

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: God promises us justice,

P: and God teaches us persistence.

L: God promises us deep assurance,

P: and God teaches us not to lose heart.

L: God promises to be with us

P: and God teaches us to tend to each other. Together, let us worship our God of comfort and challenge, our God of courage and compassion.

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: "Holy, holy, holy" #299

Please be seated

Prayer of Confession:

L: Out of a desire to recognize the truth about ourselves and live in right relationship with you and one another, we confess our sin:

P: God of mercy, You provide us with the gift of faith but too often we mistakenly focus on belief and persuade ourselves that we are always right and others are wrong. You invite us to trust in you but we forget that you are a God of abundance and begin to believe that, in order for us to win, somebody else has to lose. You teach us community, but we focus instead on getting our own way. Forgive us, O God. Write your law on our hearts so that all of us, from the least to the greatest, will know your steadfast love and goodness, which you offer for the sake of all humankind. Amen.

L: God assures us with these words: "I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people ... I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more." Friends, hear and believe the good news:

P: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

L: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

P: And also with you.

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

Interlude: What a Beautiful Name by Ben Fielding and Brook Ligertwood, given in praise by Youth Band and Adult Choir

Responsive Reading: Psalm 121

L: I lift up my eyes to the hills—from where will my help come?

P: My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

L: He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.

P: He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

L: The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade at your right hand.

P: The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

L: The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

P: The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.

*Hymn: "The church of Christ, in every age" v. 1-3 #486

Children's time

*Hymn: "The church of Christ, in every age" v. 4-5 #486

Musical Reflection: Marchin' with the Saints Arr, Patti Drennan—Lorenz Corporation, given in praise by Youth Band and Adult Choir

Life and Work of the Church

Scripture: Genesis 32:22-31 p. 30
2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 p. 213
Luke 18:1-8 p. 81

L: The word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God.

*Hymn: "Come, O thou traveler unknown" #693

Sermon: An Origin Story

Prayers of the People

WE RESPOND

Offering & Offertory

*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:

God of the great and the small, we bring what we have to share, the fruit of our lives. Bless our gifts and our lives so that generosity and justice will join hands to surprise the world with your goodness in Jesus' name. Amen.

*Closing Hymn: "God of grace and God of glory" #490

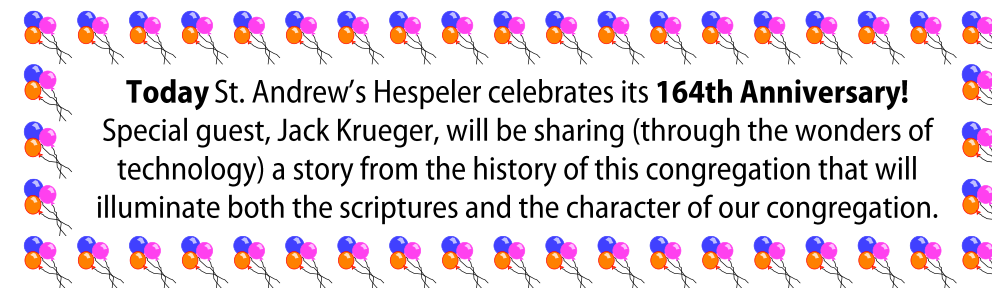
*Sending

*Benediction: "Amen"

Postlude

This week in Sunday School

Divine Detectives: A Sold Birthright
Holy Sherlocks: Faith Persists, Luke 18:1—8



Today St. Andrew's Hespeler celebrates its 164th Anniversary!

Special guest, Jack Krueger, will be sharing (through the wonders of technology) a story from the history of this congregation that will illuminate both the scriptures and the character of our congregation.

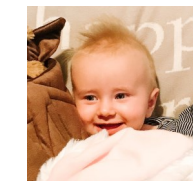
Session News

At its most recent meeting, the session of St. Andrew's was quite busy. We will not report on some decisions that are still in process but we would like to report that:

- The session agreed to spend some money that had been set aside for that purpose as well as many memorial donations that have been received to install a **new and larger electric screen** in the northwest corner of the sanctuary and to purchase a **new projector** (the one we have been using is borrowed). Look for this to be installed and dedicated soon!
- We are planning a **congregational workshop** to encourage shared, whole-community responsibility, and to equip St. Andrew's Hespeler to pursue church health and growth, spiritual and practical. We are asking the Rev. Dr. John-Peter Smit (Regional Minister for the Synod) to help us in the process and are in discussion with him regarding dates and times.

Exciting Coming Services you won't want to miss!

