

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 See Lenten liturgy insert

*Introit: #201 Refrain
We come to ask your forgiveness, O Lord,
and we seek forgiveness from each other.
Sometimes we build up walls instead of bridges to peace,
and we ask your forgiveness, O Lord.

*Prayer of approach

*Opening Hymn: "You thirsty ones" #190

Please be seated

Prayer of Confession:

P: As we quiet our minds and hearts in your presence, O God, we can feel a little frayed around the edges. Information whirls around us, promising us things we think we need. We confess we are easily distracted from your purposes. We ignore your gift of living water which can ease our thirst for those empty promises. Hear us now in these moments of silence, as we consider before you those opportunities we missed in the past week to meet you and serve you in our encounters.

(Hold a brief silence)

L: Forgive us, God of mercy. Renew in us the commitment to live as your people, as strong, free, confident and compassionate people who seek to follow Jesus day by day.

P: Amen.

L: Friends, hear the words of Christ: "Those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give them will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." Accept Christ's offer of refreshing love and forgiveness, meant for you this day.

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 95

L: O come, let us sing to the LORD;

P: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

L: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

P: let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

L: For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

P: In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also. The sea is his, for he made it, and the dry land, which his hands have formed.

L: O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

P: For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

L: O that today you would listen to his voice! Do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah, as on the day at Massah in the wilderness, when your ancestors tested me, and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work.

P: For forty years I loathed that generation and said, "They are a people whose hearts go astray, and they do not regard my ways." Therefore in my anger I swore, "They shall not enter my rest."

*Hymn: "As the deer" v 1 #27

Children's time

*Hymn: "As the deer" v 2,3 #27

2. You're my friend And You are my brother Even though
You are a King
I love You more than any other So much more than
anything

3. I want You more than gold or silver Only You can satisfy
You alone are the real joy giver And the apple of my eye

Life and Work of the Church

Scripture: Exodus 17:1-7 p. 64

Romans 5:1-11 p. 155

John 4:5-40 p. 94

L: The word of the Lord!

P: Thanks be to God!!

*Hymn: "Where cross the crowded ways of life" #760

Sermon: When there is no water on the journey

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

WE RESPOND

Offering & Offertory: Du bist die Ruh by Franz Schubert. 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:

Loving God, we offer you our gifts and our very selves, knowing that it is in your service we find true fulfillment. Bless all that we have to offer, so that we may become gifts to those who encounter us through the grace of Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Closing hymn: "Who's goin' to tell the story" #761

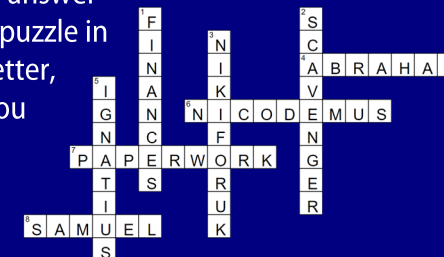
*Sending and Choral Response: #412 v.1

Come, let us sing to the Lord our song:
we have stood silently too long;
surely the Lord deserves our praise,
so joyfully thank God for our days.

Postlude

**The 164th Annual Meeting booklets are at the back.
Please pick one up on your way out.**

Here is the answer
key to the puzzle in
the newsletter,
How did you
do?



Please Note

The **Gala Dinner Event** supporting Thursday Night Supper and Social is being postponed until September. The date will be announced at a later time.

We are ordering **Easter flowers** again this year. Please fill out the insert in the bulletin and return with payment to Joni or into the office by April 5th.

Thank you for your participation and support!

We have been making plans for Sunday School and upcoming communions with the intention of keeping everyone safe during this time of COVID-19. We have plans for the Maundy Thursday and Easter Sunday communion which will prevent anyone from touching any elements other than their own. On the second floor, Laura, Joni & Andy will be wiping down all touchable surfaces with disinfectant prior to the beginning of worship and we will be encouraging the children to wash their hands at the beginning of their class. We encourage anyone who is not feeling well to remain at home. The bulletins and sermons are available (early in the week) on the website at www.standrewshespeler.ca. Pastoral care visits from Scott and our Deacons may need to become less frequent, but please know if you do need a visit you can call us to arrange one. And finally, while we have become accustomed to shaking hands with people on Sunday mornings we realize this may make some people uncomfortable. For the next while, let's do our best to avoid direct contact. A simple smile and a "good morning, it's nice to see you today" would be a wonderful way to greet each other.

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



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: 1 Samuel 16:1-13 • Psalm 23 • Ephesians 5:8-14 • John 9:1-41.

"WHEN I AM AFRAID,
I WILL TRUST IN YOU."

- PSALM 56:3

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	5:00 pm	Self-help Food Bank and Lunch
Thursday	5:15 pm	Youth Band
Thursday	6:15 pm	Rehearsals for GraceNotes and Joyful Sound!
Thursday	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
Friday	8:00 pm	A-A, Al-Anon, Al-Ateen

Next Week's Sermon:



Coming Up...

March 25 - Financial Meeting
March 29 - Annual Meeting
May 2 - Athalie Read Garage Sale

FundScrip promotions this month: Shell, Wal-Mart (as low as \$10!), and Home Hardware/Home Furniture (no \$25 available). Orders are due at the end of March.



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

Music Director:	Corey Cotter Linforth
Beadle:	Nancy English
Worship Assistant:	Margaret McKenzie-Leighton
Greeters:	Carol Johnston and the English Family
Ushers:	Don Paddock and Vern Platt
Family Ministries & Sunday School Coordinator:	Joni Smith
Little Explorers (up to JK):	Catherine Taylor
Divine Detectives:	Allison Cann & Emily Byers
The Holy Sherlocks (grades 4 to 6):	Cynthia MacDonald
Nursery/Preschool Coordinator:	Laura Einwechter

St. Andrew's Hespeler Presbyterian Church

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3rd Sunday in Lent



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The 2020 Lenten Newsletter is out. Please grab a copy for your family and take some to pass on to others to share some of the great things that are happening at St. Andrew's Hespeler this season!