

**St. Andrew's Hespeler  
Presbyterian Church  
February 7, 2021  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany  
PWS&D Sunday**

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Office Hours:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9am-12pm

**Order of Online Worship for February 7**

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 the province revises its orders. **This will be a communion service**, so please prepare communion elements (bread or crackers and wine or juice) before joining.

**Call to worship**

L: One: God has invited us to come.

**P: So we gather.**

L: God has spoken to the world.

**P: So we listen.**

L: God has given us glimpses of grace and mercy.

**P: So we wait and watch, longing for healing, eager for hope.**

L: God has been faithful to all generations.

**P: So we trust. And so we worship God, our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer..**

**Prayers of approach and confession**

L: Creator God, Source of all life, in you all creatures are connected and all creation redeemed and made new. Day by day you make yourself known to your people. In the beauty of the heavens we see your glory. In the bounty of the earth we know your generosity. In strength for our bodies and minds we experience your energy. Delighting in all that we have seen, known, and heard, we worship you, one God, Creator, Christ, and Spirit.

**P: Holy One, along with our praise, we offer you our confession. At times we forget what we**

**once knew of your love. Consumed by worry, we forget to trust you. Although we know you made us for a purpose, we choose our own ways. Discouragement seeps into our hearts in the cold of winter and we do not serve you with eagerness. We fail to speak out against injustice in our community. Forgive us. Renew our energy for your purposes. Raise us up on wings of faith. May we walk by your light and not grow weary. May we run and not faint. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.**

L: Dear friends, while it is true that we have all sinned, it is a greater truth that we are forgiven through God's love in Jesus Christ. To all who humbly seek the mercy of God I say, in Jesus Christ our sin is forgiven. Be at peace with God, with yourself and with one another.

**P: We will, as God helps us.**

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 splendor.**

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 forever.**

L: May the LORD give strength to his people!

**P: May the LORD bless his people with peace!**

Ongoing life of the church

Scripture: Matthew 7:1-12, 24-29 (see below)

Celebration of our Generosity

Celebration of Communion

- Invitation
- Presentation of the elements
- Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

- Sharing the elements together

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

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Special PWS&D Sunday Service: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OTI03FIZLMk>

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 arrange to get yours.



We are in the process of planning for Lent and Easter and we all know that is going to be different again this year. Plans will involve staying connected in different ways; a Zoom dinner and conversation, interactive participation in worship (look for information on Lenten packages or suggestions coming soon)



Please plan to join us for a Friendship Soup Dinner, via Zoom, on Sunday, February 21, 2021 at 6:00 pm. We will begin our Lenten Journey with a meal together. If you would let me know (Joni, [jsmith@standrewshespeler.ca](mailto:jsmith@standrewshespeler.ca)) I will arrange for a porch drop off or pick up for your "Friendship Soup in a jar." The idea is for us to all 'share' the same kind of dinner. This is an informal dinner meeting, a time to come together, share a meal and some conversation. Everyone is welcome to join us. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Who wants to have some fun? We will be hosting a **Scavenger Hunt** (suitable for everyone) on Saturday, February 13, 2021. Because we need to stay distanced this will be a PHOTO Scavenger Hunt. Photo proof will need to be submitted on February 13, so hopefully you have a way to take photos and send them in. There will be prizes, too! For complete directions or any information and to sign up, please contact Joni ([jsmith@standrewshespeler.ca](mailto:jsmith@standrewshespeler.ca)). On Sunday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, 10:50 (ish) am, we will stay on or join the worship zoom (and in person if allowed at that time), watch a fun slideshow and announce our winners.

Don't forget that we are still able to order gift cards from **Fundscrip**. This is a really easy way to support St. Andrew's. For information, please contact Laura @ [fundscrip@standrewshespeler.ca](mailto:fundscrip@standrewshespeler.ca).

Because of the new Stay-At-Home protocols, Paula will be in the office on Monday mornings only. She will work from home on the other days. If you need to reach her, please send an email, or call the church and leave a message, and she will get back to you.