Sunday, October 27th: We will celebrate the **sacrament of baptism** for Lily Louse Van Holman, daughter of Emily Vandermeer and Adam Irvine-Holman (also Hartley Vandermeer's first grandchild!)



Sunday, November 3rd: Guess what, you have a whole **extra hour** to get ready for worship this Sunday. Don't forget to change your clocks as Daylight Savings Time ends.

Sunday, November 10th: Remembrance Sunday. Our special musical guests will be the **Cambridge Kiwanis Boys Choir** and we will be very pleased to welcome the members of the **Hespeler Legion** who will conduct their church parade as part of our morning worship.

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St. Andrew's
DREAM
AUCTION

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Dream Auction! We could not have done it without you! It was great to see so many people pull together and make this happen. What a blessing!

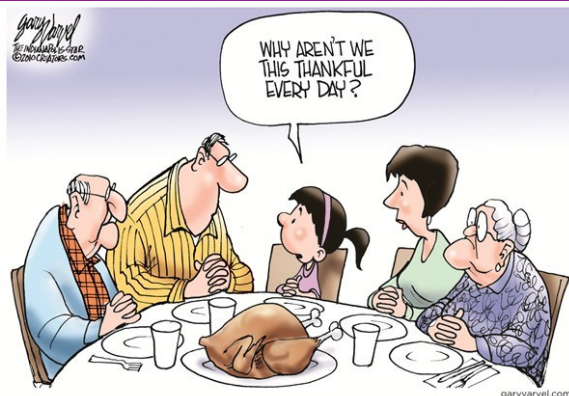
October 20: Celebrating youth in Hungary

Heeding the PCC's call for young adults to participate in the Reformed Church in Hungary's Starpoint Youth Festival in July, Maya Kirstein (Prairie PC, Winnipeg), Philip MacFie (Parkwood PC, Ottawa), and Hanna Yun (Kitchener-Waterloo Korean PC) jumped at the chance. Supported by Presbyterians Sharing, they joined thousands of Reformed young people between the ages of 14 and 35 from Hungary Romania, Syria, Pakistan, Germany, Spain, USA, Scotland, Taiwan, Korea, UK and France for worship and fellowship in Debrecen, Hungary. As they praised God in one voice and discussed current issues in small groups under the theme of "Unity and Community," they realized that they had more in common than differences. More importantly, that we are all part of God's Global Church!



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Handcrafters' Market will be held in the gym at St. Andrew's on **November 16th** from 9:00 am-2:00 pm. This is a perfect time to start your Christmas shopping!



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: Joel 2:23-32, Psalm 65, 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18, Luke 18:9-14.

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.

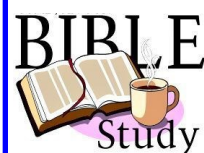


Did you know that you can donate to St. Andrew's Hespeler online? For several years, St. Andrew's Hespeler has partnered with CanadaHelps to facilitate the acceptance of online donations. CanadaHelps itself is a charity whose purpose is to inform, inspire and connect charities and donors with the causes 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
Tuesday	7:30 pm	Women's Bible Study
Wednesday	9:30 am	Hope Clothing
Wednesday	10:00 am	Bible Study
Wednesday	5:30 pm	Family Night
Wednesday	7:00 pm	A-A Meditation Group
Thursday	9:00 am	Early On
Thursday	11:00 am	Hope Clothing
Thursday	5:00 pm	Thursday Night Supper & Social
Thursday	5:15 pm	Youth Band
Thursday	6:15 pm	GraceNotes
Thursday	6:15 pm	Joyful Sound!
Thursday	7:30 pm	Adult Choir
Friday	8:00 pm	A-A, Al-Anon, Al-Ateen



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!

Next Week's Sermon:

WARNING:
Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy



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October Promotions: Shell 3%, Giant Tiger 5%. Orders are due at the end of October.



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

Music Director:	Corey Cotter Linforth
Beadle:	Dean Davidson
Worship Assistant:	Karen Nixon
Greeters:	Carol Johnson and Glen & Karen Nixon
Ushers:	Hartley Vandermeer and Don Paddock
Tech Team:	Rob Hodgson
Family Ministries & Sunday School Coordinator:	Joni Smith
Little Explorers (up to JK):	Amanda Davidson
Divine Detectives:	Joni Smith & Adria Marsh
The Holy Sherlocks (grades 4 to 6):	Lori Marsh
Nursery/Preschool Coordinator:	Laura Einwechter

St. Andrew's Hespeler Presbyterian Church
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19th Sunday after Pentecost
164th Anniversary Sunday



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