

St. Andrew's Hespeler Presbyterian Church

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21st Sunday after Pentecost

Reformation Sunday

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Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9am-12pm

Order of Online Worship for October 25

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: The Lord our God has been our dwelling place in all generations.

P: From everlasting to everlasting God is God, and so we come to worship.

L: O God, satisfy us every morning with your steadfast love,

P: so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

L: Let us tell of God's glorious power and praise God's holy name.

P: We offer God the work of our hands and praise from the depths of our hearts.

L: Let us worship God together!

Prayers of approach and confession

L: God, gracious and loving, holy and eternal, your love is steadfast, your presence ever near, yet you come to us in surprising ways and unexpected places. Your love is older than time and as fresh as the morning dew. Your patience is unending, your faithfulness to us unmatched. Your name has come to us through the centuries, yet you can always do a new thing to draw us back to you. God, Creator, Christ and Spirit, we offer you our prayers and praise this day in humble expectation, hoping you will surprise us here and refresh our readiness to serve you.

P: God, gracious and merciful, holy and healing, You know our hearts, the times we have truly loved one another and those times when we merely tolerated each other. You know our minds, the times we have truly focused on you and the times when we pursued our own purposes. You know our stories, the times we have followed you faithfully and the times we went our own way. Forgive our wavering discipleship and half-hearted service, and renew our commitment to live lives marked by your grace.

L: Friends in Christ, we are forgiven people, set free from our past failures to make a fresh start this day and every day. The Holy Spirit empowers us to love God and to love others.

P: Thanks be to God for such everlasting mercy and grace!

Responsive Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17 (Microphones on)

L: Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

P: Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

L: You turn us back to dust, and say, "Turn back, you mortals."

P: For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past, or like a watch in the night.

L: You sweep them away; they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning;

P: in the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades and withers.

L: Turn, O LORD! How long? Have compassion on your servants!

P: Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days. Make us glad as many days as you have afflicted us, and as many years as we have seen evil.

L: Let your work be manifest to your servants, and your glorious power to their children.

P: Let the favour of the Lord our God be upon us, and prosper for us the work of our hands – prosper the work of our hands!

Ongoing life of the church

Scripture: Deuteronomy 34 (see below)

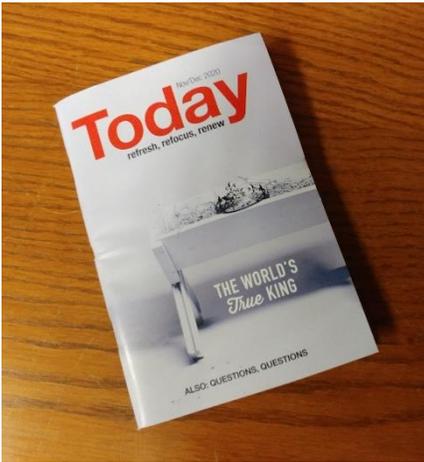
Celebration of our Generosity

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 New Nov/Dec edition of Today is now there!

The Sept-November edition of Our Daily Bread

The fall issue of Presbyterian Connection

Printed copies of this bulletin each week

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 Sunday we will celebrate communion. If you mean to participate (either in the sanctuary or at home via zoom) please prepare communion elements (bread and wine/juice) for each person who will receive communion with us.



Mission Moment – Increasing Nutrition in Malawi

Due to fear of contracting COVID-19, people in Malawi who are already vulnerable because of the effects of HIV and AIDS have increased concerns about accessing medication and community support. Presbyterian World Service & Development-supported Ekwendeni Hospital AIDS Program (EHAP) has been supporting those whose lives are impacted by HIV and AIDS for decades. Acknowledging these increased concerns, EHAP continues to provide community health support through physically distanced workshops to help families learn how to cook nutritiously with limited ingredients.



Prayer Partnership

Monday, October 26 We pray for the wisdom to learn and grow in God's love of all people, so that we may not exclude anyone from our circle of care.

