

# St. Andrew's Hespeler Presbyterian Church

## April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021

### Easter Sunday!

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#### Order of Online Worship for April 4

We will meet online for as long as people want to stay on at 10 am. **Please prepare communion elements ("bread" & "wine") as we will be taking communion together.** The link will be posted on the website. The sanctuary is presently closed for in-person worship.

#### Call to worship

L: O Day of Resurrection, let us shine with joy!

**P: Christ has led us from death to life.**

L: O Day of Resurrection, let us live with hope!

**P: Christ has led us from earth to heaven.**

L: Christ has risen from the dead.

**P: He has risen indeed.**

L: Hallelujah!

**P: Hallelujah, this day and always!**

#### Prayers of approach and confession

L: God of life and love, maker of all things visible and invisible; on the first day of creation, you spoke, and out of chaos came life; out of darkness came light. On the first day of the week, you raised Christ from the tomb, and out of death came new life. On the first day of this week, you call us to gather in Christ's name, to rejoice in the power of resurrection and claim your gift of new life in the Spirit. Blessing and honour and glory and power be unto you, O God, Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit, this day and always.

L: Trusting in the power of God to make all things new, let us confess our sins before God and one another:

**P: Almighty God, you raised Jesus from the grave, and shattered the power of sin and death. But we confess that we remain**

**captive to fear, and bound to habits that hold us back from enjoying new life in Christ. Indifference deadens our hearts, and we seek comfort rather than justice. We cling to hurt, resentment, and disappointment and refuse the freedom that comes with forgiveness. Forgive us, O God, and restore us to the joy and new possibility promised to us in Christ, our Risen Lord. Amen.**

L: Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn us? Only Christ—and Christ died for us; Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and set free by God's generous grace.

**P: Thanks be to God!**

Hymn # 243 Jesus Christ is risen today (Alexis Smith)

Responsive Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

L: O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures for ever! Let Israel say,

**P: 'His steadfast love endures for ever.'**

L: The LORD is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation. There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:

**P: 'The right hand of the LORD does valiantly; the right hand of the LORD is exalted; the right hand of the LORD does valiantly.'**

L: I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the LORD. The LORD has punished me severely, but he did not give me over to death. Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

**P: This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.**

L: I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

**P: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.**

L: This is the LORD's doing;

**P: it is marvellous in our eyes.**

L: This is the day that the LORD has made;

**P: let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Ongoing life of the church

Scripture: (other lectionary readings below)

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

<sup>1</sup> Now I should remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, <sup>2</sup> through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

<sup>3</sup> For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>4</sup> and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>5</sup> and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. <sup>6</sup> Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. <sup>7</sup> Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. <sup>8</sup> Last of all, as to someone untimely born, he appeared also to me. <sup>9</sup> For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. <sup>10</sup> But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace towards me has not been in vain.

On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. <sup>11</sup> Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

Mark 16:1-8

<sup>1</sup> When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. <sup>2</sup> And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. <sup>3</sup> They had been saying to one another, 'Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?' <sup>4</sup> When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. <sup>5</sup> As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. <sup>6</sup> But he said to them, 'Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. <sup>7</sup> But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.' <sup>8</sup> So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Solo: Gigue by Bach (Zoé McAndless)

Celebration of our Generosity

Sermon: "They said nothing to anyone for they were afraid."



Hymn #249 The day of Resurrection (Zoé McAndless)

## Celebration of Communion

- Invitation
- Presentation of the elements
- Prayer of Thanksgiving
- Institution
- Epiclesis
- Sacrifice

Prayers of the people (using chat to share requests)

Benediction



Our Sunday School classes remain online. There is now 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!

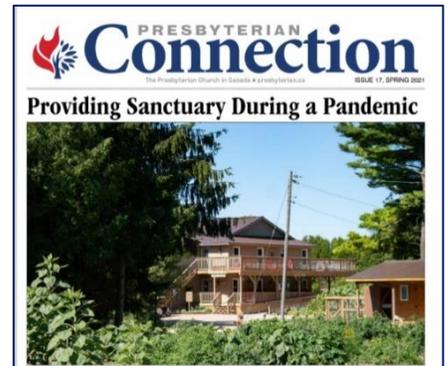


**Attention Youth!** Check your emails this week for a doodle poll. We are going to get together on Zoom to have a chance to catch up and have a fun game of (like) Jeopardy!

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.

