

# St. Andrew's Hespeler Presbyterian Church

## March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021

### 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent

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Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9am-12pm

#### Order of Online Worship for March 21

We'll meet online for as long as people want to stay on at 10 am. The service will be followed by the Annual General Meeting. **Please bring your homemade heart!** The link will be posted on the website. The sanctuary is presently closed for in-person worship.

#### Call to worship

L: Come, all who desire to know God.

**P: Come, all who yearn to see Jesus.**

L: Come, all who thirst for the Spirit.

**P: God is in our midst this day.**

L: So let us praise God's holy name.

**P: We will worship God with heart, mind, strength and soul, and declare God's goodness to us.**

#### Prayers of approach and confession

L: Creating God, loving Son, guiding Spirit, with springtime sun and the promise of new life, you wake us from our slumbers. We glorify your name for you are faithful to us through every season of the year and every season of life. We are grateful for your patience and persistence, drawing near to us even through the times we cannot draw near each other. Your promise of hope in Jesus Christ, drawing life out of the grip of death, means so much to us. Even as his cross looms on the horizon in this season of Lent, we praise you for Jesus' courage and compassion which bring renewal to us in the midst of our challenges. We praise you, O God, for the love that never lets us go.

**P: Jesus, our friend and Saviour, as we ponder your sacrifice, we recognize the self-centred**

**ways in which we lead our lives. You entrust us with the task of sharing your love in this world, yet we often we fall short. We get lost in our own plans and worries and neglect to show love, even to those right beside us. We find some people too difficult to care for. We think some people unworthy of your love and ours. Our own needs seem insurmountable and we cannot reach out to someone else. Forgive us, Lord Jesus. Renew a right spirit within us, so that we find the courage to go on and the compassion to reach out in your name. Amen.**

L: Jesus said, come to me all you who labour and are heavy laden and I will give you rest.

Friends, trust that peace and forgiveness are God's gifts to you this day. Be renewed by the power of the Spirit that moves with you into each new day.

**P: Amen, thanks be to God!**

Responsive Psalm 119:9-16

L: How can young people keep their way pure?

**P: By guarding it according to your word.**

L: With my whole heart I seek you; do not let me stray from your commandments.

**P: I treasure your word in my heart, so that I may not sin against you.**

L: Blessed are you, O LORD; teach me your statutes.

**P: With my lips I declare all the ordinances of your mouth.**

L: I delight in the way of your decrees as much as in all riches.

**P: I will meditate on your precepts, and fix my eyes on your ways.**

L: I will delight in your statutes;

**P: I will not forget your word.**

Ongoing life of the church

Scripture: (other lectionary readings below)

Jeremiah 31:31-34

<sup>31</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup>It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. <sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup>No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, 'Know the LORD', for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

John 12:20-33

<sup>20</sup>Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. <sup>21</sup>They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.' <sup>22</sup>Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. <sup>23</sup>Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup>Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains

just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. <sup>25</sup>Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup>Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour.

<sup>27</sup>'Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—"Father, save me from this hour"? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. <sup>28</sup>Father, glorify your name.' Then a voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' <sup>29</sup>The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, 'An angel has spoken to him.' <sup>30</sup>Jesus answered, 'This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. <sup>31</sup>Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. <sup>32</sup>And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.' <sup>33</sup>He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

Celebration of our Generosity

Sermon: "I will write it on their hearts"



Spiritual Exercise: Writing Torah on our Hearts

Prayers of the people (using chat to share requests)

Benediction

**ANNUAL MEETING**  
- Virtual! -

The **ANNUAL MEETING** is **TODAY!** It will be online only following the morning worship service.

Please stay on Zoom to attend!

Annual Reports are available for pickup at the church. The Report is also posted on the Web Page.

We are celebrating Lent a little bit differently this year (just like we are doing many things differently). Each Sunday service will include a small spiritual exercise based on an object in one of the Scripture readings of the day. We invite everyone to participate by making or drawing the object of the day. Set up a little Lenten corner or bulletin board or fridge door, in your house to collect these objects during the season. A Lenten booklet is posted on the website to help everyone participate in this year's Lenten Exercises.



