

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. An asterisk (*) indicates that we ask you to stand as you are able.

Prelude

WE APPROACH GOD

*Call to worship

L: The Lord rules with kindness over all the earth.

P: We praise God's awesome name!

L: The Lord loves justice and joins us together in equity.

P: We come into God's courts with thanksgiving and enter the gates with joyful praise!

L: The Christ of glory shines in this place.

P: With the Spirit's power, we lift our voices in prayer and praise!

*Introit: #667 verse 1

God, you touch the earth with beauty;
make my heart anew;
with your Spirit recreate me,
pure and strong and true.

*Prayer of approach

*Opening Hymn: "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" #290

Please be seated

Prayer of Confession:

P: God of mercy and forgiveness, we come to you, confessing those things that distract us from your presence. Greed and pride lead us to think we can rely on our own strength. Disappointments and anger linger, turning us from your mercy. Other voices interrupt us so that we fail to hear your call to service. Touch us again with the mystery of your grace. Shape our will to yours, so we can dwell more closely with you and with one another in a fellowship of love and learning. These things we pray in Jesus' name.

L: God's messengers proclaim to us: Do not be afraid! God's forgiveness shines into the world and scatters the darkness. The morning star rises in our hearts and we are made new.

P: Thanks be to God for God's enduring love through Christ our Lord. 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 99

L: The LORD is king; let the peoples tremble!

P: He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

L: The LORD is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples. Let them praise your great and awesome name.

P: Holy is he!

L: Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity;

P: you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

L: Extol the LORD our God; worship at his footstool.

P: Holy is he!

L: Moses and Aaron were among his priests, Samuel also was among those who called on his name.

P: They cried to the LORD, and he answered them.

L: He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud;

P: they kept his decrees, and the statutes that he gave them.

L: O LORD our God, you answered them;

P: you were a forgiving God to them, but an avenger of their wrongdoings.

L: Extol the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain;

P: for the LORD our God is holy.

*Closing Hymn: "This is My Father's World" v 1,2 #328

Children's time

*Closing Hymn: "This is My Father's World" v. 3 #328

Life and Work of the Church

Scripture: Exodus 24:12-18 p. 70
2 Peter 1:16-21 p. 236
Matthew 17:1-9 p. 18

L: The word of the Lord!

P: Thanks be to God!!

*Hymn: "Lord Of Light, Whose Name And Splendour" #769

Sermon: Come up to me on the mountain

Musical reflection: "Just be held" – by Herms, West and Hall, offered in praise by Jason McClellan

WE RESPOND

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Offering & Offertory: "I shall not be moved" – by V. O. Fossett, offered in praise by Joyful Sound!

*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:

Wise and loving God, in Christ you have called us and blessed us with your love. We are so grateful for what you teach us through him. Receive our gifts and bless them with the power to accomplish more than we can ask or imagine in Christ's name. For we know the world needs your love so badly and we offer ourselves to share that love for Jesus' sake. Amen.

*Closing hymn: "Shall We Gather at the River" #797

*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

Our fellowship time this morning, with coffee, tea and juice, will be held in our new fellowship space at the back of the sanctuary.

Waterloo Wellington Presbyterial Annual Meeting



Our congregation is hosting the Annual Meeting of WMS Presbyterial on March 2, 2020 at 12 noon. It will start with lunch followed by the Rev. Dr. John-Peter Smit as main speaker and Dr. Tori Smit will give an update on the Women's Gathering this May.

Christian Education News

The Christian Education Committee would like to encourage everyone to participate in the Presbyterian Church of Canada's Lenten study. "Lent For Everyone, Matthew, Year A" by NT Wright is the devotional book being used. **These books are now here! Please speak with Joni if you would like a copy.** There is also a Kindle version available on Amazon.ca. We will have 1 or 2 nights of discussion, led by Rev. Scott McAndless and we will join in the online discussions throughout Lent. Here's the link to the national church study: <https://presbyterian.ca/canadian-ministries/presbyterians-read/>. If you need any help ordering the book or would like more information please speak with Joni Smith.

