

**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: "Unto the hills around" #81

Please be seated

Prayer of Confession:

**P: God of mystery and mercy, we confess that we fail to recognize the magnitude of your love and grace. We imagine you in our own image. We hope that our will is done, not yours. We trust our own strength, and overlook our deep need for grace and forgiveness. Open our eyes to the truth of our arrogance and help us look more honestly at our lives and the world you love. Renew our trust in your mercy and the hope we have in Christ's renewing love. Amen.**

L: Hear the good news: God so loved the world that he gave his beloved Son, that all who turn to Jesus in hope and expectation may be born anew of water and the Spirit. Receive this good news and know that today, you are offered new life in Christ.

**P: 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 121

L: I lift up my eyes to the hills – from where will my help come?

**P: My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and**

**earth.**

L: He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.

**P: He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.**

L: The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade at your right hand.

**P: The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.**

L: The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

**P: The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and for evermore.**

\*Hymn: "Spirit, Spirit of gentleness" v 1-2 #399

Children's time

\*Hymn: "Spirit, Spirit of gentleness" v 3-4 #399

Life and Work of the Church

Scripture: Genesis 12:1-4 p. 10  
Romans 4:1-5, 13-18 p. 154  
John 3:1-17 p.93

L: The word of the Lord!

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

\*Hymn: "To God be the glory" #350

Sermon: And Abram went

Offering & Offertory: Grace Upon Grace - AJ Pruis and Matthew West. Given in praise by Heather Robertson

## WE GATHER AROUND CHRIST'S TABLE

Invitation

\* Communion Hymn: "All who are hungry, gather gladly" #534

\* Apostle's Creed #539

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving #564

Holy, holy Lord #827

Communion of the People

## WE RESPOND

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

\*Closing hymn: "To Abraham and Sarah"

#478

\*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

### 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.

**Program Coordinator Position** - Calvin Presbyterian Church Kitchener is seeking a part-time Program Coordinator. The full job posting is available on the website at: [www.calvinchurch.ca/news--events](http://www.calvinchurch.ca/news--events)



### Opportunities for You

The **Gala Dinner Event** supporting Thursday Night Supper and Social will be held April 5th here at St. Andrew's. Tickets will be available soon.

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!

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



## Hespeler Arts Palooza!

Please join us downstairs following worship as we wrap up Hespeler Arts Palooza with a celebration. You will have a chance to view a mini gallery of items made during the past 6 weeks; birdhouses, knitted articles and watercolour paintings. There will be music and a photo video for you to enjoy as well. And, maybe the best part, enjoy some delicious, home baked cakes and squares, coffee/tea or juice.

Over the past 6 weeks we have:

- had up to 6 people walk every Monday morning
- 6 people participating in our knitting/crocheting classes
- 5+ people preparing materials for & weaving milk bag mats
- 5 people attend the Masterclass with Laura Pudwell (a full class)
- 36 different people participating in the 4 watercolour painting workshops
- had our youth host a Pie Baking Contest & Auction (which raised approximately \$700)
- 6+ people build wooden birdhouses
- enjoyed a hymn sing & tea, complete with browsing through some awesome, old, glass slides
- had many people participate in and enjoy our Open Mic Night

A huge **thank you** to everyone who taught workshops or classes and to everyone who participated. It was a fun and creative 6 weeks!

A pair of purple reading glasses were found in the sanctuary a few weeks ago. If these are yours, please pick them up in the main office. Thanks!



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!

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: Exodus 17:1-7, Psalm 95, Romans 5:1-11, John 4:5-42.

## 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	Thursday Night Supper and Social
Thursday	5:15 pm	Youth Band
Thursday	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
Friday	8:00 pm	A-A, Al-Anon, Al-Ateen



### Coming Up...

March 25 - Financial Meeting  
 March 29 - Annual Meeting  
 April 5 - TNSS Gala  
 May 2 - Athalie Read Garage Sale

FundScrip promotions this month: Shell, Wal-Mart, and Home Hardware/Home Furniture. Orders are due at the end of March.



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

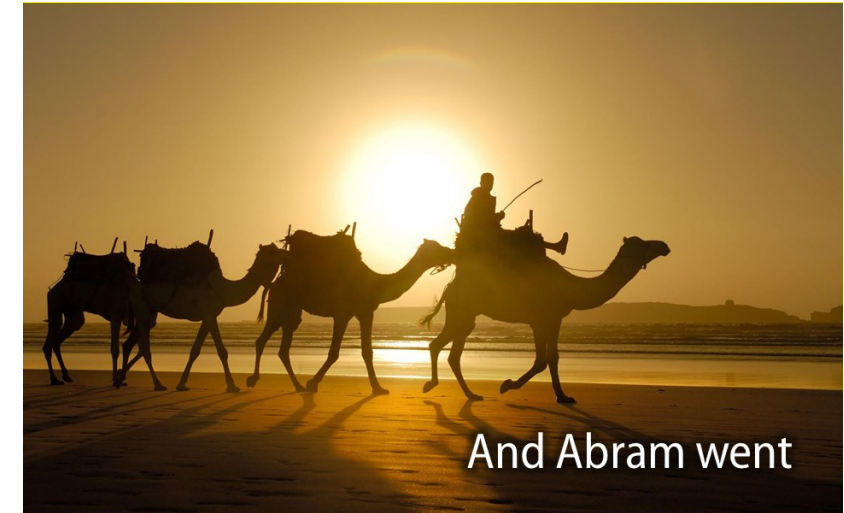
Music Director:	Corey Cotter Linforth
Beadle:	Patrice Wappler
Worship Assistant:	Allison Cann
Greeters:	Willie & Mary Forbes and Jack & Ruth Marquis
Ushers:	Hartley Vandermeer and Elaine McLean
Tech Team:	Rob Hodgson
Family Ministries & Sunday School Coordinator:	Joni Smith
Little Explorers (up to JK):	Kathy Bott
Divine Detectives:	Donald Paddock and Emily Byers
The Holy Sherlocks (grades 4 to 6):	Cynthia MacDonald
Nursery/Preschool Coordinator:	Laura Einwechter

# St. Andrew's Hespeler Presbyterian Church

## March 8, 2020

### 2nd Sunday in Lent

### Communion Sunday



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**Presbyterians Sharing**

The Special Offering today is for Presbyterians Sharing which supports the overall mission and ministry of The Presbyterian Church in Canada.