

**St. Andrew's Hespeler  
Presbyterian Church  
May 10, 2020  
Christian Family Sunday**

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Office Hours:

The office is currently closed.

Order of Online Worship for May 10, 2020

We will meet online for as long as people want to stay on at 10 am on Sunday, May 10. The link will be posted on the Website and FaceBook page.

Call to worship (Microphones on)

L: We are all one family, made in the image of God.

**P: We are all one family, all over the world.**

L: We are all one family, each unique, each special.

**P: We are all one family, brothers and sisters on one journey of faith.**

L: We are all one family, given gifts and talents to share.

**P: We are all one family, united in love, united in peace, united in Christ our Lord.**

Prayers of confession

**Responsive Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16** (Microphones on)

L: In you, O LORD, I seek refuge;

**P: do not let me ever be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me.**

L: Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily.

**P: Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me.**

L: You are indeed my rock and my fortress; for your name's sake lead me and guide me,

**P: take me out of the net that is hidden for me, for you are my refuge.**

L: Into your hand I commit my spirit;

**P: you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.**

L: My times are in your hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.

**P: Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.**

Ongoing life of the church

Giving Tuesday Celebration



1 Peter 2:2-10 (see below)

Prayers of the people (using chat to share requests)

Benediction \*Feel free to chat for a while.

Sermon: Rev. Scott will preach a live sermon over Zoom for those who wish to stay for it. The sermon will also have already been posted on YouTube for streaming whenever you like. The YouTube sermon may have better video and/or audio quality and will feature some graphic illustrations. It will otherwise be the same sermon. The sermon title is:

**The sympathy of the congregation** is extended to John and Joni Smith and their whole family upon the death of John's father, John Sr. Please keep the Smith family in your prayers.

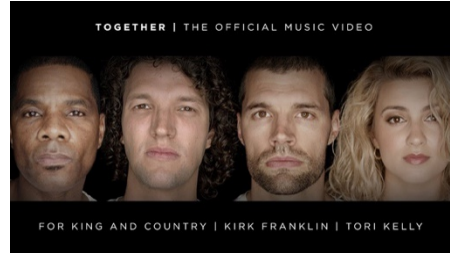
**A moment of celebration:** Isabel Chittock marked her 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday this week. Congratulations Isabel. She is doing well even if (like all of us) getting a bit bored!



To the exiles  
of the Dispersion



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4x6MI609r0A>

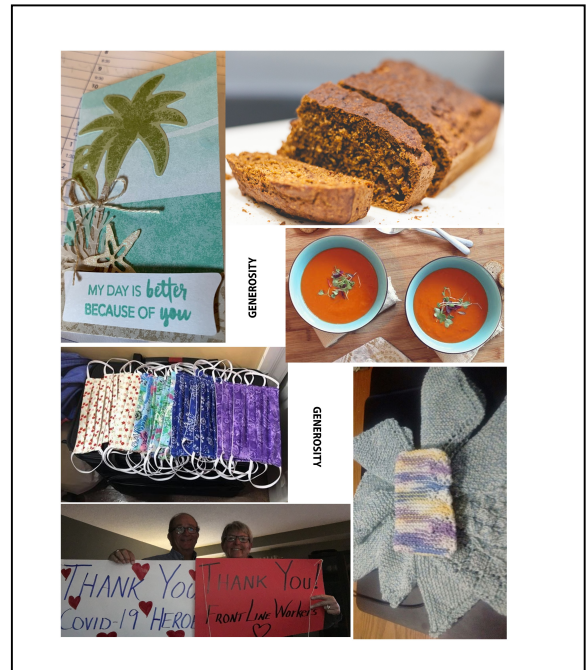


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**THANK YOU to everyone who shared their stories of generosity with us on GivingTuesday Now, this past Tuesday.**

These are some of the ways people have witnessed or experienced generosity during the past few weeks:

