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: My Lord, What a Morning! - Spiritual, Arr. Cindy Berry

We Approach God

Call to Worship:
L: Praise the Lord!
P: Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise God in the heights!
L: Praise God, all you angels; praise God, you heavenly host!
P: Monarchs of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!
L: Young men and women alike, old and young together!
P: Praise the Lord!

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

Please be seated

Prayer of confession
P: Loving God, your Son calls us to love one another just as he loves us. He tells us the world will know we are his followers because of the love we have for one another. Yet we confess we have not always loved one another, not the way Christ loves us. Too often the world knows us for our squabbling, our hypocrisy, and even our hatred of one another. Loving God, forgive us. Lord Jesus, continue to love us. Holy Spirit, fill us with love, so that we love one another with same love we know in your embrace. Amen.
L: God has given us repentance that leads to life. Let us accept God's forgiveness, forgive ourselves, and forgive one another.
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 148
L: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights!
P: Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!
L: Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars! Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!
P: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for he commanded and they were created. He established them forever and ever; he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.
L: Praise the Lord from the earth,
P: you sea monsters and all deeps, fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command!
L: Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!
P: Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!
L: Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth! Young men and women alike, old and young together!
P: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven.
L: He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to him.
P: Praise the Lord!

*Hymn: *"Now the green blade rises"* *v. 1,2* #256

Children's time

*Hymn: *"Now the green blade rises"* *v. 3,4* #256

Life and Work of the Church

Scripture:
Acts 11:1-18 p. 130
Revelation 21:1-6 p. 259
John 13:31-35 p. 108

L: The word of the Lord
P: Thanks be to God.

*Hymn: *"We cannot own the sunlit sky"* #717

Sermon: Step by step

Musical Reflection: What a Friend We Have in Jesus – Joseph Scriven & Charles Crozat Converse, Given in praise by Joyful Sound!

We Respond

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Offering & Offertory: Who Will Be a Witness? - Trad. Arr. Donald Moore, Given in praise by Adult Choir

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 bless you for your gift of life renewed through Christ's love and through springtime growth that is beginning in fields and gardens. Bless the gifts we bring to you. May they offer hope and renewal in the world you love as we serve in the name of your greatest gift, Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord. Amen

*Closing Hymn: *"The church's one foundation"* #479

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: Sonata in C – A. Scarlatti

Deacon Report:

We met on Monday, May 13th. At this time we read over, discussed and chose to adopt a Covenant, similar to the Covenant that Session adopted.

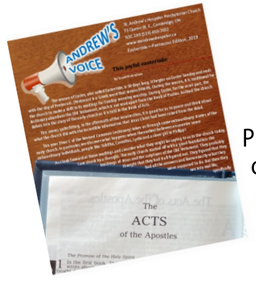
To formalize this covenant we gathered around the communion table to read Matthew 25:31-46. We then recited, in unison, " ***As the Deacons of St. Andrew's Hespeler Presbyterian Church, we covenant to follow these behaviours and hold each other accountable for them.*** We will:

- Each serve with a Christ-spirit, according to our gifts and talents.
- Listen to and take time for each other.
- Pray for and be supportive of one another and, in so doing, build each other up so that we may better serve as Deacons.
- At all times, maintain confidentiality.
- At all times, demonstrate a willingness to be honest and open in discussion. We commit to state our disagreements along with our reasons so that our group of Deacons can discuss all issues fully.
- Treat each other as equals, with dignity and respect.
- Practice the platinum rule – ***"Treat others as you want to be treated"***
- Be accountable for the actions we commit to, both individually and as a Deacon.
- Ask for and practice forgiveness.
- Deal with people directly and do not complain/gossip about others.
- Create a safe and non-judgmental space to work together.

'Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful, it does not rejoice in wrong doing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends.' Corinthians 13:4-8

At the end of the reading we each took a turn, held a stone and said, "I make this covenant with each of you and with God." We then placed our stone on the alter. At the end we said the Lord's Prayer together.

