

# St. Andrew's Hespeler Presbyterian Church

October 11, 2020

19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Thanksgiving Sunday

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Office Hours:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9am-12pm

Order of Online Worship for October 11

We will meet online for as long as people want to stay on at 10 am. The link will be sent out by email and posted (with a password) on the website. In addition, those who wish to may come and join us in the sanctuary. If you are coming, please let us know. You will be screened and registered when you arrive, and you must wear a mask.

Call to worship (Microphones on)

L: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;

**P: God's steadfast love endures for ever.**

L: God crowns the year with bounty;

**P: Pastures of the wilderness overflow, the hills gird themselves with joy.**

L: Valleys deck themselves with grain;

**P: they shout and sing together for joy.**

L: Who can utter the mighty doings of the Lord or declare all God's praise?

**P: Let us praise God together for all God's goodness to us.**

**Prayers of approach and confession**

L: Generous and forgiving God, you are the first and the last, the giver of all good things. Your glory is endless; your power, incomparable. Your love stretches wider than the universe, your mercy reaches beyond the heights of heaven. We gather with hearts thankful for the abundance of your creation to worship and adore you. Inspired by this time of worship, may our hearts overflow with praise each and every day, and may our lives reflect our gratitude to you in the ways we share your abundant love in Jesus' name.

L: Let us confess our sins before God and one another:

**P: Generous and loving God, we confess that in a world where many do not have enough, we enjoy more than we need. In a world where many live in fear, we take peace for granted. In a world where many have lost hope, we become indifferent to despair and grumble about small things. Forgive us, merciful God, and transform our lives to shine with the generosity, peace and hope you offer us in Christ Jesus.**

L: Friends, while it is true we have all sinned, it is a greater truth that we are forgiven through God's love in Jesus Christ. To all who humbly seek the mercy of God I say, in Jesus Christ our sin is forgiven. Be at peace with God, with yourself and with one another.

**P: Amen!**

### **Responsive Psalm 65 (Microphones on)**

L: Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion; and to you shall vows be performed, O you who answer prayer!

**P: To you all flesh shall come. When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us, you forgive our transgressions.**

L: Happy are those whom you choose and bring near to live in your courts.

**P: We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, your holy temple.**

L: By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance, O God of our salvation;

**P: you are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.**

L: By your strength you established the mountains; you are girded with might.

**P: You silence the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, the tumult of the peoples.**

L: Those who live at earth's farthest bounds are awed by your signs;

**P: you make the gateways of the morning and the evening shout for joy.**

L: You visit the earth and water it, you greatly enrich it;

**P: the river of God is full of water; you provide the people with grain, for so you have prepared it.**

L: You water its furrows abundantly, settling its ridges, softening it with showers, and blessing its growth. You crown the year with your bounty; your wagon tracks overflow with richness.

**P: The pastures of the wilderness overflow, the hills gird themselves with joy, the meadows clothe themselves with flocks, the valleys deck themselves with grain, they shout and sing together for joy.**

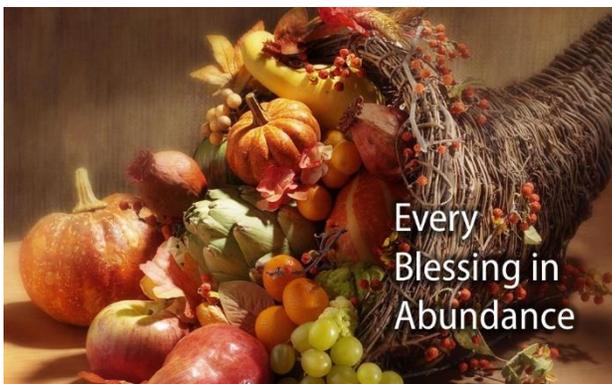
Ongoing life of the church

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 9:6-15 (see below)

Celebration of our Generosity

Prayers of the people (using chat to share requests)

Sermon: Rev. Scott McAndless will preach a live sermon over Zoom. The sermon title is:



## Benediction



There are some goodies in the mailbox at the church (the one marked “bulletins”) that is free for anyone to pick up.

You will find:

The Sept/Oct edition of Today

The Sept-November edition of Our Daily Bread

The fall issue of Presbyterian Connection

Printed copies of Scott’s most recent sermon each week.

For the foreseeable future, we will continue to worship as we have been, with many present online and some present in the sanctuary. If you would like to attend in person, please let us know so that we can plan to make your visit safe.

