

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: Joy comes to those who follow the ways of the Lord.

P: We will follow the Lord with joyful hearts!

L: Those who follow the Lord are like trees planted by the river, bearing fruit each season.

P: May our leaves will never wither! May we know God's blessing in all we do.

L: Let us worship the Lord who leads us to joy and abundance.

P: We will worship God all of our days.

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: "Christ, you call us to service" #585

Please be seated

Prayer of Confession:

P: Merciful God, you lead us on the path to true life but we confess that we do not always follow. Forgive us when we are sidetracked by temptations of all kinds: seeking after money and success, keeping too busy or not busy enough, giving into indifference rather than caring. Strengthen our determination to keep choosing your way, and by the power of your Spirit at work in us, renew our determination to follow Jesus joyfully and faithfully. Amen.

L: Friends, believe the Good News! Everyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone, a new life has begun. Rejoice that Jesus welcomes and forgives us, reshapes and renews us by the power of the Holy Spirit.

P: Thanks be to God for such steadfast love.

L: May the peace of Christ be with you.

P: And also with you

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

Responsive Reading: Psalm 1

L: Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;

P: but their delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law they meditate day and night.

L: They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither.

P: In all that they do, they prosper.

L: The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away. Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

P: for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

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

Recognition of our tower builders

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Life and Work of the Church

Scripture:

Deuteronomy 30:15-20 p. 186

Philemon 1:1-21 p. 215

Luke 14:25-33 p. 78

L: The word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God.

*Hymn: "I'm gonna live so God can use me" #648

Sermon: Choosing Life: Building Towers

Musical Reflection: Given in praise by Ray Godin

WE RESPOND

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Offering & Offertory: Offered in praise by Lynn Craig

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

O God, we offer these gifts to you. Use them to shape and transform the world you love with the Good News we celebrate in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Closing Hymn: "Lord of all power" #626

*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: *Good, Good, Father* by the Youth Band

Adult Choir and Youth Band start this week!

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



Commissioning Sunday, Today! Today 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, we will be lifting you and your ministry up in prayer together.

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.



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?!

The **Pauline Brown Group** is meeting at the home of Elma Bertolo for their regular September meeting on Wednesday the 11th at 1pm. They look forward to fellowship, worship, and light refreshments.

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 call Carol Jones at 519-658-4394.

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.



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Many thanks to all of the ladies who came in this week to organize stories, clean out craft cupboards, and tidy up our Sunday School classes. Approximately 20 man hours was done in about 2.5 hours. We enjoyed a lunch together as well. Many hands do indeed make light work!



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!



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!

This Week at St. Andrew's

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| Monday | 7:30 pm | Deacon Meeting |
| Tuesday | 12:00 pm | Hope Clothing |
| Tuesday | 7:30 pm | Women's Bible Study |
| 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 |
| Thursday | 6:00 pm | Session Meeting |
| Thursday | 7:00 pm | Adult Choir |
| Friday | 8:00 pm | A-A, Al-Anon, Al-Ateen |

Next Week's Sermon:



Upcoming Events:

- September 15th - Kick Off Sunday
- 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: Exodus 32:7-14, Psalm 51:1-10, 1 Timothy 1:12-17, Luke 15:1-10.

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

- Music Director: Corey Cotter Linforth
- Beadle: Vern Platt
- Worship Assistant: Don Paddock
- Greeters: Heinz & Cathy Bott and Carlton Gyles
- Ushers: Ron Paddock and Vern Platt
- Tech Team: Rob Hodgson
- Family Ministries & Sunday School Coordinator: Joni Smith
- Sunday School: Joni Smith
- Little Explorers (up to JK): Laura Einwechter
- Nursery/Preschool Coordinator: Laura Einwechter

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September 8th, 2019
13th Sunday after Pentecost
 Welcome back, Rev. Scott!



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