Tuesday, October 27 We pray for the Assembly Council as they meet online today to help discern strategic directions for the church.

Wednesday, October 28 Where there is anger or violence in homes, we pray that peace, love and healing take hold instead.

Thursday, October 29 We pray for the members of stewardship and mission committees in congregations as they work to inspire others and generate enthusiasm.

Friday, October 30 We give thanks for the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls and pray that the Calls for Justice will be answered.

Saturday, October 31 We give thanks for Presbyterian World Service & Development programs that equip farmers with tools to increase harvests and combat food insecurity.

Announcements

Sunday School News!

Our pop-in Zoom chat before worship will take place from 9:45 am – 9:55 am on the first Sunday of the month (before worship starts).

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 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 or call the church and leave a message for me.

A special thank you to Alice for helping with the Children's Message every Sunday!

We are happy to say that **Hope Clothing** is now open to clients. Our needs this week are: ladies tops, sweaters and jeans – all sizes; children's pj's; 3X & 4X clothing for both men and women; men's deodorant. We are also going to start taking in winter coats, boots, scarves, mitts, etc. Donations will be accepted on Thursday or Friday mornings, 9:00 am - noon. Hope Clothing will be open to the community on Wednesdays from 9:30 am – noon.

Please note: if you are worshipping with us, in the sanctuary, the only door open to enter is Door #1, adjacent to the parking lot on Queen St. E. This means that if you park around back you will have to walk around the church (which might not be nice if it's raining).

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. We care about you! You are not alone!

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



Our 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) or Donald Paddock if you have any items to donate. Any donations should be communicate to either Joni or Donald by the end of this week.

Would you consider cooking a meal and delivering it? Is there something else you can contribute, the ideas really are endless

So far we have a pair of "exceptionally ugly" Ugly Christmas sweaters (sized for adults); homemade butter tarts, home made chocolate eclairs, a beautiful Debbie Ellis Watercolour print, beautiful clothing and footwear from Gadsby's, Zehrs gift cards, Food Basics gift cards, Puslinch Lake Golf Course green fees, Tim Horton's gift package, Blackshop Restaurant Gift card, Clarion Medical Technologies gift bags, Fifty's Restaurant gift card, Pioneer Family Pools gift.

Want to add to your fun and enjoyment of the evening? Try hosting a Zoom Auction Party with your friends!

Stay tuned next week for more information including how to set yourself up as a bidder.

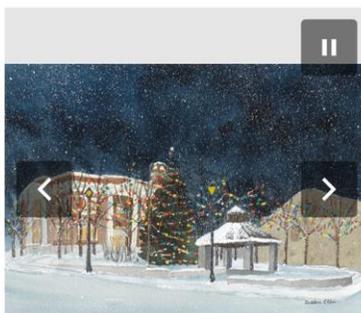


Handcrafters' Market Information



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 21st, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm.** On November 21st 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 34

¹ Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the LORD showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, ² all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, ³ the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar. ⁴ The LORD said to him, “This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, ‘I will give it to your descendants’; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there.” ⁵ Then Moses, the servant of the LORD, died there in the land of Moab, at the LORD’s command. ⁶ He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. ⁷ Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigor had not abated. ⁸ The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended.

⁹ Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the LORD had commanded Moses.

¹⁰ Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face. ¹¹ He was unequalled for all the signs and wonders that the LORD sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, ¹² and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

¹ You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, ² but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. ³ For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, ⁴ but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. ⁵ As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; ⁶ nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, ⁷ though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. ⁸ So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

Matthew 22:34-46

³⁴ When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, ³⁵ and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶ “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” ³⁷ He said to him, “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ ³⁸ This is the greatest and first commandment. ³⁹ And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbour as yourself.’ ⁴⁰ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

The Question about David’s Son

⁴¹ Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this

question: ⁴² “What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.” ⁴³ He said to them, “How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,
⁴⁴ ‘The Lord said to my Lord,
“Sit at my right hand,
until I put your enemies under your feet”’?

⁴⁵ If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?” ⁴⁶ No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.