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: Allegro—Arcangelo Corelli

WE APPROACH GOD

Call to Worship:

L: O God, you have searched us and known us.

P: You know when we sit down and when we rise up.

L: You discern our thoughts from far away.

P: Before a word is on our tongues, Lord, you know it completely.

L: Such knowledge is too wonderful for us, and so we humble ourselves in worship.

P: In this hour, search us and know our hearts, O God, and lead us in the way everlasting.

Introit: Brother, sister, let me serve you

Brother, sister, let me serve you; *let me be as Christ to you;* Pray that I may have the grace *To let you be my servant too.*

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Opening Prayer

*Opening Hymn: "Come let us sing"

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Please be seated

Prayer of Confession:

P: Lord God, we come to worship today and the week just past falls away behind us. We know that there were mistakes and failures, stresses and worries, disappointments and poor choices. We did not follow Jesus Christ the way we meant to. We did not love others as we could have. Forgive all the ways that our lives did not reflect your love and mercy. Set us free now to begin again in the power of your grace and in the knowledge of your redeeming love. Amen.

L: In his letter to the Romans, Paul asks, "Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ – and Christ died for us; Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us. Christ prays for us". Friends, believe the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and set free by God's most generous grace.

P: Thanks be to God!

L: May the peace of Christ be with you.

P: And also with you.

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

Responsive Reading: Psalm 51:1-10

L: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;

P: according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

L: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,

P: and cleanse me from my sin.

L: For I know my transgressions,

P: and my sin is ever before me.

L: Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight,

P: so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass iudament.

L: Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me.

P: You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

L: Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;

P: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

L: Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed

P: Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

L: Create in me a clean heart, O God.

P: and put a new and right spirit within me.

*Hymn: "The love of God comes close" vs 1-3 #474

Children's time

*Hymn: "The love of God comes close" #474

Life and Work of the Church

Scripture:

Exodus 32: 7-14 p. 78 1 Timothy 1:12-17 p. 208 Luke 15:1-10 p. 78

L: The word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God.

*Hymn: "Come now, you blessed, eat at my table" #724

Sermon: Choosing Life: Hello... 911?

Musical Reflection: Good, Good Father—by Pat Barrett and Anthony

Brown, given in praise by Youth Band

WE RESPOND

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Offering & Offertory: Praeludium and Allegro – Fritz Kreisler, Offered in praise by Zoé McAndless

Doxology: Praise God from whom all blessings flow,

> *Praise God all creatures here below.* Praise God above ye heavenly hosts, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

Lord God, receive these gifts offered in a spirit of generosity and humility. Bless and use them for the work that you long to do in the world in Jesus name. Amen.

*Closing Hymn: "Lord, whose love"

#722

*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

Next week's music: Welcome back Adult Choir!

**************** This week in Sunday School

Divine Detectives: The Good Shepherd & the Lost Sheep The Holy Sherlocks: Job 38:1-18



TODAY is the Sunday School Kick-off! 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. are due today! Children, we hope you have a signed

registration form for an extra treat!





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 nonperishable 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?!

Race to Erase is fast approaching - Saturday, October 5th! Hope Clothing uses

this race as their main fundraiser. So far we have 2 teams entered into the race. Who can get the most pledges? If you would like to help out either Rob Hodgson's or Karen



Kincaid's team, please speak with them. We are very thankful for Dr. Kherani for his generous donation to kick-start our fundraising. Help us reach our goal of \$5000.00. If you need more information on the race or you would like to enter a team on behalf of Hope Clothing, please speak with Rob, Karen, or Joni Smith.



BIBJ E Bible Study begins this week! Please join us on Wednesdays at 10am (coffee and tea at 9:30am) in the church foyer where Rev. Study Scott will lead us through study and prayer.

Adult Choir and Youth Band have started!

Adult Choir rehearses in the sanctuary from 7pm to 8:30pm. Youth Band rehearses in the sanctuary from 5:15pm to 6pm. New members are always welcome!