February 23: CY 2020: Screening for health in Somalia



Samsam, a mother of five, lives in a community in Somalia where access to food is a consistent struggle and many people are malnourished. Samsam jumped at the opportunity to join a PWS&D-supported program to learn about nutrition for infants and young children. Through this program, she discovered a simple trick for determining whether a child or mother is malnourished: taking a measurement near the top of their arm.

Now, by helping community members screen for malnutrition, Samsam is making sure that people in her village are receiving the care that they need. This program demonstrates the multiplying effect of enabling communities to help themselves. With 1,540 people trained on how to measure malnutrition in this way, over 15,000 children and 5,000 women have been screened so far.

Hespeler Arts Palooza!

“Start the Week off with a Walk” for 30 minutes. Monday at 9:15 in the gym.

Explorations in Music continues!

A program for kids from JK to Grade 6 that gives them an opportunity to play with music, discover new instruments and musical traditions, connect with each other, and have lots of fun! Every week we will have different instruments and different presenters to share a wide variety of musical instruments, styles, and traditions with the kids.

Feb 23rd – 11:30 am – Fellowship Hall (JK to Gr 6)

That’s an Instrument?!: Hosted by Lucas Tensen, a multi-disciplinary artist and facilitator. In 2008, he travelled to St. Louis, Senegal to learn the 21 string Kora, (a West African Harp). A few years later, Lucas began making them. He also collects and plays other instruments like the Japanese shakuhachi flute and a collection of old aluminum pots and lids that were transformed into magical singing bowls.

February 29, 2020: One last Debbie Ellis Watercolour workshop! Sign up on line if you would like to join us.
<https://www.debbieelliswatercolours.ca/february-workshops.html>



Please join our Youth this Tuesday, February 25th; 5:00—6:15 pm for a delicious Pancake Supper. Proceeds of this supper will help fund the youth activities and programs this year. Thank you for your support.

The Session will be meeting in the Fellowship Room after the coffee time this morning. We thank Bob Neath for meeting with us and walking us through the church’s “Respect in the Workplace” policy.

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: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7 • Psalm 32 • Romans 5:12-19 • Matthew 4:1-11.



If you would like to take a cushion to sit on during the service, please feel free.

This Week at St. Andrew’s

Tuesday	12:00 pm	Hope Clothing
Tuesday	5:00 pm	Pancake Supper
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	5:30 pm	Thursday Night Supper and Social
Thursday	5:15 pm	Youth Ban
Thursday	6:15 pm	Joyful Sound!
Thursday	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
Friday	8:00 pm	A-A, Al-Anon, Al-Ateen

Next Sunday, March 1, Rev. Scott will be away on a family leave time. Elder Steve Marsh will be leading us in worship for the First Sunday in Lent. The March communion service will be celebrated on the following Sunday, March 8.

Rev. Mark Gaskin (519 621-3630) will be available for emergent issues while Scott is away over the weekend.

COMING SOON



- February 25 - Annual Pancake Supper
- March 6 - World Day of Prayer
- March 25 - Financial Meeting
- March 29 - Annual Meeting

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

- Music Director: Corey Cotter Linforth
- Beadle: Donald Paddock
- Worship Assistant: Randy Vermaas
- Greeters: Lynn Platt and Heinz & Kathy Bott
- Ushers: Ron Paddock and Vern Platt
- Tech Team: Rob Hodgson
- Family Ministries & Sunday School Coordinator: Joni Smith
- Little Explorers (up to JK): Amanda Davidson
- Divine Detectives: Laurie Paddock & 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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Transfiguration Sunday



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Monday to Friday - 9:00 am - Noon



The rose on the communion table today to celebrate the birth of **Calista Shirley Vandermeer**, born on Sunday, February 16, 2020, daughter of Wesley & Jessica Vandermeer and granddaughter of Hartley.