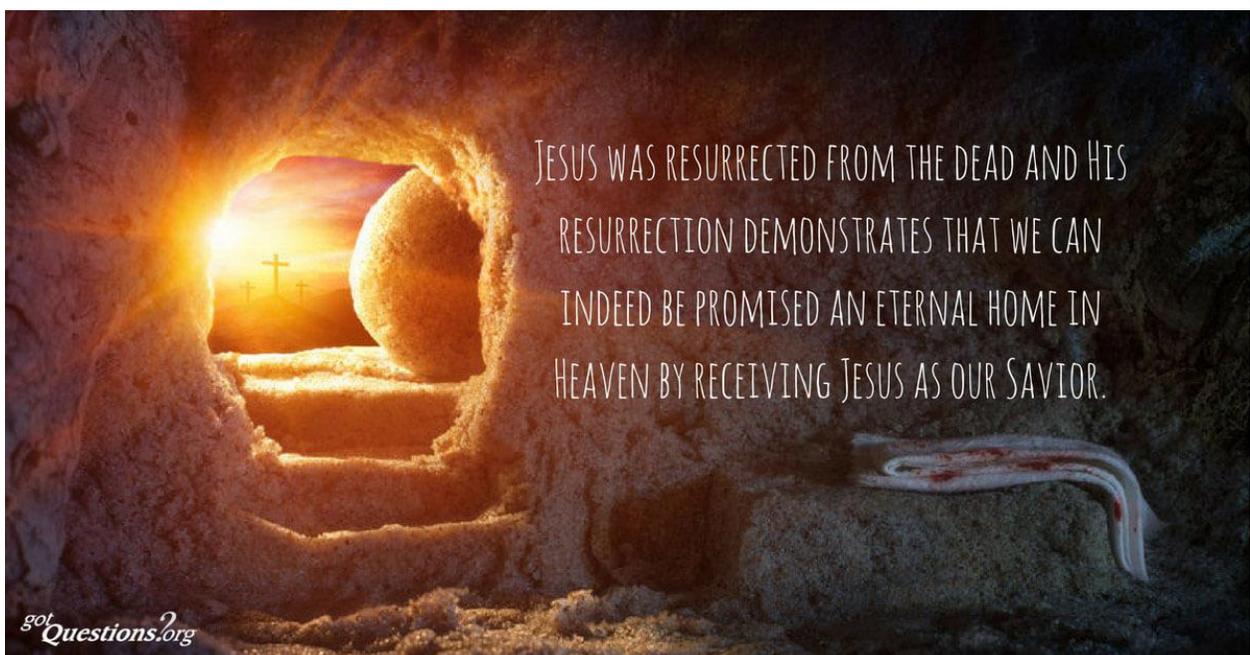


### Other Lectionary Readings

Acts 10:34-43

<sup>34</sup> Then Peter began to speak to them: ‘I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup> but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup> You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup> That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup> how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was

with him. <sup>39</sup> We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; <sup>40</sup> but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup> not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup> He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup> All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.’



## Mission Moment - April 4, 2021

### Nourishing Body, Mind and Spirit

Food is central to fellowship, providing both physical and emotional nourishment. Not surprisingly, some of the ministries supported by gifts to Presbyterians Sharing share God's love through food. The Raw Carrot Soup Enterprise in Hamilton, Ont., provides nourishment with their homemade soup, while giving meaningful employment to people with disabilities and mental health illnesses. Cooking and nutrition workshops at Tyndale St-Georges Community Centre in Montreal, Que., help parents of young children open up as they discuss the challenges of parenting. Besides providing lunches at their drop-in centre, Kenora Fellowship Centre in Kenora, Ont., hosts a monthly Elder's Breakfast to show respect and care for elderly patrons, many of whom are survivors of Indian Residential Schools. These ministries are sharing the love of Christ through hospitality.



## Prayer Partnership

**Sunday, April 4 (Easter Sunday)** God's love has given us new life and hope. By love, for love, Christ is risen! In love we proclaim: Christ is risen indeed! Hallelujah!

**Monday, April 5 (Easter Monday)** We pray that we will be filled with the joy of Easter, and live our lives in response to God's abundant grace.

**Tuesday, April 6** We pray for people who are questioning their gender identity or sexual orientation. May they be supported by their families and communities through their discernment and self-discovery.

**Wednesday, April 7** We pray for Presbyterian World Service & Development partners walking hand-in-hand with those suffering from tuberculosis, HIV, leprosy and malaria as they journey to health and well-being.

**Thursday, April 8** We give thanks for those who have been nominated to serve on the committees of the General Assembly and for the Committee to Nominate Standing Committees as they prepare a slate of nominees for the 2021 General Assembly.

**Friday, April 9** We pray for colleague covenant groups and clergy support groups as they support one another and develop healthy perspectives for themselves and their ministries.

**Saturday, April 10** We pray for Lay Training Centres of the Presbyterian Church of Ghana (Nsaba, Tamale, Ramseyer) as they train and equip ordained and lay leaders.