The ANNUAL MEETING is scheduled for Sunday, March 21<sup>st</sup>. Please mark your calendars! You can begin submitting your reports to Paula at [office@standrewshespeler.ca](mailto:office@standrewshespeler.ca) at any time.

During the Auction last fall, our minister put a sermon topic up for auction. The winning bidder would be able to choose the sermon topic or title of his/her choice. That item was won by Andy Cann, who has requested a sermon on "Storms" (How to survive them. How to come out of them stronger.) That is today's sermon – brought to you by Andy Cann. Thanks, Andy!



## Mission Moment – February 7, 2021

### PWS&D Sunday

Inspired by God's promise of abundant life, Presbyterian World Service & Development (PWS&D) envisions a sustainable, compassionate and just world. On PWS&D Sunday, we celebrate and reflect on the work our church is doing to ensure vulnerable communities around the world are able to improve their quality of life. From responding to emergencies to helping people access nutritious food, clean water, adequate health care and quality education, PWS&D is helping people thrive. Through the generous support of individuals and congregations, and in collaboration with global partners, we respond together.



## Prayer Partnership

**Sunday, February 7 (PWS&D Sunday)** We give thanks for congregations and individuals who continue to generously support the work Presbyterian World Service & Development is doing to bring abundant life for all.

**Monday, February 8** We pray for The Presbyterian Church in Canada's staff as they work to carry out the decisions of the General Assembly and support the church's mission in the world.

**Tuesday, February 9** We pray for those doing interim or transitional ministry, and for the congregations they are serving, that God will work with them to bring healing, new hope and renewed vision.

**Wednesday, February 10** We pray for Sylvia Haddad, Director of the Joint Christian Committee for Social Service, as she supports Palestinian and Syrian refugees in Lebanon.

**Thursday, February 11** We pray for those offering congregational and mission outreach programs and for those who receive food and clothing from them. May they all experience the love of Christ through these caring initiatives.

**Friday, February 12** Today is the anniversary of the publication of the PCC's letter of repentance for how it has treated LGBTQI people. We pray for those harmed by homophobia and ask for God's guidance in becoming a more inclusive and whole church.

**Saturday, February 13** We pray for Captain Gavin Robertson, who serves as a reserve force military chaplain in Trail, B.C., and for his ministry of presence with the diverse communities that are part of the Canadian Armed Forces.

## Today's Lectionary Readings

Mark 4:35-41

<sup>35</sup> On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." <sup>36</sup> And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. <sup>37</sup> A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. <sup>38</sup> But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" <sup>39</sup> He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. <sup>40</sup> He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" <sup>41</sup> And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

<sup>16</sup> If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe betide me if I do not proclaim the gospel! <sup>17</sup> For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. <sup>18</sup> What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel.

<sup>19</sup> For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. <sup>20</sup> To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. <sup>21</sup> To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. <sup>22</sup> To

the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, so that I might by any means save some. <sup>23</sup> I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

Matthew 7:1-12, 24-29

<sup>1</sup> 'Do not judge, so that you may not be judged. <sup>2</sup> For with the judgement you make you will be judged, and the measure you give will be the measure you get. <sup>3</sup> Why do you see the speck in your neighbour's eye, but do not notice the log in your own eye? <sup>4</sup> Or how can you say to your neighbour, "Let me take the speck out of your eye", while the log is in your own eye? <sup>5</sup> You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your neighbour's eye.

<sup>6</sup> 'Do not give what is holy to dogs; and do not throw your pearls before swine, or they will trample them under foot and turn and maul you.

<sup>7</sup> 'Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. <sup>8</sup> For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. <sup>9</sup> Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for bread, will give a stone? <sup>10</sup> Or if the child asks for a fish, will give a snake? <sup>11</sup> If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good things to those who ask him!

<sup>12</sup> 'In everything do to others as you would have them do to you; for this is the law and the prophets.

<sup>24</sup> 'Everyone then who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. <sup>25</sup> The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on

that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on rock. <sup>26</sup> And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on sand. <sup>27</sup> The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell—and great was its fall!

<sup>28</sup> Now when Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were astounded at his teaching, <sup>29</sup> for he taught them as one having authority, and not as their scribes.