

**St. Andrew's Hespeler
Presbyterian Church
November 22nd, 2020
Reign of Christ Sunday**

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Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9am-12pm

Order of Online Worship for November 22

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 is the first and the last, our beginning and our end.

P: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord our God, who was and is, and is to come. Blessing and honour, glory and majesty be to our God, now and evermore.

Prayers of approach and confession

L: God most holy, you are known to us as the Almighty, Powerful, Eternal, Ruler and Lord. We call you our Shepherd and Guide. We praise you with many names, but you are beyond our imagination, so much greater than our words. We know you in the stories of Jesus and in him, we see your love in action, reaching out to the world. You move in us and through us by your Spirit, drawing us to you, sending us to live out your Word. God most holy, Three in One and One in Three, we praise you with our lips and with our lives to offer you honour and love.

L: Mighty and merciful God, we come with a sincere desire to walk in your ways and live under your reign. Hear us as we confess to you our sins:

P: We confess that we have failed to love fully, forgive wholly, and to share the joy of your presence day by day. You offer us freedom but we settle for the familiar. You offer risky love but we opt for safer choices. You offer us hope but we prefer knowing what will happen next. Teach us to abandon our selfish ways and cautious service, so that we can risk offering you our whole lives, committed to following Jesus and building your kingdom here on earth.

L: Hear the good news. God's compassion never fails. God's grace is new every morning. God's loving kindness is steadfast. Know that you are forgiven by the grace of Jesus Christ. Forgive each other, and live in peace and harmony.

P: We will! Thanks be to God! Amen.

Responsive Psalm 95:1-7a (Microphones on)

L: O come, let us sing to the LORD;

P: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

L: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

P: let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

L: For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

P: In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also. The sea is his, for he made it, and the dry land, which his hands have formed.

L: O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

P: For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

Ongoing life of the church

Scripture: Matthew 25:31-46 (see below)

Hymn #65 All people that on earth do dwell

1. All people that on earth do dwell,
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.
Him serve with mirth; his praise forth tell.
Come ye before him and rejoice.

2. Know that the Lord is God indeed;
without our aid he did us make;
we are his flock, he doth us feed,
and for his sheep he doth us take.

3. Oh enter then his gates with praise;
approach with joy his courts unto;
praise, laud and bless his name always,
for it is seemly so to do.

4. For why, the Lord our God is good;
his mercy is forever sure;
his truth at all times firmly stood,
and shall from age to age endure.

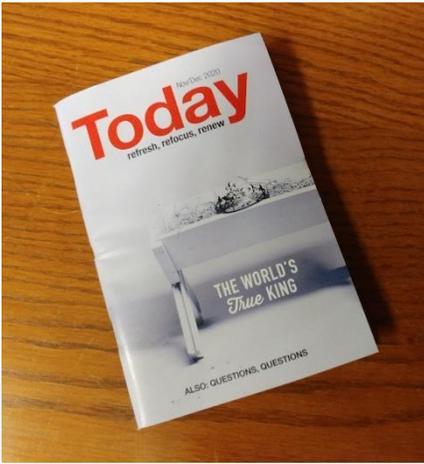
Celebration of our Generosity

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.

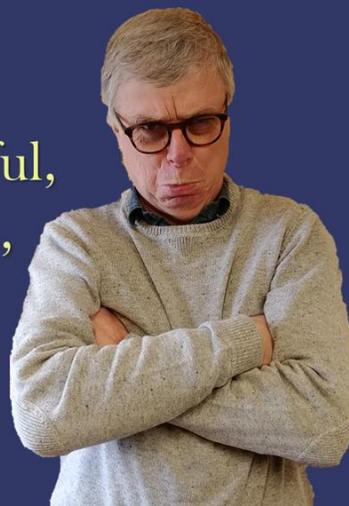
For the foreseeable future, we will continue to worship as we have been, with many present online and some present in the sanctuary. If you would like to attend in person, please let us know so that we can plan to make your visit safe.

As we begin Advent next Sunday, we will be having an interactive candle lighting, each week, with our zoom members and in church members. If you’d like an Advent package so that you can join with us please let Joni know. Also, the liturgy will be posted on our website so you can print it. Printed copies are also available from the church and have been placed in the “bulletins” mailbox at the church.



Next Week's Sermon:

Mark and the awful, horrible, no good, very bad year.



**Mission Moment – November 22, 2020:
Stable Housing. Strong Communities.
Healthier Lives.**

Winnipeg Inner City Missions (WICM), a recognized Indigenous ministry in The Presbyterian Church in Canada, has long understood the connection between stable housing and social well-being. When a person is safely and adequately housed, it becomes easier to find employment, develop healthy relationships and break habits of addiction. WICM operates a transitional housing complex coupled with an employment program to help give people in Winnipeg's North End and inner city a place from which to heal, grow and become who God has made them to be.



Prayer Partnership

Sunday, November 22 (National Housing Day) We pray for all people who do not have adequate, safe and affordable housing, and give thanks for people and programs that provide safe spaces for others.

Monday, November 23 We pray that Advent will be a time of hope, peace, love and joy as we prepare for the coming of Jesus.

Tuesday, November 24 We thank God for the dedication of workers and volunteers at food banks, women's shelters, breakfast and lunch programs, and other outreach projects.

Wednesday, November 25 (International Day for Elimination of Violence Against Women) We pray for peace and security for all women, as well as for people and programs addressing trauma and working for an end to violence against women.

Thursday, November 26 We pray for the Canadian Council of Churches as its governing board meets to nurture ecumenism in Canada.

Friday, November 27 We pray for interim moderators and search committees as they work to assist congregations in calling a new minister under challenging circumstances during a global pandemic.

Saturday, November 28 We pray for the people, ministries, and mission of the Presbytery of Kootenay.

Announcements

Sunday School News!

Families, check you mailboxes or porches for a special package being delivered this week or next!
Thank you, Catherine, for organizing this.

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.

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

Something special is going to happen next week.

Plan to worship with us, you don’t want to miss it!

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. 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. **Thank you to everyone who has already helped us out with these items.**

If anyone would like to participate in the Advent book study we have a couple extra books. Just ask Joni if you are interested.



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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!

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

¹¹ For thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. ¹² As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³ I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. ¹⁴ I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵ I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. ¹⁶ I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

²⁰ Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹ Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, ²² I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

²³ I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴ And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant

David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

Ephesians 1:15-23

¹⁵ I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶ I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷ I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸ so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰ God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²² And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Matthew 25:31-46

³¹ "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. ³² All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³ and he will put the sheep at his right

hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴ Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; ³⁵ for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶ I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' ³⁷ Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸ And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹ And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' ⁴⁰ And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' ⁴¹ Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; ⁴² for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³ I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' ⁴⁴ Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' ⁴⁵ Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' ⁴⁶ And

these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."