Next Week’s Sermon:

If your presence will  
not go, do not carry us  
up from here



**Financial Update:**

The following represents our Year to Date August 2020 General Fund performance as compared to the same period last year:

| \$                             | Year to Date August 2020 Actual | Year to Date August 2019 Actual |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Receipts                       | 92,000                          | 98,000                          |
| Expenses                       | 128,000                         | 150,000                         |
| Year to Date Surplus/(Deficit) | (36,000)                        | (52,000)                        |

**Items of Note:**

1. Year to Date 2020 receipts include “Giving Tuesday Now” campaign gifts of \$2,000 and \$7,000 in wage subsidies received under the Canadian Emergency Wage Subsidy program.
2. Year to Date August 2020 Expenses include a \$4,863.24 credit (refund cheque) received from the Waterloo Wellington Presbytery following a decision by Presbytery to refund Presbytery/Synod dues for 2020. As such, we have no Presbytery/Synod dues for 2020 as compared to \$4,802 in Presbytery/Synod dues in our Year to Date August 2019 financials.

We are incredibly grateful for your ongoing support of St. Andrew’s as we navigate through this crisis together. Please pray for our continued collective response in support of our mission at St. Andrew’s Hespeler.

Donald Paddock,  
Stewardship Chairperson



Pauline Brown, a missionary in India who is 96, fell getting out of bed. She didn't break anything but has a bad bruise on her face and a cut that required 3 stitches. She was in hospital for a short time but is in good spirits.

## Mission Moment – Equipping Families to Fight Food Insecurity

In South Sudan, years of civil conflict have left much of the population without access to the food they need to live healthy lives. Rising food prices and loss of income due to COVID-19 are only increasing this deficit.

Presbyterian World Service & Development is responding through Canadian Foodgrains Bank to provide 1,150 families with food assistance that will meet their nutritional needs. Additionally, families will receive farming inputs and fishing equipment so that, when the season is right for growing and fishing, they will have access to alternative sources of nutrition.



## Prayer Partnership

### Sunday, October 11 – (Harvest Sunday)

We give thanks for the harvest season and pray for those who do not have enough to eat.

### Monday, October 12 (Thanksgiving Day)

*Kohtawinow*—Heavenly Father, we give thanks for the gift of our earthly home.

**Tuesday, October 13** We pray for our elected officials and all those who form our laws. May they prioritize the protection of the rights of Indigenous Peoples and introduce legislation to implement the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in Canadian laws.

**Wednesday, October 14** We pray for the Rev. Charlie McNeil, convener of the Pastoral Committee for the Presbytery of Edmonton-Lakeland in Alta.

**Thursday, October 15** We give thanks for food assistance programs that help families fight food insecurity and malnutrition in South Sudan.

**Friday, October 16 (World Food Day)** We give thanks and pray for the health and safety of people who tend, harvest, and prepare food, especially those who are most vulnerable, such as migrant workers.

**Saturday, October 17 (International Day for the Eradication of Poverty)** We pray for all people who do not have safe homes, adequate shelter, enough healthy food, or communities of support. We give thanks and pray for those who seek long-term solutions to end poverty and inequality.

## Announcements

### **Sunday School News!**

**\*Please note that there will NOT be a pop-in Zoom chat before worship starts this week.** Last week we had a lot of fun seeing some of our young people & children and having a chance to talk with each other. We will resume these “pop-ins” on October 18<sup>th</sup>.

**\*NEW THIS WEEK:** We have many wonderful resources in our Children’s Library; books and DVD’s. If you would like to borrow some, please let me know. Catherine T. has offered to put together bins, drop them to your porch and pick up afterwards. As each bin comes back it will be sanitized and quarantined. Thank you, Catherine, for this wonderful opportunity. Just send me an email, [jsmith@standrewshespeler.ca](mailto:jsmith@standrewshespeler.ca) with your requests or let Catherine choose for you!

On Sunday mornings 3 links will be posted on our website: (and facebook and twitter)

1. for our younger Sunday School children, **Little Explorers**, I will be posting a “read aloud”. This is for anyone who would like to listen to a story.
2. for **The Divine Detectives**, I will record and post every Sunday our story, bible reading and prayer.
3. for **The Holy Sherlocks**, a lesson will be posted every week as well. This lesson includes an audio link to the short story, prayers, bible readings and an activity to do at home with your family.

If you are bringing your children to church with you, please let me know, so that I can prepare some quiet, engaging activities that coordinate with our service for any of our Sunday School children. Just send me an email, Joni, [jsmith@standrewshespeler.ca](mailto:jsmith@standrewshespeler.ca) or call the church and leave a message for me.

Please Note: Regular 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!



The Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) has requested many milk bag mats for their outreach program. These mats will be handed out to people in Cambridge & Kitchener.

