

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: Arioso – JS Bach

WE APPROACH GOD

Call to Worship:

L: O God, we come into your courts with praise and thanksgiving!

P: We come in celebration and song.

L: We come in gratitude of your inheritance.

P: We come as those who have received blessing upon blessing.

L: We hear the cry of the poor in the land, and ache to offer them relief.

P: We come to bring them blessing upon blessing, in Jesus' name.

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P: We come in celebration and song.

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: "Lord, in this broken world" #723

Please be seated

Prayer of Confession:

P: God of Goodness, You share your abundance with us and shower us with gifts. But we confess that we have squandered those gifts. We have wasted knowledge, friendship, beauty and wealth; we have squandered our time and energy, sometimes even our trust and love. Forgive our foolishness. Have mercy on us. Teach us new ways of living out your love in the world today and every day, with the help of Jesus Christ, our Friend and Saviour. Amen.

L: Dear friends, while it is true that we have sinned and squandered God's gifts, it is a greater truth that we are forgiven through God's love in Jesus Christ. To all who humbly seek the mercy of God I say, In Jesus Christ our sin is forgiven. Be at peace with God, with yourself and with one another.

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

Interlude: Let us hope when hope seems hopeless – By David Beebe & Emma Lou Diemer, Given in praise by Adult Choir

Responsive Reading: Psalm 113

L: Praise the LORD!

P: Praise, O servants of the LORD; praise the name of the LORD.

L: Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time on and forevermore.

P: From the rising of the sun to its setting the name of the LORD is to be praised.

L: The LORD is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens.

P: Who is like the LORD our God, who is seated on high, who looks far down on the heavens and the earth?

L: He raises the poor from the dust, and lifts the needy from the ash heap, to make them sit with princes, with the princes of his people.

P: He gives the barren woman a home, making her the joyous mother of children. Praise the LORD!

*Hymn: "When Israel was in Egypt's land" vs 1-3 #708

Children's time

*Hymn: "When Israel was in Egypt's land" vs 4-5 #708

Life and Work of the Church

Scripture: Amos 8: 4-7 p. 856
1 Timothy 2: 1-7 p. 208
Luke 16: 1-13 p. 79

L: The word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God.

*Hymn: "Wordless, ancient earth's foundation" #714

Sermon: Choosing Life: Write down what's right

WE RESPOND

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Offering & Offertory: Show a Little Bit of Love and Kindness - By John W. Peterson, Given in praise by Joyful Sound!

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

We give thanks to you, O God, because you have blessed us with all we need to do your work. May the offerings we share today become a source of healing for a world in need, for the sake of Jesus Christ, the One who sends us out in love. Amen.

*Closing Hymn: "O for a world where everyone" #730

*Sending

*Benediction: "Amen"

Postlude: Simple Gifts – Arr. Cindy Berry

Next week's music: Youth Band and Joyful Sound!



This week in Sunday School

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



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?!

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.



BIBLE Study Bible Study has begun! Please join us on Wednesdays at 10am (coffee and tea at 9:30am) in the church foyer where Rev. Scott will lead us through study and prayer. All are welcome!

Thursday Evening Practices:

Youth Band 5:15 to 6:00 (sanctuary)

Joyful Sound! 6:15 to 6:45 (sanctuary)

GraceNotes 6:15 to 6:45 (choir room)

Choir 7:00 to 8:30 (sanctuary) *New members are always welcome!



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

MORE! UPCOMING EVENTS

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, September 26th from 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.



HARVEST FESTIVAL

Harvest Festival this year is **September 28th** from 9am-3pm in Forbes Park. Mission & Outreach will have a booth there and will be providing information about our church, including services available to community. Hope Clothing will join us and will provide information and free clothing. Plan to stop by!

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

St. Andrew's DREAM AUCTION

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.

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. Andrew's 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	10:00 am	Bible Study
Wednesday	7:00 pm	A-A Meditation Group
Thursday	11:00 am	Hope Clothing
Thursday	5:15 pm	Youth Band
Thursday	7:00 pm	Adult Choir
Friday	8:00 pm	A-A, AI-Anon, AI-Ateen



Upcoming Events:

- September 26th - Gold Sale
- September 28th - Harvest Festival
- September 29th - Potato Harvest Sunday
- October 5th - Race to Erase
- October 10th - Thursday Night Supper & Social



Help our church TWO ways! Order a gift card from FundScrip and then donate it to our anniversary auction. 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: Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15, Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16, 1 Timothy 6:6-19, Luke 16:19-31.

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

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| Music Director: | Corey Cotter Linforth |
| Beadle: | Rob Hodgson |
| Worship Assistant: | Marg McKenzie-Leighton |
| Greeters: | Hazel Bailey and The English Family |
| Ushers: | Hartley Vandermeer and Elaine Benson |
| Tech Team: | Jason McClellan |
| 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 |

**St. Andrew's Hespeler Presbyterian Church
September 22nd, 2019
15th Sunday after Pentecost**



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