- made and sent cards to cheer others up
- baked bread for others
- baked banana bread for others
- made soup for others
- brought groceries to others
- baked chocolate chip cookies for grandchildren
- knitted for people and children, some with health issues
- sewn face masks
- sewn hospital gowns
- knitted dish cloths for Crieff Hills
- called friends and church members to "check in"
- offered to buy groceries for others in need
- made something special, a keepsake, for a friend
- donate fabric to mask makers
- participated in a car rally for Front Line Workers, from Kitchener to Cambridge



**YOUTH NEWS**

Just as our newly elected executive was making plans with the group and getting excited about doing things together, we found ourselves in self-isolation. We have had a bit of time to get into a routine and figure out how to distance learn, so now it's time to "gather together" to see each other and have some fun. Youth and families, please watch your emails. We will be making a date/time to gather to play an online game of "Skribbl IO". It's much like an online game of Pictionary. It should be fun and should give us an opportunity to connect with one another again. (It is safe and private.)

Any questions: please ask Joni (jsmith@standrewshespeler.ca)



### **Sunday School news:**

As some of you already know, I have been recording a weekly Children's Message. This is a story from Children & Worship, bible reading with the lit Christ candle and prayer. This is posted on our website each Sunday morning by 9:00 am. Please email me any prayer requests from your children to include in the prayer.

This is the Sunday that we usually hand out potatoes. We take the potatoes home, plant them, take care of them, and then harvest them and bring them back in the fall. On Potato Harvest Sunday, we weigh all of the potatoes to determine who is the Grand Gardener! I have seed potatoes now and will be doing porch deliveries this week to any family who would like some. Please let me know and I will drop them off! In the fall all the potatoes will be donated to Thursday Night Supper & Social.



**Parents, please watch your emails. We will be setting up a "Round Table" ZOOM call for the Sunday School children to come in and say hi to each other and tell us what they've been up to.**

Don't forget about our Spring project. See the end of the bulletin for all needed information.

Thank you and have a splendid week!

Blessings,

## May 10: Mission partnerships

Globally, human trafficking is the third largest organized crime after drugs and the arms trade. Fighting human trafficking is one of the mission priorities of the Caribbean and North America Council for Mission (CANACOM). A fellowship of 14 denominations, CANACOM fosters partnership in mission among churches in the Caribbean and North America through sharing of resources, accompaniment and empowerment. In 2016, ARISE Ministry received a grant from CANACOM for its work in empowering women to break free from human trafficking. ARISE's Executive Director, the Rev. Deb Stanbury, currently serves as the PCC's representative on the council. By participating in the meetings, Deb is our living link with our partner churches and organizations in the Caribbean. Both ARISE and CANACOM receive support from Presbyterians Sharing.

### ***Presbyterians Sharing fights human trafficking.***



Please Note: All church activities have been suspended until further notice. If you have questions or concerns, or if we can support you in any way, please contact us by calling the church (messages are checked regularly) or email us at [office@standrewshespeler.ca](mailto:office@standrewshespeler.ca). We care about you! You are not alone!

## Prayer Partnership

**Sunday, May 10 (Mother's Day/Christian Family Sunday)** Pray for strength for mothers in Afghanistan, Malawi, Haiti, India and Nepal who travel by foot to visit Presbyterian World Service & Development partners' maternal and child health clinics.

**Monday, May 11** We pray for the ministry and mission of the students who graduate this month from our three theological colleges and prepare to seek calls to congregations.

**Tuesday, May 12 (International Day of Families)** We pray God's blessing on families. May they be places where spouses, parents and children experience a reflection of God's unconditional love.

**Wednesday, May 13** We pray for safe travels for all international guests travelling to take part in the upcoming Presbyterian Women's Gathering in Richmond Hill, ON.

**Thursday, May 14** We pray for our incoming Women's Missionary Society president, Cathy Reid, as she prepares to take on her responsibilities. Offer thanks for outgoing president, Janet Brewer.

**Friday, May 15** On this day in 1919, the Winnipeg General Strike began. We pray for fair and just working conditions for all workers.

**Saturday, May 16** We pray for small-scale farmers around the world who are learning new agricultural techniques to increase crop yields and improve nutrition with the support of Presbyterian World Service &

**Acts 7:55-60**

<sup>55</sup> But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. <sup>56</sup> “Look,” he said, “I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!” <sup>57</sup> But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. <sup>58</sup> Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. <sup>59</sup> While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” <sup>60</sup> Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he died.

