

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 who gives us breath calls us to be a light to the nations.

P: We gather to wait for God's teaching and learn of God's justice.

L: We are called to serve in the name of Jesus, God's beloved Son,

P: for God calls us by name because we are beloved, too.

L: God has chosen us to be witnesses to God's goodness and forgiveness.

P: So let us worship God who claims us and loves us! May God's holy name be praised!

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: "In the bulb there is a flower" #674

Please be seated

Prayer of Confession:

P: Merciful God, in baptism you promise us forgiveness and new life. We confess that we prefer our old ways. We resist the new opportunities you set before us. We cling to harmful habits and nurse grudges. We are reluctant to forgive one another. In your loving kindness, have mercy upon us. By your Holy Spirit, move among us so that we might live together with grace and generosity through Christ our Lord.

L: Friends, hear the good news of the gospel. Before the world was made, we were chosen in Christ to be part of God's family. God calls us to new life in Christ, not just once but over and over again. Trust in his forgiveness. Turn and follow him. Claim new life in his name and live it fully!

P: We will. Thanks be to God!

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 29

L: Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,

P: ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

L: Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name;

P: worship the LORD in holy splendour.

L: The voice of the LORD is over the waters;

P: the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over mighty waters.

L: The voice of the LORD is powerful;

the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.

L: The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars;

P: the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

L: He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,

P: and Sirion like a young wild ox.

L: The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire. The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

P: The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare; and in his temple all say, 'Glory!'

L: The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;

P: the LORD sits enthroned as king for ever.

L: May the LORD give strength to his people!

P: May the LORD bless his people with peace!

Hymn: "Christ, when for us you were baptized" vs. 1, 2 #183

Children's time

Hymn: "Christ, when for us you were baptized" vs. 3, 4 #183

Life and Work of the Church

Scripture: Isaiah 42:1-9 p. 670

Acts 10:34-43 p. 129

Matthew 3:13-17 p. 3

L: The word of the Lord!

P: Thanks be to God!!

Hymn: "Just as I am, without one plea" #682

Sermon: The Voice of the Lord

WE RESPOND

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Offering & Offertory

Doxology:

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God all creatures here below.

Praise God above, ye heavenly host

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Prayer of dedication:

God, our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer, we bring our gifts to you with grateful hearts. Bless these gifts that they may help to bring the light of your love into the world. And bless our lives, too, so that we may be a blessing to those whom we encounter, through Christ, our Living Lord. Amen.

*Closing Hymn: "O Lord my God / How great thou art" #332

*Sending and Choral Response:

Go now in peace. Never be afraid.

God will go with you each hour of every day.

Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.

Know He will guide you in all you do.

Go now in love, and show you believe.

Reach out to others so all the world can see.

God will be there watching from above.

Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

Postlude



Thank you to Sammy Duke for sharing his musical gifts with us this morning.

Described as a "troubadour prog-rock[er]" (No Depression), Sammy Duke simultaneously sings, plays guitar, bass synthesizer pedals with his foot, percussion with his other foot, beats on a drum with an occasionally liberated hand, and even performs with his elbow – as in the case of his famed "elbow chimes." Almost as impressive, during his live shows, is his extremely lively energy, self-deprecating charm, spontaneous spurts of audience participation, and witty humour. With his musical diversity and engaging stage persona, Duke entrances and comforts audiences of all kinds.

Sammy Duke released his first full-length album "Terminus" in 2018, with funding from the Waterloo Region Arts Fund. He recorded the album with Ian Graham at Small Dog Studios in Kitchener – an off-the-grid, solar powered recording studio. The first single "Save It" made it's debut on CBC Radio's Fresh Air in Toronto.

Our music director, Corey Linforth, has requested a leave of absence for several weeks to deal with personal matters. Regular choir practices will resume February 6.

Next Sunday, on January 19, 2020, we will be joined by the Rev. Dr. John-Peter Smit. Rev. Smit is the Regional Minister for Congregational Health with the Synod of CNOB (our synod). He will share his wisdom with us during the worship service by preaching the sermon and then, immediately after worship, we will move downstairs for a workshop.

