

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: Lord, open our lips,

P: And our mouths shall declare your praise.

L: O Lord, open our eyes,

P: So that we may behold your presence with us.

L: O Lord, open our ears,

P: So that we may hear your call to follow.

L: O Lord, open our hearts,

P: So that we may offer you worship in love.

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: "Immortal, invisible, God only wise" #290

Please be seated

Prayer of Confession:

L: In gratitude for God's faithfulness and with honesty about who we are, let us confess to God our sins together:

P: Faithful God, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost before we even begin to understand we have lost our way. We confess that we often choose the next new thing over your gift of new life. We seek love and approval according to the trends of our culture. We rely on our own strength and wit rather than your goodness. Help us to remember our baptism, washing over us each day with your promise of renewed love and purpose in Christ Jesus.

L: Rejoice, you people, for God has put a new song in our mouths! God has set our feet upon a rock, making our steps secure. Trust in God's enduring love and mercy. Know this love seeks you out and offers you forgiveness this day and every day through Christ our Lord.

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

Interlude: "Make Me a Channel of your Peace," arr. by Mark Hayes. Given in praise by Lynn Craig.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 40:1-11

L: I waited patiently for the LORD;

P: He inclined to me and heard my cry. He drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.

L: He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.

P: Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the LORD.

L: Happy are those who make the LORD their trust,

P: who do not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after false gods.

L: You have multiplied, O LORD my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you.

P: Were I to proclaim and tell of them, they would be more than can be counted.

L: Sacrifice and offering you do not desire, but you have given me an open ear. Burnt offering and sin offering you have not required.

P: Then I said, "Here I am; in the scroll of the book it is written of me. I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart."

L: I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation;

P: see, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O LORD.

L: I have not hidden your saving help within my heart, I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation;

P: I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness from the great congregation.

L: Do not, O LORD, withhold your mercy from me;

P: let your steadfast love and your faithfulness keep me safe forever.

Hymn: "May the mind of Christ my Saviour" vs. 1-3 #644

Children's time

Hymn: "May the mind of Christ my Saviour" vs 4-5 #644

Life and Work of the Church

Scripture: Isaiah 49:1-7 p. 679
1 Corinthians 1:1-9 p. 165
John 1:29-42 p. 92

L: The word of the Lord!

P: Thanks be to God!!

Hymn: "Will you come and follow me" #634

Sermon: Hope in Troubling Worlds

WE RESPOND

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Offering & Offertory: Dvorak's Biblical Songs - "I will sing new songs of gladness." Given in praise by Margaret McKenzie-Leighton.

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:

Gracious God, we offer you our gifts with humble hearts. We give what we can and each gift seems small on its own. So bless each one and the gifts of all your people, throughout the Church. Through the work of your Holy Spirit, surprise us with all that our gifts can accomplish, blessed in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*Closing Hymn: "In Christ there is no east or west" #480

*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

Welcome to the Rev. Dr. John-Peter Smit who is the Regional Minister for Congregational Health for the Synod of Central, Northeastern Ontario and Bermuda of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. He has served the church as an ordained minister for over thirty years. His previous congregations include the Chatsworth and Dornoch Pastoral Charge, Chedoke Presbyterian Church, Hamilton, Ontario and the First Presbyterian Church of Maitland, Florida. They currently live in Toronto.

John-Peter is married to Tori, the Synod's Regional Minister for Faith Formation. They have two grown children. When he is not engaged in ministry, he is busy playing with old cars.

He will lead us in a workshop immediately after worship to 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 during the workshop.



Welcome to our very special musical guest, Erika Reiman. Erika currently teaches at Brock University, and has previously taught at Wilfrid Laurier University, the University of Guelph, and the University of Toronto; she is also active as a freelance pianist and chamber musician. She is the author of Schumann's Piano Cycles and the Novels of Jean Paul, published in 2004 by the University of Rochester Press. In 2008, she was the soloist in the premiere of David Fawcett's Piano Concerto. At present she is the pianist for the new Hamilton chamber ensemble Wild Geese, accompanist for Chorus Hamilton, and both the Mixed and Women's Choruses at Brock University. For five seasons, she served as head coach and administrator for BrottOpera in Hamilton. She also maintains a home studio for pianists of all ages and vocal accompanying and coaching.

Thank you also to Margaret McKenzie-Leighton and Lynn Craig for their musical contributions this morning.

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.

Hespeler Arts Palooza!

Hespeler Arts Palooza! will kick-off **next 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.



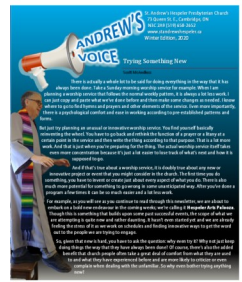
To sign up for the painting workshops please go to Debbie Ellis Watercolours at <https://www.debbieelliswatercolours.ca/february-workshops.html> to register.



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. 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.

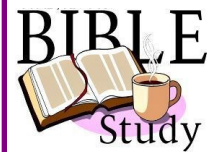


Reports for the Annual Meeting are due! If you have a report please make sure to get it to the church office by this Friday, January 24, 2020. Electronic copies are the best. Email in Word or Excel format to: office@standrewshespeler.ca

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 9: 1-4; Psalm 27:1, 4-9; 1 Corinthians 1:10-18; Matthew 4:12-23.

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	5:30 pm	Family Night
Wednesday	7:00 pm	A-A Meditation Group
Thursday	11:00 am	Hope Clothing
Thursday	12:00 pm	Self-help Food Bank And Lunch
Friday	8:00 pm	A-A, AI-Anon, AI-Ateen



Bible Study Wednesdays: 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!



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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: Rob Hodgson
Greeters: Heinz & Cathy Bott and The English Family
Ushers: Rob Hodgson and Trent English
Tech Team: Randy Rattansingh
Family Ministries & Sunday School Coordinator: Joni Smith
Little Explorers (up to JK): Christine Goulet and Sarah English
Divine Detectives: Allison Cann and Olivia Cann
The Holy Sherlocks (grades 4 to 6): Cynthia MacDonald
Nursery/Preschool Coordinator: Laura Einwechter

St. Andrew's Hespeler Presbyterian Church

January 19th, 2020

2nd Sunday after Epiphany

Guest Preacher: Rev. Dr. John-Peter Smit



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