

**St. Andrew's Hespeler
Presbyterian Church
November 8th, 2020
23rd Sunday after Pentecost
Remembrance Sunday**

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Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9am-12pm

Order of Online Worship for November 8

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: Eternal God, your people praise your name:

P: We tell of your glorious deeds.

L: Infinite God, your people marvel at your majesty:

P: We tell of your grace and power.

L: Everlasting God, your people give thanks for your saving love:

P: We tell of the wonders you have done.

L: So let us worship our God of justice and peace and pray for God's reign among us.

Prayers of approach and confession

L: God, our Creator and Redeemer, in this solemn season of Remembrance, we are aware of how much war has cost the world you love. In spite of fighting between nations and neighbours, you have come to us in Jesus Christ, carrying no sword, calling us to serve as peace makers. In this time of worship, renew in us the hope that you will turn our swords into ploughshares, and lead the world from the study of war to the promise of peace with justice for all your peoples.

P: God of mercy, we confess that the world around us is in a mess. Countries turn arguments over territory into threats of terror. Old enemies stir up conflict within their tribes and nations. The threat of violence keeps us all on edge. Forgive us for not learning from past conflicts what leads to peace with justice. Forgive us when we want to settle our own disagreements by keeping conflict alive.

L: Christ died so that we might live. Through his undying love, we have been forgiven. Rejoice in the forgiveness God offers us. Be at peace with God and yourself, and make peace with your neighbours, for Christ's sake.

P: Amen!

Responsive Psalm 70 (Microphones on)

L: Be pleased, O God, to deliver me. O LORD, make haste to help me!

P: Let those be put to shame and confusion who seek my life.

L: Let those be turned back and brought to dishonour who desire to hurt me.

P: Let those who say, "Aha, Aha!" turn back because of their shame.

L: Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you.

P: Let those who love your salvation say evermore, "God is great!"

L: But I am poor and needy; hasten to me, O God!

P: You are my help and my deliverer; O LORD, do not delay!

Ongoing life of the church

Scripture: Matthew 25:1-13 (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:



Act of Remembrance

Last Post

Two Minutes of Silence

Reveille

L: They went with songs to the battle, they were young. Straight of limb, true of eye, steady and aglow. They were staunch to the end against odds uncounted, They fell with their faces to the foe. They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old: Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning,

P: We will remember them.

National Anthem (Those who are present may only hum)

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 – Providing More than Medicine

When Devika first noticed something wrong with her leg, she visited her local hospital in Nepal to get it checked out, but after a few years, Devika's skin problems had gotten worse, not better. After visiting many clinics and traditional healers, Devika still couldn't find a solution. When she was just about to give up hope, Devika's friend suggested she visit the Shining Hospital. Supported by Presbyterian World Service & Development, the hospital provides support, treatment and education for people suffering from leprosy. At the hospital, the staff diagnosed Devika's skin condition, provided the proper medicine and taught her about her condition. Today, Devika is thankful for the support she received!



Prayer Partnership

Sunday, November 8 We give thanks that those suffering from leprosy find support and learn about their condition at the Presbyterian World Service & Development-supported Shining Hospital in Nepal.

Monday, November 9 We pray for the members of the Presbyterian Church Heritage Centre (formerly the Presbyterian Museum) committee as they work to preserve and display artifacts from the church's history.

Tuesday, November 10 We pray for the Rev. Dr. Paul McLean who serves as a Bible Translation Advisor for Hakka and nine Indigenous teams in Taiwan.

Wednesday, November 11 (Remembrance Day) We pray for all who suffer or have died as a result of conflict or war. We ask for God's blessing on peacemakers and peacekeepers in this country and around the world, and that God protect and guide those who serve in the armed forces.

Thursday, November 12 We pray for women accused of witchcraft in Ghana who have found safety and freedom from stigma at the Presbyterian World Service & Development-supported Gambaga Outcast Home.

Friday, November 13 We pray for Lisa Baker who serves as the convener of the Inreach Committee for the Presbytery of Winnipeg.

Saturday, November 14 We pray for all students enrolled in the church's theological colleges as they seek to learn and grow in their faith.

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.

Watch your bulletins and emails, we are going to need a lot of help as we prepare for our Family Advent service and our Christmas Eve services. We will need help from our children, families and everyone else who would like to participate with us. Instructions will come soon for this unique style of worship!

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” today at noon 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 (DPADD5323@rogers.com) if you have any items to donate.

We have so many amazing prizes, there are too many to list: gift cards, gift baskets, soups, paintings, chocolate eclair, butter tarts, a private boat tour, a beautiful men’s coat, hand knit and crocheted items, and so on.

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

If you have any questions, please reach out to Joni or Donald.



Welcome to St. Andrew's Handcrafters' Market

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

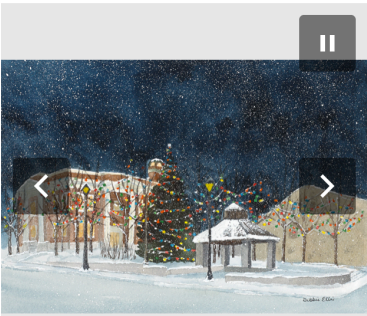
Handcrafters' Market Information

Artisans' Photos

About St. Andrew's



The list of vendors will be updated



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!

Amos 5:18-24

¹⁸ Alas for you who desire the day of the LORD!

Why do you want the day of the LORD?

It is darkness, not light;

¹⁹ as if someone fled from a lion,
and was met by a bear;

or went into the house and rested a hand
against the wall,

and was bitten by a snake.

²⁰ Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not
light,

and gloom with no brightness in it?

²¹ I hate, I despise your festivals,

and I take no delight in your solemn
assemblies.

²² Even though you offer me your burnt
offerings and grain offerings,

I will not accept them;

and the offerings of well-being of your fatted
animals

I will not look upon.

²³ Take away from me the noise of your
songs;

I will not listen to the melody of your
harps.

²⁴ But let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an ever-flowing
stream.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

¹³ But we do not want you to be uninformed,
brothers and sisters, about those who have
died, so that you may not grieve as others do
who have no hope. ¹⁴ For since we believe
that Jesus died and rose again, even so,
through Jesus, God will bring with him those
who have died. ¹⁵ For this we declare to you
by the word of the Lord, that we who are
alive, who are left until the coming of the
Lord, will by no means precede those who
have died. ¹⁶ For the Lord himself, with a cry

of command, with the archangel's call and
with the sound of God's trumpet, will
descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ
will rise first. ¹⁷ Then we who are alive, who
are left, will be caught up in the clouds
together with them to meet the Lord in the
air; and so we will be with the Lord
forever. ¹⁸ Therefore encourage one another
with these words.

Matthew 25:1-13

¹ "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like
this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and
went to meet the bridegroom. ² Five of them
were foolish, and five were wise. ³ When the
foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with
them; ⁴ but the wise took flasks of oil with
their lamps. ⁵ As the bridegroom was
delayed, all of them became drowsy and
slept. ⁶ But at midnight there was a shout,
'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to
meet him.' ⁷ Then all those bridesmaids got
up and trimmed their lamps. ⁸ The foolish
said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for
our lamps are going out.' ⁹ But the wise
replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you
and for us; you had better go to the dealers
and buy some for yourselves.' ¹⁰ And while
they went to buy it, the bridegroom came,
and those who were ready went with him
into the wedding banquet; and the door was
shut. ¹¹ Later the other bridesmaids came
also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' ¹² But he
replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know
you.' ¹³ Keep awake therefore, for you know
neither the day nor the hour.