

St. Andrew's Hespeler Presbyterian Church

November 15th, 2020

24th Sunday after Pentecost

Legacy Giving Sunday

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Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9am-12pm

Order of Online Worship for November 15

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: God of all times and places, we gather to worship you.

P: We turn our eyes to you and rejoice in your presence.

L: God of all gifts and blessings, we gather to sing your praise.

P: We turn our eyes to you and marvel at your power and your promise.

L: God of all might and mercy, we gather to learn how to follow your Son.

P: We turn our eyes to you and seek the way you have set before us in Christ.

Prayers of approach and confession

L: Transforming God, you take the night and give us day. You take our strife and give us peace. You take our sadness and give us joy. You take our fear and give us courage. You take death and give us new life. You give grace beyond all expectation; you give love beyond all imagination; you give and you give and you give. So we praise and adore you as Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit, One God, Three in One, now and forever.

P: Compassionate and loving God, we confess we have not always lived faithfully. We fill our days with things that do not matter. We seek simple answers to complex issues. We are weighed down by many tasks yet we cannot sort out our priorities. We fail to hear your call on our lives. Hear our silent confession and forgive us, merciful God, In Jesus' name.

(A time of silence is kept.)

L: Friends remember the promise St. Paul declared: Neither death nor life, nor things present nor things to come can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. Let us rejoice that, no matter what is happening around us, no matter what we have done, God's deep love will never let us go.

P: Thanks be to God!

Responsive Psalm 90 (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: For we are consumed by your anger;

P: by your wrath we are overwhelmed.

L: You have set our iniquities before you,

P: our secret sins in the light of your countenance.

L: So teach us to count our days

P: that we may gain a wise heart

Ongoing life of the church

Scripture: Matthew 25:14-30 (see below)

Celebration of our Generosity

Hymn (to be gently hummed in the sanctuary) #661 We give thee but thine own

1. We give thee but thine own,
whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone,
a trust, O Lord, from thee.

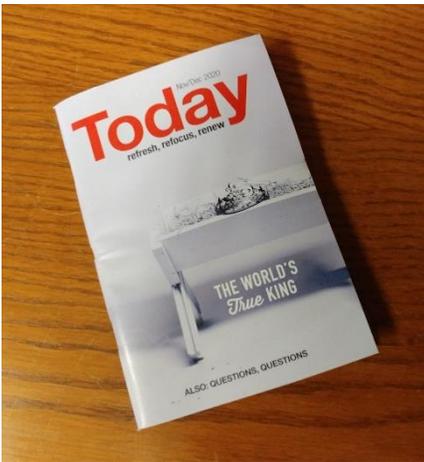
2. May we thy bounties thus
as stewards true receive,
and gladly, as thou blessest us,
to thee our firstfruits give.

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.



**Mission Moment – November 15, 2020
(Legacy Giving Sunday)
Together, We are Making a Difference!**

Presbyterians Sharing is about mission. It's about ministry. It's about working together, to share the good news of the gospel in Canada and around the world. Through our gifts to Presbyterians Sharing, we revitalize churches and support innovative worship. We empower young people to grow in their faith, and prepare leaders to serve the church. We care for God's creation and advocate for human rights. We walk with Indigenous Peoples on a journey of healing and reconciliation. We work with international partners to support leadership development, Christian education and evangelism. And so much more! When we work together, we can accomplish more than we can imagine. Together, we are making a difference.



Prayer Partnership

November 15 (Legacy Giving Sunday) We give thanks for and remember the many faithful stewards who have believed in God's church and seeded new missions and ministries through legacy gifts.

Monday, November 16 We pray for the ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Cape Breton in N.S.

Tuesday, November 17 We give thanks for the Church Council on Justice and Corrections, and pray that their work to address the healing of victims, offenders and their communities as they strive for justice is blessed and fruitful.

Wednesday, November 18 We pray for seminary students, staff and faculty at St. Andrew's Hall in Vancouver, B.C., Presbyterian College in Montreal, Que., and Knox College in Toronto, Ont.

Thursday, November 19 We pray for children and young people who must think about the future in uncertain times

Friday, November 20 (Universal Children's Day) *Kisemanto*—Great Spirit, we pray for wisdom to understand the spirituality of Indigenous ancestors of Turtle Island, who thought of Earth as our Mother and preserved her gifts for the next seven generations of our grandchildren.

Saturday, November 21 We pray for Samuel House in Micske, Romania, a safe place—supported by Presbyterians Sharing—where disadvantaged children can come to play, study, eat nutritious meals and receive Christian care.

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.