He will help us to better envision our future together as a congregation and how we can all participate together in bringing that vision to light. Rev. Smit has a long history of successfully helping congregations do this kind of work and so we hope that you will plan to come out and fully participate in this workshop. This workshop is for everyone (not just the leadership groups) and we hope that everyone will take part.

This workshop was something that was requested by the congregation at the last Annual Meeting and also the fulfilment of one of the requirements given to us in the Presbytery visitation.

Coffee, tea and some light snacks will be put out to sustain us through the process but the workshop will not extend far into the afternoon. Quiet activities for children will be available in the nursery during the workshop.

Session Update:

Session met this week. We discussed many things, a number of which are reported in the Newsletter. A few other matters:

- The annual meeting will be held on March 29 with the financial meeting on March 25 this year. This is to allow our treasurer more time to sort out financial matters as he could do so little the last two months of the year.
- Linda Inglis look after the membership roll in coordination with staff. We would like to thank Rob Hodgson who carried this duty for the last few years and was even carrying on after stepping down from other session duties.

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.



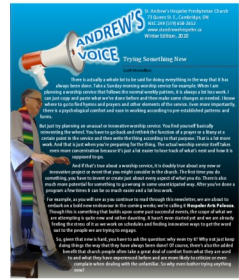
To sign up for the painting workshops please go to Debbie Ellis Watercolours at <https://www.debbieelliswatercolours.ca/february-workshops.html> to register.



It's **PIE BAKING TIME!** As part of the Hespeler Arts Palooza kick-off on Sunday, January 26th the Youth Group will be hosting a Pie Baking Contest following worship. Each participant needs to bake 2 pies, one for tasting and one to auction off. We also need judges to determine to Grand Prize winner. Today the "Judge Application Box" is at the back of the sanctuary and the sign up sheet for our pie bakers (just to give us an idea of how many pies we will have). If you have any questions please speak to Isabella or Olivia Cann.

Sign up sheets for all workshops & classes are now available at the back of the sanctuary or at coffee time following worship.

Pick up your copy of the **Winter Newsletter**, Andrew's Voice. Take one for someone else, too! Use it, for example, to invite someone who would be interested in one of the Arts Palooza activities.

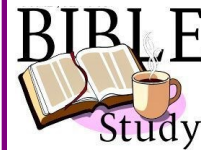


Reports for the Annual Meeting are due! If you have a report please make sure to get it to the church office by January 24, 2020. Electronic copies are the best. Email in Word or Excel format to: office@standrewshespeler.ca

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: Isaiah 49:1-7, Psalm 40:1-11, 1 Corinthians 1:1-9, John 1:29-42.

This Week at St. Andrew's

Monday	7:30 pm	Deacon's Meeting
Tuesday	12:00 pm	Hope Clothing
Tuesday	7:30 pm	Women's Book 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	11:00 am	Hope Clothing
Thursday	5:00 pm	Thursday Night Supper and Social
Friday	8:00 pm	A-A, Al-Anon, Al-Ateen



Bible Study resumes this Wednesday! Please join us 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:



FundScrip gives a percentage of every gift card purchased to the church. Check out the website for info and deals at fundscrip.com

January promotions:
Gap 7%, Old Navy 7%, Banana Republic 10%, Lowe's 3%.



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

Music Director: Corey Cotter Linforth
Beadle: Linda Inglis
Worship Assistant: Joanne Waugh
Greeters: Elaine McLean and Hazel Bailley
Ushers: Hartley Vandermeer and Don Paddock
Tech Team: Alexander Goulet
Family Ministries & Sunday School Coordinator: Joni Smith
Little Explorers (up to JK): Amanda Davidson & Sarah English
Divine Detectives: Joni Smith & Emily Byers
The Holy Sherlocks (grades 4 to 6): Cynthia MacDonald
Nursery/Preschool Coordinator: Laura Einwechter

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January 12th, 2020

Baptism of the Lord Sunday



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