**1 Peter 2:2-10**

<sup>2</sup> Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation – <sup>3</sup> if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

<sup>4</sup> Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and <sup>5</sup> like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. <sup>6</sup> For it stands in scripture:

“See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

<sup>7</sup> To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner,”

<sup>8</sup> and

“A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

<sup>9</sup> But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

<sup>10</sup> Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

**John 14:1-14**

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. <sup>2</sup> In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup> And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. <sup>4</sup> And you know the way to the place where I am going.” <sup>5</sup> Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” <sup>6</sup> Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup> If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

<sup>8</sup> Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” <sup>9</sup> Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? <sup>10</sup> Do you not believe that I am in the Father

and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works.

<sup>11</sup> Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. <sup>12</sup> Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup> I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup> If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

Please note CYOB, Camp in Your Own Backyard has been cancelled for this year. But mark your calendars, they are coming back, August 16 – 20, 2021!

Refunds will be coming shortly. Thank you for your understanding.

### **Church Life Update:**

Here are some updates on the measures that have been taken to deal with the present crisis in the church (some of which have been previously been announced):

- The Session has thought carefully about our staffing in these unusual times. With a great deal of regret, it was decided that the Hope Clothing coordinator, Karen Kincaid, and the church administrator, Paula Rumbolt, would be laid off for what will hopefully be a short time. We are pleased to report that both of these people have successfully been able to apply for the CERB.
- We are very thankful to Andy Cann who filled in as Church custodian

while Glen Einwechter recovered from some surgery. Andy did an excellent job – thank you Andy – and we are glad to welcome Glen back now. As Andy had been doing, Glen will be putting in very limited hours at the church as there is very little that needs to be done in these times.

- The session has affirmed the incredible work that Joni Smith has been able to do for us during this time and helping us to keep connected, especially through the website, email and social media. Though her duties have been rebalanced somewhat under the present circumstances, we appreciate how much she has been doing for us during these times.
- The session has thought long and hard about our service contract with our music director, Corey Linforth. She is not in the same category as our staff as she works under a contract. Fortunately, however, in these unusual times she is able to access Federal income support through the CERB. After much consideration and again with regret, the session decided to give notice to Corey to terminate the contract. A month's notice is required to do that. That means that Corey continues to work for the church through the end of May. At that time, she will be off the payroll, but it is our hope that we will be able to resume the contract very soon thereafter.



## What's next?

St. Andrew's Hespeler has followed the direction of the government in terms of suspending worship and other activities that require gathering.

Thank you to everyone who has continued to participate in our worship life through the live Zoom services and streaming on YouTube. We will have to think carefully about how we proceed when measures begin to be eased.

It seems unlikely that limitations on gathering will be lifted all at once. We may see restrictions on how many may gather in person at first. We also recognize that some may not feel as if they can come and worship in person for a time, especially if they are in groups that are considered to be especially vulnerable. As conditions change, we will keep you updated on what we are doing, and we will be looking into how we can create some sort of hybrid of physical gathering and virtual gathering for worship. Please pray that God give us wisdom in the choices that we make and how we implement them. Thank you for all of the ways in which you have been supporting your church and reaching out in care to the community around you!

## Here's our next Sunday School project:

Do you know that there are many people in our community who do not have enough food? Now, more than ever, there are people who can't afford to buy food for their family. The Cambridge Self-Help Foodbank needs help serving the growing needs of people in our community. At this time, they can only take money (to be safe) donations.

## Here's your project:

\*start a journal and at least once a week, write out or draw what you are grateful for. We have much to be grateful for! If you would like to share with me ([jsmith@standrewshespeler.ca](mailto:jsmith@standrewshespeler.ca)) I would love to post on social media so that we can be an example to other people!

\*start a food basket or box and once a week put an item of food in it. When we can safely get back together, at church, we will bring in all of our baskets of food and donate them to the Cambridge Self-Help FoodBank.

\*challenge your friends, cousins, neighbours to do the same and donate the collected food to the food bank in their own community.

