

St. Andrew's Hespeler Presbyterian Church

January 10, 2021

Baptism of our Lord

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Order of Online Worship for January 10

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 on the website. The sanctuary is closed for in-person worship until January 26, 2021.

Call to worship

L: The time has come!

P: The time is now!

L: The reign of God has drawn near.

P: The kingdom of heaven is here.

L: Let us turn our lives around and accept the good news.

P: Let us hear and follow Christ who calls us to follow. We worship in his name.

Prayers of approach and confession

L: God of tenderness and strength, of possibility and power, on this first day of the week, you began creating, bringing light out of darkness and order out of chaos. On this first day of the week, you began your new creation, raising Christ out of the darkness of death and breathing new life into your world and your people. On this first day of the week, you call us to waken from our slumbers and gather in your holy name. We gather to listen and wonder, sing, pray, and be fed. You call us to be your instruments of hope in a hurting world, and so we gather to answer your call and bring you our prayer and praise.

L: Trusting in God's steadfast love, we offer our prayers of confession:

P: God of majesty and mercy, forgive our wrongdoing: things we have done knowingly,

things we have left undone, hurts we have inflicted unintentionally and hurts we have tried to disguise. Forgive our acts of selfishness, harmful things we have done to please others, and those done to please ourselves. In the week ahead and the year ahead, help us choose a better way.

L: Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Believe the good news of the Gospel! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and set free to make a new start.

P: Thanks be to God!

Responsive Reading Psalm 29

L: Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,

P: ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

L: Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name;

P: worship the LORD in holy splendour.

L: The voice of the LORD is over the waters;

P: the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over mighty waters.

L: The voice of the LORD is powerful;

P: the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.

L: The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars;

P: the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

L: He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,

P: and Sirion like a young wild ox.

L: The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire. The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

P: The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare; and in his temple all say, 'Glory!'

L: The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;

P: the LORD sits enthroned as king for ever.

L: May the LORD give strength to his people!

P: May the LORD bless his people with peace!

Ongoing life of the church

Scripture: Genesis 1:1-5, Mark 1:4-11 (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 Jan/Feb edition of Today is now here!
- The Dec-January edition of Our Daily Bread
- The winter issue of Presbyterian Connection!
- Printed copies of this bulletin each week.
- Printed copies of Scott's most recent sermon each week.



2021 Offering Envelopes are available. Please pick them up on the back pew. You can also come into the office during office hours to pick them up. If you need other arrangements, please call the office and we will try to make accommodations.

Sunday School News!

Our weekly recordings have begun again this Sunday. Please check the website, Facebook & Twitter to find the weekly lessons for each group. Also, check your mailboxes, Sunday School packages will be mailed to all of our Sunday School students in the next couple of weeks.

GivingTuesday Update!

We are extremely grateful for the way the community of St. Andrew's and beyond have come together to help make our *GivingTuesday* campaign so successful. We are pleased to say that this campaign raised \$16,250.51! Many thanks to everyone who donated in any way.

The ANNUAL MEETING is scheduled for Sunday, March 21st. Please mark your calendars!
You can begin submitting your reports to Paula at office@standrewshespeler.ca at any time.

Mission Moment – January 10, 2020

PCCWeb Presence for Congregations and Ministries

A website extends the ministry and mission of a congregation beyond church walls, giving members the ability to make the most of their church experience and allowing visitors the opportunity to learn more about a congregation. A great church website should share details about your congregation's ministry, highlight news and events, offer online worship services, and let people know about upcoming activities, mission projects and fundraisers. Your gifts to Presbyterians Sharing equip congregations and groups of the PCC with simple and easily maintained websites through PCCWeb—a free web hosting and technical support service provided by the Communications Office. To learn more, visit presbyterian.ca/pccweb.



Prayer Partnership

Sunday, January 10 We thank God for technical tools for worshipping and building community online, and for the people in our churches with the skills to help us use them well.

Monday, January 11 We give thanks for Presbyterian World Service & Development programs that bring sanitation aid to countries recovering from flooding.

Tuesday, January 12 We pray for leaders of Canadian churches gathering in the coming days, hosted by the Canadian Council of Churches, to support one another and share the experience of their important and challenging ministries.

Wednesday, January 13 We pray for the work of Cornerstone, an outreach ministry of the Presbytery of Niagara, and its minister, the Rev. Nicole Reid.

Thursday, January 14 We pray for members of the International Affairs Committee as they prepare the committee's report to the 2021 General Assembly.

Friday, January 15 We pray for wisdom and love for congregations supporting family members, friends and neighbours who wrestle with addiction.

Saturday, January 16 We pray for those who live and work in prisons, as well as for those who volunteer and work to bring God's Word of love and grace to these facilities

Today's Lectionary Readings

Genesis 1:1-5

¹ In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ² the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³ Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. ⁴ And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵ God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Acts 19:1-7

¹ While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the inland regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. ² He said to them, 'Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?' They replied, 'No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.' ³ Then he said, 'Into what then were you baptized?' They answered, 'Into John's baptism.' ⁴ Paul said, 'John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.' ⁵ On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶ When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied— ⁷ altogether there were about twelve of them.

Mark 1:4-11

⁴ John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵ And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the

river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶ Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷ He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸ I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'

⁹ In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰ And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹ And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'