

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: Praise the Lord from the heavens and in the heights;

P: Praise God, sun and moon!

L: God's name alone is exalted;

P: God is above the earth and heaven.

Introit: #119 v.1

Hope is a star that shines in the night,
leading us on till the morning is bright
When God is a child there's joy in our song.
The last shall be first and the weak shall be strong,
and none shall be afraid.

*Prayer of approach

*Opening Hymn: "Joy To The World" #153

Please be seated

Prayer of Confession:

L: Let us confess to God our sins:

P: God of compassion, you offer light to live by, and yet too often we live in darkness. You promise new life, but we confess that we are in love with our old ways; with hurts that we nourish, hatreds that hold us hostage, and fantasies that restrict our living. You offer to us unconditional love, but we reject our neighbours and live apart from you and one another in so many ways. Recreate us in the image of your son and for your glory's sake forgive us.

L: Here is the good news of the Gospel; Jesus Christ is chosen for our salvation. In him we are made acceptable to God. Let us give thanks to God, and be at peace with ourselves and with one another.

P: Amen!

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

P: And also with you.

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

Responsive Reading: Psalm 148

L: Hallelujah! Praise GOD from heaven, praise him from the mountaintops;

P: Praise him, all you his angels, praise him, all you his warriors,

L: Praise him, sun and moon, praise him, you morning stars; Praise him, high heaven, praise him, heavenly rain clouds;

P: Praise, oh let them praise the name of GOD—he spoke the word, and there they were! He set them in place from all time to eternity; He gave his orders, and that's it!

L: Praise GOD from earth,

P: you sea dragons, you fathomless ocean deeps; Fire and hail, snow and ice, hurricanes obeying his orders;

L: Mountains and all hills, apple orchards and cedar forests;

P: Wild beasts and herds of cattle, snakes, and birds in flight;

L: Earth's kings and all races, leaders and important people, Robust men and women in their prime, and yes, graybeards and little children.

P: Let them praise the name of GOD—it's the only Name worth praising. His radiance exceeds anything in earth and sky;

L: he's built a monument—his very own people! Praise from all who love GOD! Israel's children, intimate friends of GOD.

P: Hallelujah!

Life and Work of the Church

Break for breakfast

Matthew 2:13-15

¹³Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.' ¹⁴Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, ¹⁵and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, 'Out of Egypt I have called my son.'

*Carol: "The first nowell" vv. 4,5 #136

Creating time

Matthew 2:16-18

¹⁶When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. ¹⁷Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah:

¹⁸'A voice was heard in Ramah,
wailing and loud lamentation,
Rachel weeping for her children;
she refused to be consoled, because they are no more.'

Carol: "Born in the night" vv. 1-3 #137

Creating time

Matthew 2:19-23

¹⁹When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, ²⁰'Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead.' ²¹Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. ²²But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. ²³There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, 'He will be called a Nazorean.'

Creating Time

WE RESPOND

Carol: "Good Christians, all rejoice" #141

Sharing time

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Offering & Offertory:

Doxology #145 v.4

What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
If I were a Wise Man, I would do my part;
Yet what I can I give him – give my heart.

Prayer of dedication:

As we offer our treasure and hearts to you, O God, may they be used to pass on the promise of hope, of peace, of life, of community to all in need of your gifts and presence in their lives. Amen.

*Closing Carol: "Angels we have heard on high" #147

*Sending and Choral Response #137 v. 4

Hope of the world, Mary's child,
you're coming soon to reign;
King of the earth, Mary's child,
Walk in our streets again.

Postlude

GIVINGTUESDAY™

Today we celebrate the end of our *GivingTuesday* campaign! We set an initial goal of \$45,000 for this year's campaign and today we will announce (and celebrate!) our results. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this campaign and to the ongoing needs of the work of the church throughout 2019. St. Andrew's is fortunate to be in the heart of the Village of Hespeler, where we can live out our motto: "Living in Christ, Sharing His Love" with so many people and groups.

Today is also your last chance to write on our *GivingTuesday* "rolling board" in the hall. If you haven't had a chance please take a moment to sign the poster and describe why St. Andrew's is important to you or how you are a part of our church & community.



Please check out the Children's Library on the 2nd floor. You will find many Advent & Christmas books and DVD's. This library is self-serve, so please fill out the card and leave it in the basket. Enjoy the book or DVD and return it when you are finished. Thanks go to Catherine Taylor for tidying up the library and getting it ready for this Advent season.

Please keep in mind that a congregational workshop will be held on congregational health and vitality on Sunday, January 19, 2020. Our worship leader will be the Rev. John-Peter Smit. Details are in the Advent Newsletter, *Andrew's Voice*.

MAY YOU SHINE
THE LIGHT OF
CHRIST IN THE
NEW YEAR!



Hespeler Arts Palooza!

Hespeler Arts Palooza! will kick-off on Sunday, January 26th with the Youth group helping us by hosting a pie baking contest/auction after the service. From January 26th to March 8th there will be several opportunities to get creative. There will be a Hymn Sing & Tea, Open Mic Night, the choir will be opened up to the community, watercolour workshops taught by Debbie Hannaberg (for adults), a birdhouse building workshop (for children), crocheting & knitting lessons, milk bag mat weaving and start your morning with a 30 minute walk (one day per week). More opportunities will arise throughout this time so keep watching your bulletin, newsletter and social media. Some lessons/workshops have fees, others do not. If you have any questions, please speak with Corey or Joni.

To sign up for the painting workshops please go to Debbie Ellis Watercolours at <https://www.debbieelliswatercolours.ca/february-workshops.html> to register. There is a \$25 registration fee for these workshops.



Information for the pie baking contest, judging and auction will be available next week. Are you a baker? Do you like to taste test? Would you like to bid on a prize winning pie? Plan to join us on January 26th.

READ ALL ABOUT IT! There will be a newsletter coming out on January 12th. Please have all submissions in to Rev. Scott McAndless no later than Tuesday, January 7th.

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 31:7-14, Psalm 147:12-20, Ephesians 1:3-14, John 1:1-18.

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		
Wednesday	7:00 pm	A-A Meditation Group
Friday	8:00 pm	A-A, Al-Anon, Al-Ateen



A Prayer for the New Year

Lord,
 Whether I leave behind
 a year of joy or of trials and difficulties,
 I pause to *give thanks*.
 Thank you for being with me
 every day of every year.
 Thank you for making all things *new*
 and for giving me the grace of
 fresh starts
 and *new beginnings*.
 Remind me of your presence in the days to
 come,
 even when I feel pushed and rushed by
 busyness.
 Be glorified in my life this year.
 Amen

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December promotions: Ultimate Dining Card 7% (along with many other restaurants), Stokes 8%, Winners/Marshalls/HomeSense 8%, Esso and Shell 3%, Sally Beauty 12%, and Rona 4%. Order goes in today!



Thank you to all who participated in today's service:
 Music Director: Corey Cotter Linforth
 Beadle: Vern Platt
 Worship Assistant: Allison Cann
 Greeters: Lynn Platt and Margret & Bill Hunter
 Ushers: Ron Paddock and Vern Platt
 Family Ministries & Sunday School Coordinator: Joni Smith
 Little Explorers (up to JK), Divine Detectives, and The Holy Sherlocks (grades 4 to 6): There is no Sunday School today.
 Everyone will participate in our party!
 Nursery/Preschool Coordinator: Laura Einwechter

St. Andrew's Hespeler Presbyterian Church December 29th, 2019 1st Sunday after Christmas



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