&D-supported Gambaga Camp—a refuge for women who have been accused of witchcraft. Zenabu has been trained in soap making and earns an income by selling her handiwork. She enjoys the self-reliance that



comes with the chance to sell her goods. Even as PWS&D works with communities to help them see that misfortune is not a result of witchcraft, this support is giving women like Zenabu the chance to lead safe and meaningful lives. *PWS&D responds to ensure safety and security.*

Please check the bulletin boards by the elevator for upcoming community events!



Your help is needed! On Wednesday, September 4th we will be cleaning and organizing the 2nd floor (just in time for all of our Sunday School classes to start) and the old kitchen. If you can lend a hand your help would be appreciated. Jobs that need to be done on the 2nd floor include many jobs that can be done while sitting down; testing markers, sharpening pencils,



sorting craft supplies, organizing stories, etc. We will end by enjoying a light lunch together. If you can help out, please speak with Joni Smith. *note: this clean up time could count as one of the items on your Summer Challenge list!

Commissioning Sunday, September 8: This is the Sunday that we lift up all of our volunteers in prayer for the coming year. If you are an Elder, Deacon, Sunday School/Preschool leader or assistant, usher, greeter, soundboard operator, Choir member, Youth Band member, Thursday Night Supper volunteer, Food Bank volunteer, Hope Clothing volunteer, bulletin folder, Worship Assistant, Prayer Chain member, (any) committee member, and more, please plan to attend so that your ministry and service within St. Andrew's can be lifted up in prayer.

The **Deacons** will meet on Monday, September 9 @ 7:30 – 9:00 pm. We will begin our time together participating in the "Me & My Big Mouth" study. All sustaining deacons are also invited to attend. Elders are also welcome to join us for this study.

The new **Breathing Room study** [for women] will begin on Tuesday, September 10, 7:30 – 8:30 pm. This is a 4 part study, done on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, September – December. If you would like to participate, please speak with Joni Smith. The books that accompany the study have arrived. The Christian Education Committee is asking that participants help off-set the cost of these books by \$20. If you can not afford this fee, but would like to participate, please speak with Joni in confidence. There is a maximum of 9 participants for this study.

The regular **Session Meeting** for September will be held on Thursday, September 12 and will start at 6 pm in the Foyer. Bring some food to share! We will spend some time dreaming together about the future.

Sunday School Kick-off will be held on September 15th.

On this Sunday we will divide into our formal Sunday School groups. After worship we will have treats & games for everyone. Your St. Andrew's Amazing Summer Challenge scorecards and sheets, etc. will be due on this Sunday. For all children, please also bring in a signed registration form, for an extra treat. Please note: there will be Sunday School on September 8th. We will be doing a couple of activities as one group and will receive registration forms for the following week.



Rev. Scott will be away from August 11th to September 7th. Please keep him and his family in your prayers during this time. If there is an urgent pastoral need during this time, please contact the following on the appropriate weeks:

August 25-31 Bill Bynum (519-653-6691)

September 1-7 Mark Gaskin (519-621-3630), Bill Bynum (519-653-6691)
- Preacher will be Rev. Dr. Linda Bell



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During the summer there will not be regular Sunday School classes. This is a much needed time of rest for our leaders and assistants. There are **busy boxes** at the back of the sanctuary filled with quiet activities for your children to do while in worship. Please help yourself to the items inside and return the materials when finished.

St. Andrew's **Amazing Summer Challenge** instruction sheets are available at the back of the sanctuary for adults to participate. The Amazing Summer Challenge packs have been delivered to our children. Check Joni's door for updates!



Potato Harvest Sunday will be held on September 29 this year. If you grew potatoes this summer please bring them in. All potatoes will be donated to Thursday Night Supper & Social (TNSS). We will also accept all donations of non-perishable food items; dry pasta, soup broths, soup, salad dressings, canned vegetables, coffee, tea, sugar, spices for TNSS. Also, this will be the day when the children compete in the **Grand Gardener** competition. Come out to see who grew the biggest – by weight – potato this summer. Who will wear the hat this year?!



Did you know that you can donate to St. Andrew's Hespeler online? For several years, St. Andrew's Hespeler has partnered with CanadaHelps to facilitate the acceptance of online donations. CanadaHelps itself is a charity whose purpose is to inform, inspire and connect charities and donors with the causes they care about. The online link to donate via St. Andrew's internet homepage is not only another means by which to donate regularly to St. Andrews but it is also a great way to make memorial and honour gifts and the link to our website is easy to share using social media or e-mail. Scan this QR code to take you directly to our giving page!



This Week at St. Andrew's

Tuesday	12:00 pm	Hope Clothing
Wednesday	9:30 am	Hope Clothing
Wednesday	7:00 pm	A-A Meditation Group
Thursday	11:00 am	Hope Clothing
Thursday	5:15 pm	Youth Band
Friday	8:00 pm	A-A, Al-Anon, Al-Ateen

Next week...

LIFESTYLES



It is a great honour to welcome the Rev. Dr. Linda Bell today. Rev. Bell retired after 35 years of ministry while she was at Gale Presbyterian Church in 2013. She had a long and distinguished career in the church and continues to be a blessing to this day. In 1992, she was elected the moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada and was the first woman to hold that position of leadership in the church. She will join us again next week. Don't miss it!

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: Psalm 81:1, 10-16, Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16, Luke 14:1, 7-14.

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

Music Director:	Corey Cotter Linforth
Worship Assistant:	Don Paddock
Greeters:	The English Family and Carol Johnston
Ushers:	Hartley Vandermeer and Rob Hodgson
Tech Team:	Alex Goulet
Family Ministries & Sunday School Coordinator:	Joni Smith
Nursery/Preschool Coordinator:	Laura Einwechter

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August 25th, 2019

11th Sunday after Pentecost

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Linda Bell



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Summer Office Hours:

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday - 9:00 am - Noon