Do you have gold or silver jewelry, coins, or flatware that you no longer use or want? You may be surprised at how much YOU can earn by selling the metal! The Athalie Read Group is having a **Gold Sale**, <u>September 26th from</u> 6-8 p.m. Bring your items and see how much they are worth, then decide if

you want to sell them. Not able to be here that night? Talk to any member of the group to pick up your items and act as your personal representative. For more information, or if you need a ride to the event, please call Carol Jones at 519-658-4394.





On Wednesday, <u>September 18th</u> at 9:30am, the Waterloo-Wellington Ladies will be packing knitted items at Eden Mills Church. Please leave any items you may have at the office. The next packing day will be in March 2020.

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.

Please join us for the closing service at Ellis Pioneer Chapel **TODAY, Sunday September 15th, at 2:30pm** with a congregational hymn sing followed by refreshments and fellowship in the chapel garden. The guest speaker is Rev. Canon Linda Nixon, St James Anglican Church, Cambridge and special music is by a young brother and sister duo, Charlie and Ellie Hayden. This historic chapel is located at 6705 Ellis Rd in Puslinch Twp. with directions at ellischapel.ca.





St. Andrew's Hespeler Presbyterian Church 164th Anniversary Celebration Dream Auction: <u>Saturday</u>, October 19, 2019

> All proceeds will be in support of our General Operating Fund. Mark down Saturday, October 19th, 2019 on your calendar for a great evening of fun and

fellowship! St. Andrew's will be hosting a Live and Silent Auction that evening as part of our 164th Anniversary weekend celebrations.

Previews, Dessert, and Coffee at 7:00 pm. Live Auction begins at 7:30 pm. **Bring your family and friends!**

Think about what services, gifts, or talents you could donate to the auction, enabling us to raise a lot of money for our General Fund and have lots of fun while we're doing it!! Be creative!!! A donation sign-up sheet will be available downstairs after church beginning Sunday September 15th.

Alternatively, you can contact Joni Smith with items or services to be donated. For more information please contact Donald Paddock at dpadd5323@rogers.com or (519) 624-0898.

This Week at St. Andrew's		
Tuesday	12:00 pm	Hope Clothing
Tuesday	7:30 pm	Christian Education Meeting
Wednesday	9:30 am	Hope Clothing
Wednesday	9:30 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
Thursday	7:00 pm	Adult Choir
Friday	8:00 pm	A-A, Al-Anon, Al-Ateen





Upcoming Events:

September 26th - Gold Sale September 29th - Potato Harvest Sunday October 5th - Race to Erase

More and more, gift cards are making the holiday season and birthdays easier. No need to struggle to find the perfect present among all the gadgets around us! Make life easier for you and support our church in the process!

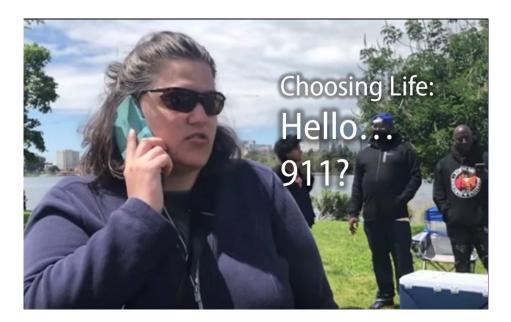
September Promotions: Le Vie en Rose 11%, Bikini Village 11%, Roots 12%, Ultimate Dining Card 7%. Orders Due Sept 29th.

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: Amos 8:4-7, Psalm 113, 1 Timothy 2:1-7, Luke 16:1-13.

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

Corey Cotter Linforth Music Director: Beadle: Linda Inglis Worship Assistant Joanne Waugh Greeters: Bill & Joanne Pettit and Isobel Buchanan Ushers: Margret Hunter Tech Team: Alex Goulet Family Ministries & Sunday School Coordinator: Joni Smith Little Explorers (up to JK): **Christine Goulet** Divine Detectives (age 4 to grade 3): Laurie Paddock The Holy Sherlocks (grades 4 to 6): Cynthia MacDonald Nursery/Preschool Coordinator: Laura Einwechter

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