WE NEED YOUR HELP! Our Family Christmas Eve service will be held outside this year, with a "tour" through the classic Christmas story. We are consulting with the Public Health Unit to ensure that all protocols are implemented in order to keep everyone safe. We need 5 people/families to help us "act" our some scenes. We cannot mix bubbles so this has to be siblings or siblings and parents. Here's what we need: (There are no speaking parts. Scott will be the tour guide/narrator)

1. A family who can make 'big' stars, planets, moons, etc. and hold them up.
2. Mary, pantomiming making bread. She could have a bread maker as a prop and some flour.
3. Joseph lying on a sleeping bag or blankets.
4. Mary & Joseph holding baby Jesus (a doll)
5. Shepherds and Sheep (we could actually have 2 families – well distanced – for this one)

Help with ideas, props, supplies will be available. We are planning on two tours, time to be determined yet, but each tour will be no more than 20 minutes. If you can help please contact Joni at jsmith@standrewshespeler.ca

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

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).

As you may know, we have once again partnered with the Cambridge Self Help Food Bank to serve food hampers to Hespeler people from our church. We have needed to make many changes and attention to details for safety purposes is extremely important. We thank our team members for their patience as we iron out the details from week to week. Please know that the feedback we have received so far from clients has been very positive. In fact, some people have cried when they came back for the first time, saying that they had prayed for the food bank to come back. This is an important ministry at the best of times, but is so much more that food right now. We could use your help with keeping our volunteers safe, though. We are in need of hand sanitizer and face shields (preferably reusable). If you can donate either of these items it would be much appreciated. Please contact Joni, jsmith@standrewshespeler.ca if you can help with these items.



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Christmas is coming!

Did you know that money raised from gift cards goes back into helping the church?

Restaurants, Clothing Stores, Gas, Grocery shopping:

**McDonald's *Tim Horton's *Starbucks *Staples*

**Ultimate dining cards *Lehrs *Food Basics *Metro*

**Shell *Esso *Indigo *Cineplex *Gap/Old Navy *Giant Tiger*

Get your orders in by November 22 and December 6 to get your orders in time for Christmas! Talk to Laura or Patrice if you have any questions!



Welcome to St. Andrew's Handcrafters' Market

Saturday, November 21, 2020; 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

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. Twists and Turns, Silver and Stone, Crafty Squirrel, The Card Shoppe and more!

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

⁷ Be silent before the Lord GOD!

For the day of the LORD is at hand;
the LORD has prepared a sacrifice,
he has consecrated his guests.

¹² At that time I will search Jerusalem with
lamps,

and I will punish the people
who rest complacently on their dregs,
those who say in their hearts,
“The LORD will not do good,
nor will he do harm.”

¹³ Their wealth shall be plundered,
and their houses laid waste.

Though they build houses,
they shall not inhabit them;
though they plant vineyards,
they shall not drink wine from them.

¹⁴ The great day of the LORD is near,
near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter,
the warrior cries aloud there.

¹⁵ That day will be a day of wrath,
a day of distress and anguish,
a day of ruin and devastation,
a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness,
¹⁶ a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.

¹⁷ I will bring such distress upon people
that they shall walk like the blind;
because they have sinned against
the LORD,
their blood shall be poured out like dust,
and their flesh like dung.

¹⁸ Neither their silver nor their gold
will be able to save them
on the day of the LORD’s wrath;
in the fire of his passion
the whole earth shall be consumed;
for a full, a terrible end

he will make of all the inhabitants of
the earth.

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

¹ Now concerning the times and the
seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not
need to have anything written to you. ² For
you yourselves know very well that the day of
the Lord will come like a thief in the
night. ³ When they say, “There is peace and
security,” then sudden destruction will come
upon them, as labor pains come upon a
pregnant woman, and there will be no
escape! ⁴ But you, beloved, are not in
darkness, for that day to surprise you like a
thief; ⁵ for you are all children of light and
children of the day; we are not of the night or
of darkness. ⁶ So then let us not fall asleep as
others do, but let us keep awake and be
sober; ⁷ for those who sleep sleep at night,
and those who are drunk get drunk at
night. ⁸ But since we belong to the day, let us
be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith
and love, and for a helmet the hope of
salvation. ⁹ For God has destined us not for
wrath but for obtaining salvation through our
Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰ who died for us, so that
whether we are awake or asleep we may live
with him. ¹¹ Therefore encourage one
another and build up each other, as indeed
you are doing.

Matthew 25:14-30

¹⁴ “For it is as if a man, going on a journey,
summoned his slaves and entrusted his
property to them; ¹⁵ to one he gave five
talents, to another two, to another one, to
each according to his ability. Then he went

away. ¹⁶ The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. ¹⁷ In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. ¹⁸ But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. ¹⁹ After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰ Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' ²¹ His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' ²² And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' ²³ His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' ²⁴ Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; ²⁵ so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' ²⁶ But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? ²⁷ Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers,

and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸ So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. ²⁹ For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. ³⁰ As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'