

**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: Along with all those in heaven, we cry out in a loud voice saying,

**P: "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"**

L: Along with the redeemed, we praise God with joyful hearts saying,

**P: "For this reason alone are we before the throne of God and worship the Lord day and night."**

L: As the people of God, called together by the Holy Spirit, we are able to praise God and sing,

**P: "We will hunger and thirst no more. The Lamb will guide us to springs of the water of life." Let us worship God!**

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 Lord's my shepherd" # 11

Please be seated

Prayer of confession

**P: Merciful God, we confess we have strayed from you and your ways like lost sheep. Too often we have followed the desires of our own hearts, ignoring your desires and the needs of others. We have judged ourselves pure when we are not; considered ourselves great when we are small. We have failed in love and ignored your truth. We are lost! Find us, and forgive our foolishness and pride. Return us to your paths of truth and love.**

L: From Jesus, our risen Saviour, who sits at God's right hand, come both repentance and forgiveness. Know that you are forgiven. Forgive one another and forgive yourself through his powerful grace.

**P: Amen!**

L: May the peace of Christ be with you.

**P: And also with you.**

## WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

Responsive Reading: Psalm 23

L: The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

**P: He makes me lie down in green pastures;**

L: he leads me beside still waters;

**P: he restores my soul.**

L: He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

**P: Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil;**

L: for you are with me; your rod and your staff— they comfort me.

**P: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;**

L: you anoint my head with oil;

**P: my cup overflows.**

L: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

**P: and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.**

\*Hymn: "Jesus' hands were kind hands" #631

Children's time

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Life and Work of the Church

Scripture: Acts 9:36-43 p. 128

Revelation 7:9-17 p. 249

John 10:22-30 p. 104

L: The word of the Lord

**P: Thanks be to God.**

\*Hymn: "Woman in the night" #657

Sermon: How do you solve a problem like Tabitha?

## 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. May they help to establish your reign in the world you love. In the name of your greatest gift, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.**

\*Closing Hymn: "Brother, sister, let me serve you" #635

Sending

\*Benediction: "Lord of the dance" #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

Next week's music: Adult Choir sings the spiritual "Who will be a Witness?"

*Thank you* to Martin Bohl for playing the service today!

**Boundaries Workshop** You are welcome to join the Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington on Saturday May 25 at St. Andrew's for a workshop on health boundaries for your life.

Please Register with the Clerk of Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington by May 17th by emailing: [clerkwatwell@gmail.com](mailto:clerkwatwell@gmail.com)

Please note that the *PCC Renewal* meeting scheduled for May 14th in Guelph has been **cancelled**.

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.

The Holy Sherlock class would like to say THANK YOU to everyone who supported their bake sale last Sunday. Please see the current newsletter for all of the details.

Seed potatoes will be given to our Sunday School students to take home and plant today. We will be having our Grand Gardener contest (date to be determined) in the fall when we dig the spuds up and donate them to Thursday Night Supper & Social. If you would like to join in and plant a potato, please take one home!

Here are the May 2019 promotions! During the month of May, FundScrip is offering supporters donation increases on a few of our retailers: Winners, HomeSense, Marshalls, Giant Tiger, Sally Beauty, La Vie en Rose, Bikini Village, Golf Town, and The Ultimate Dining Card!



We all believe in the good of God and together as His children we can let it out in each of our own special way with an *Open Mic Night* at St. Andrew's Hespeler Presbyterian, where we can get together and enjoy the praise of God as one family. If you

have a song in your heart to exclaim His praise, please join us to help raise funds for Intermediate Christian Homes. People of all denominations are welcome to attend and musicians of any talent can play.

Come and enjoy an evening of music! A free will offering is appreciated and all proceeds will go to Intermediate Christian Homes to help them with their mission of providing a home for mentally ill people and give those they are helping direction in God's way.

With a time of fellowship during the halfway intermission, this event will give a chance to get to know each other a little better as we enjoy the music.

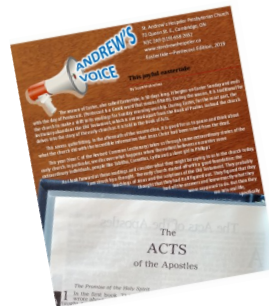
**Please check the bulletin boards by the elevator for upcoming community events!**



*Thank you* so much to all who came out yesterday to help clean up the church!

**This Week at St. Andrew's**

Monday	9:00 am	Early Years
Monday	7:30 pm	Deacon's Meeting
Tuesday	7:30 pm	Parenting Study
Wednesday	9:30 am	Hope Clothing
Wednesday	10:00 am	Bible Study
Wednesday	7:00 pm	A-A Meditation Group
Thursday	11:00 am	Hope Clothing
Thursday	12:00 pm	Self-help Food Bank and Lunch
Thursday	5:15 pm	Youth Band
Friday	9:00 am	Early Years
Friday	8:00 pm	A-A, Al-Anon, Al-Ateen



The newest edition of the *Andrew's Voice* is now available! Please pick up a copy or two on your way out and bring one to a friend!

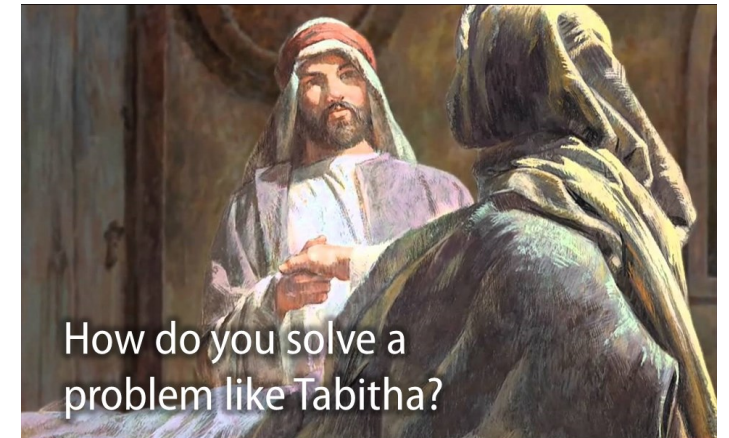
**Thank you to everyone who participated in today's service:**

Music Director: Corey Cotter Linforth  
 Beadle: Dean Davidson  
 Worship Assistant: Marg McKenzie-Leighton  
 Greeters: Bill & Margret Hunter and Bill & Joanne Pettit  
 Ushers: Rob Hodgson and Trent English  
 Tech Team: Randy Rattansingh

**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): Allison Cann and Olivia Cann  
 Little Explorers (up to JK): Mary Vincent and Emily Byers  
 Nursery Coordinator: Laura Einwechter

**St. Andrew's Hespeler Presbyterian Church**  
**May 12, 2019**  
**Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
**Christian Family Sunday**



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