We have boxes of milk bags and need your help. Can you help fold, cut, count or make chains? This can all be done safely in your home (the bags have been sitting for quite some time). Please contact Mary Vincent if you have questions about what needs to be done or contact Joni to arrange to get a box of milk bags.

We are happy to say that Hope Clothing opened to clients for the first time in many months on Wednesday. Our clients and guests were very appreciative and very patient with us as we all got used to a new way of doing things. We are currently accepting donations of boys clothing, size 0 – 16, for cooler weather. If you have extra winter boots and coats, please consider holding on to them until it gets a bit closer to winter. Donations will be accepted on Thursday or Friday mornings. Hope Clothing will be open to the community on Wednesdays from 9:30 am – noon.

Please take note: if you are worshipping with us in person and park behind the church, the doors at the back will be locked. This means that you will have to walk around the outside of the building to come into door #1.

The Bible makes social justice a mandate of faith and a fundamental expression of Christian discipleship. ... From a scriptural point of view, justice means loving our neighbor as we love ourselves and is rooted in the character and nature of God. As God is just and loving, so we are called to do justice and live in love.



Recently we encouraged our members to write letters to the Cambridge Self Help Food Bank to try to find a way to bring the satellite operation back to Hespeler. We are currently working with the food bank to offer weekly Emergency Hamper pick ups here at St. Andrew's. This is great news for many people in our community. We are still working on a few details, but as it stands now, we will be looking to build a few small teams to enable this service as soon as possible. If you think you can help out on Thursdays, from noon – 2:00 pm, please speak with Joni,

[jsmith@standrewshespeler.ca](mailto:jsmith@standrewshespeler.ca)

## **Dates & events to keep in mind:**

- **Anniversary “Dream Auction” will be launched on November 8 and will culminate on Saturday, November 14.** This year the Dream Auction will only be by “silent” auction and will be held virtually. We are going to be using a “real time” platform that will allow some friendly ‘out-bidding’ of items. Even though we are not able to gather in person this is a wonderful opportunity to connect with one another and have some fun. Donations of prizes would be gratefully accepted. Please speak with Joni ([jsmith@standrewshespeler.ca](mailto:jsmith@standrewshespeler.ca)) or Donald Paddock if you have any items to donate.

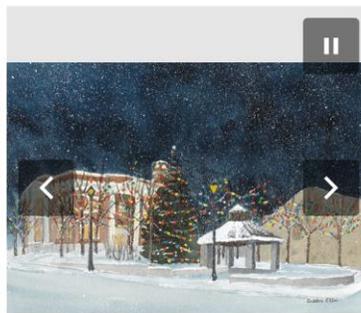


Handcrafters' Market Information



The list of vendors will be updated

Artisans' Photos



About St. Andrew's



St. Andrew's is situated in the heart of the

The Christian Education Committee's **Annual Handcrafters' Market will be held VIRTUALLY on November 21<sup>st</sup>, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm.** On November 21<sup>st</sup> you will be able to access a link, from our website, to the Handcrafters' Market website. From there you can visit a wonderful array of local artisans' shops: Debbie Ellis Watercolours, Crafty Creatures by Ainsley Inglis, The Little Orange Fox, Baths Gone Wild, Lori Wolf-Heffner – author, Quarter Notes & Creations, Elaine Ferdinandi Original Watercolours and many more!

## Deuteronomy 8:7-18

<sup>7</sup> For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, <sup>8</sup> a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, <sup>9</sup> a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. <sup>10</sup> You shall eat your fill and bless the LORD your God for the good land that he has given you.

<sup>11</sup> Take care that you do not forget the LORD your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today. <sup>12</sup> When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, <sup>13</sup> and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, <sup>14</sup> then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, <sup>15</sup> who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid wasteland with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock, <sup>16</sup> and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good. <sup>17</sup> Do not say to yourself, "My power and the might of my own hand have gotten me this wealth." <sup>18</sup> But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he

may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.

## 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

<sup>6</sup> The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. <sup>7</sup> Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. <sup>8</sup> And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. <sup>9</sup> As it is written,

"He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever."

<sup>10</sup> He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. <sup>11</sup> You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; <sup>12</sup> for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. <sup>13</sup> Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, <sup>14</sup> while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. <sup>15</sup> Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

## Luke 17:11-19

<sup>11</sup> On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. <sup>12</sup> As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, <sup>13</sup> they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" <sup>14</sup> When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. <sup>15</sup> Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. <sup>16</sup> He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. <sup>17</sup> Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they?" <sup>18</sup> Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" <sup>19</sup> Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."