The object for next week is a **Palm Branch and Laurel Crown** so please try to bring some kind of homemade palm and crown for next Sunday's service.

Each week a package is delivered to our families with supplies & instructions to make that week's object. **All children are invited to pop onto our zoom Worship at 10:00 am to share their creations with everyone.**



Week 5 of our Interactive Lent Garden will be posted on our website on Saturday evening, 7:00 pm. This is a wonderful activity for anyone and everyone to do. You can find music, recipes, bible readings, stories and many other interesting things to do throughout the week.

Our Sunday School classes remain online. This week will look quite different. There will now be one interactive slide that will include all three groups. This slide will now be posted on Saturday mornings, on our website. If anyone is curious about what Sunday School might look like, please check it out!



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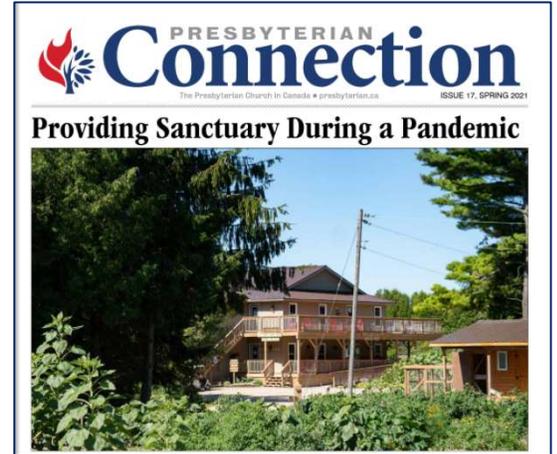
*Paula will be in the office on Monday and Friday mornings only. She will work from home on Wednesday. If you need to reach her, please send an email, or call the church to leave a message and she will get back to you.*

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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 March/April edition of Today
- The March/April/May edition of Our Daily Bread
- The spring edition 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.



If you are interested in how the PWS&D are responding to and helping those in need, check out their latest Covid Response video at [www.presbyterian.ca/pwsd](http://www.presbyterian.ca/pwsd)

## Other Lectionary Readings

Hebrews 5:5-10

<sup>5</sup> So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

‘You are my Son,

today I have begotten you’;

<sup>6</sup> as he says also in another place,

‘You are a priest for ever,

according to the order of Melchizedek.’

<sup>7</sup> In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. <sup>8</sup> Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; <sup>9</sup> and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, <sup>10</sup> having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

## Mission Moment – March 21, 2021

### Summer Student's Virtual Ministry

Presbyterians Sharing provides financial assistance for seminary students to gain ministry experience by serving in rural and remote congregations across the country. Last summer, Samuel Andri, a student from the Vancouver School of Theology, served in the Synod of Saskatchewan. Due to COVID-19, Samuel led online worship and helped deliver a Vacation Bible School program virtually. Though his responsibilities were fulfilled online instead of in person, it did not make his experience any less meaningful. When asked about his summer experience, Samuel said, "I am forever grateful for the opportunity to reflect on what it means to serve God in more rural areas of Canada and to reflect on the beauty of serving God in a more close-knit community even through online platforms."



## Prayer Partnership

### Sunday, March 21 (International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination)

Holy God, Creator of all, we pray for courage to live lives of truth, reconciliation and healing, to face our complicity in perpetuating racism, and to work towards eliminating racial prejudice and injustice so that all your world can live in harmony.

**Monday, March 22 (World Water Day)** We give thanks to God for the gift of safe, clean water.

**Tuesday, March 23** We give thanks for people and projects that help provide access to safe water and sanitation for vulnerable communities in Canada and abroad.

**Wednesday, March 24** We pray for the treasurers of congregations who work hard all year to keep the financial books in order.

**Thursday, March 25** We pray for members of the Assembly Council Design Team and Assembly Office staff as they prepare in new ways for the 2021 General Assembly.

**Friday, March 26** We pray for the ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Cape Breton in N.S.

**Saturday, March 27** We pray for Jewish families and communities celebrating Passover.