

**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: Arise, shine, for your light has come and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

**P: Darkness shall cover the earth and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will rise upon you and his glory will be seen upon you.**

L: Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.

**P: Violence shall no more be heard in your land, ruin or destruction within your borders.**

L: The sun shall be no more your light by day, nor for brightness shall the moon give light to you by night.

**P: For the Lord will be your everlasting light, and your God will be your glory.**

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: "What star is this" #170

Please be seated

Prayer of Confession:

L: In recalling all that God is and does we become aware of who we are and what we have done. Let us confess together our sins:

**P: God of mercy and loving-kindness, you sent Christ among us as a gift to be the light of the world and to reveal your love to all people. We confess that our sins and pride hide the brightness of your light; we waste our gifts, we ignore cries for justice, and we do not strive for peace. In your mercy, cleanse us and make us new, Amen.**

L: Be assured of God's love and forgiveness; begin again with God and with one another and be at peace.

**P: This we will do because God's love, shown in Christ, makes it possible.**

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 147:12-20

L: Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem!

**P: Praise your God, O Zion!**

L: For he strengthens the bars of your gates; he blesses your children within you.

**P: He grants peace within your borders; he fills you with the finest of wheat.**

L: He sends out his command to the earth; his word runs swiftly.

**P: He gives snow like wool; he scatters frost like ashes.**

L: He hurls down hail like crumbs – who can stand before his cold?

**P: He sends out his word, and melts them; he makes his wind blow, and the waters flow.**

L: He declares his word to Jacob, his statutes and ordinances to Israel.

**P: He has not dealt thus with any other nation; they do not know his ordinances. Praise the LORD!**

Hymn: "We three kings" v. 1,2 #173

Children's time

Hymn: "We three kings" v. 3-5 #173

Life and Work of the Church

Scripture: Jeremiah 31:7-14 p. 734  
Ephesians 1:3-14 p. 193  
John 1:1-18 p. 91

L: The word of the Lord!

**P: Thanks be to God!!**

Hymn: "Thou whose almighty word" #291

Sermon: Getting the Beginning Right

## 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:

**Holy One, your light has come. Your light shines brightly in our humble lives. We place this offering upon your altar as an outpouring of your light within us. Glory halleluiah! Amen.**

\*Closing Hymn: "As with gladness men of old" #172

\*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 Martin Bohl for sharing his musical gifts with us 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.

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*.

## 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.



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. Next week look for the "Judge Application Box" 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.



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.

## This Week at St. Andrew's

Tuesday	12:00 pm	Hope Clothing
Tuesday	7:00 pm	Session Meeting
Wednesday	9:30 am	Hope Clothing
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, Al-Anon, Al-Ateen

Next Week's Sermon:



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 42:1-9; Psalm 29; Acts 10:34-43; Matthew 3:13-17.

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

Music Director:	Corey Cotter Linforth
Beadle:	Vern Platt
Worship Assistant:	Joanne Waugh
Greeters:	Margret Hunter and Isobel Buchanan
Ushers:	Margret Hunter
Tech Team:	Alexander Goulet
Family Ministries & Sunday School Coordinator:	Joni Smith
Little Explorers (up to JK):	Mary Vincent
Divine Detectives:	Joni Smith
The Holy Sherlocks (grades 4 to 6):	Cynthia MacDonald
Nursery/Preschool Coordinator:	Laura Einwechter

# St. Andrew's Hespeler Presbyterian Church

## January 5th, 2020

### 2nd Sunday after Christmas

### Epiphany Sunday



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#### Office Hours:

Monday to Friday - 9:00 am - Noon