The Deacons have requested the email addresses of the people in their districts. If you would rather me not share your email address with your Deacon, please let me know. ~Joni jsmith@standrewshespeler.ca



The latest 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!

Boundaries Workshop is this Saturday! Registration opens at 9am and the workshop begins at 9:30am and ends at 3pm. Lunch will be served.

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 16:9-15, Psalm 67, Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5, John 14:23-29, John 5:1-9.

Join us this Saturday! 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 on ***May 25th***! 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.

Do you know what to do in an emergency?
Learn how to rescue family and friends!
A 4-hour CPR-C course is scheduled for the evening of ***June 13th.***
It covers the use of AEDs, adult, child and infant resuscitation and chocking.
Location: Preston Arena in the Board Room from 6pm to 10pm. There is no test.
If interested, contact Carol Jones at 519-658-4394 or email to s_c_jones@sympatico.ca by Sunday May 26th.
(Another date is being arranged to be held at St. Andrew's. Please watch your bulletin for more information.)

Bake Sale update! The Holy Sherlock class has decided how to split the proceeds of their recent bake sale. They will be able to purchase 11 bed kits for Sleeping Children Around the World, and 10 Olive Tree saplings for the Keep Hope Alive Olive Tree Project.
Message from Linda Webb, Executive Director of SCAW:
It is wonderful to see children helping children! Please convey our gratitude to the Sunday School.
Thanks & regards, Linda

The Waterloo-Wellington Presbyterial of the W.M.S. is holding their ***Spring Rally*** in Alma on May 27th. Refreshments and fellowship is at 12:30pm with the meeting starting at 1:00pm. Colleen Wood, editor of the *Glad Tidings* Magazine, will be our speaker. Please contact Jean about carpooling.

Seed potatoes are still available at the back of the sanctuary. In the fall (date to be determined) we will 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!

The Athalie Read Group would like to say ***Thank You*** to everyone who contributed to the annual Garage Sale. We had a very successful sale with a profit of over $1100! It would not have been possible without the help of the entire congregation!

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

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	9:00 am	Early Years
Friday	8:00 pm	A-A, Al-Anon, Al-Ateen
Saturday	9am - 3pm	Boundaries Workshop
Saturday	7:00 pm	Open Mic Night

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!

Other upcoming events -
Stay tuned for more details!

June 2nd - Prayer in the Park
June 12th - Leading with Care Workshop
June 13th - CPR Training
June 18th - Presbytery Meeting
August 6th-9th - Summer Day Camp

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

Music Director:	Corey Cotter Linforth
Beadle:	Vern Platt
Worship Assistant:	Marg McKenzie-Leighton
Greeters:	The Goulet Family and Jack & Ruth Marquis
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):	Allison Cann and Olivia Cann
Little Explorers (up to JK):	Kathy Bott and Emily Byers
Nursery Coordinator:	Laura Einwechter

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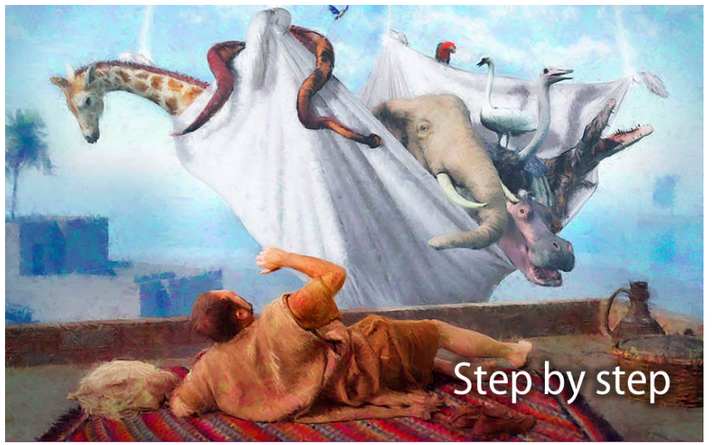

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The roses on the communion table are in honour of the birth of ***Everly & Mason Paddock*** *daughter & son to Mark & Whitney and grandchildren to Ron & Helen.* ***Congratulations everyone!***