

**St. Andrew's Hespeler  
Presbyterian Church  
August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

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Office Hours:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9am-12pm



**Order of Online Worship for August 29.** We will meet online for as long as people want to stay at 10 am. The link will be posted on the website. Services are primarily focused on the online presence for the moment, but people may also attend in the sanctuary if they wish, with masking and social distancing still required.

**Call to Worship**

L: A word of encouragement came from prophet to people;

**P: Live a life that is full – build, plant, eat, love, multiply--**

L: Pray for your communities

**P: Keep God in the center of all that is.**

L: We enter into worship today with hope in our hearts

**P: For something happens here that reminds us that we can live as God desires**

L: God has made a promise of faithfulness to us

**P: and we can trust the promise.**

**Prayer of Adoration and Confession**

L: God of storms and rainbows,  
God of rain and sunshine,  
God of all creation we worship and adore you.

We gaze in wonder at the beauty of your creation  
and marvel at stormy skies transformed with the vibrant colours of a rainbow.  
Like Noah and his family,  
we praise you for this everlasting sign of your love and care  
for the whole creation in your desire to preserve and not destroy life.

And at Jesus' baptism,  
the sky again revealed your love  
when you identified him as your beloved Son,  
strengthening him with the same Spirit  
who empowers and strengthens each of us.

For all these assurances of your love for us  
and for the whole creation,  
we praise and worship you, O God,  
in the power of the Holy Spirit  
and in the name of Jesus Christ,  
our Saviour and Lord. Amen.

**P: God of the rainbow,  
you made a covenant with all creatures,  
promising life and hope.  
God of pathways,  
you show us how we should walk.  
Yet we forget our connection with one another  
and think that we are the center of the universe.  
We wander from your paths of truth  
into paths of deceit and pride.  
Forgive us and lead us back  
into the arms of your love. Amen.**

## Responsive Psalm 71:14-18

L: As for me, I shall always have hope;  
I will praise you more and more.

**P: My mouth will tell of your righteous deeds,  
of your saving acts all day long – though I  
know not how to relate them all.**

L: I will come and proclaim your mighty acts,  
Sovereign Lord; I will proclaim your righteous  
deeds, yours alone.

**P: Since my youth, God, you have taught me,  
and to this day I declare your marvellous  
deeds.**

L: Even when I am old and grey, do not forsake  
me, my God, till I declare your power to the  
next generation, your mighty acts to all who  
are to come.

Ongoing life of the church

Scripture: (lectionary readings below)

### Genesis 6: 9-22

<sup>9</sup> These are the descendants of Noah. Noah was  
a righteous man, blameless in his generation;  
Noah walked with God. <sup>10</sup> And Noah had three  
sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

<sup>11</sup> Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight, and  
the earth was filled with violence. <sup>12</sup> And God  
saw that the earth was corrupt; for all flesh had  
corrupted its ways upon the earth. <sup>13</sup> And God  
said to Noah, "I have determined to make an  
end of all flesh, for the earth is filled with  
violence because of them; now I am going to  
destroy them along with the earth. <sup>14</sup> Make  
yourself an ark of cypress<sup>(b)</sup> wood; make rooms in  
the ark, and cover it inside and out with

pitch. <sup>15</sup> This is how you are to make it: the  
length of the ark three hundred cubits, its width  
fifty cubits, and its height thirty cubits. <sup>16</sup> Make a  
roof<sup>(b)</sup> for the ark, and finish it to a cubit above;  
and put the door of the ark in its side; make it  
with lower, second, and third decks. <sup>17</sup> For my  
part, I am going to bring a flood of waters on  
the earth, to destroy from under heaven all flesh  
in which is the breath of life; everything that is  
on the earth shall die. <sup>18</sup> But I will establish my  
covenant with you; and you shall come into the  
ark, you, your sons, your wife, and your sons'  
wives with you. <sup>19</sup> And of every living thing, of all  
flesh, you shall bring two of every kind into the  
ark, to keep them alive with you; they shall be  
male and female. <sup>20</sup> Of the birds according to  
their kinds, and of the animals according to their  
kinds, of every creeping thing of the ground  
according to its kind, two of every kind shall  
come in to you, to keep them alive. <sup>21</sup> Also take  
with you every kind of food that is eaten, and  
store it up; and it shall serve as food for you and  
for them." <sup>22</sup> Noah did this; he did all that God  
commanded him.

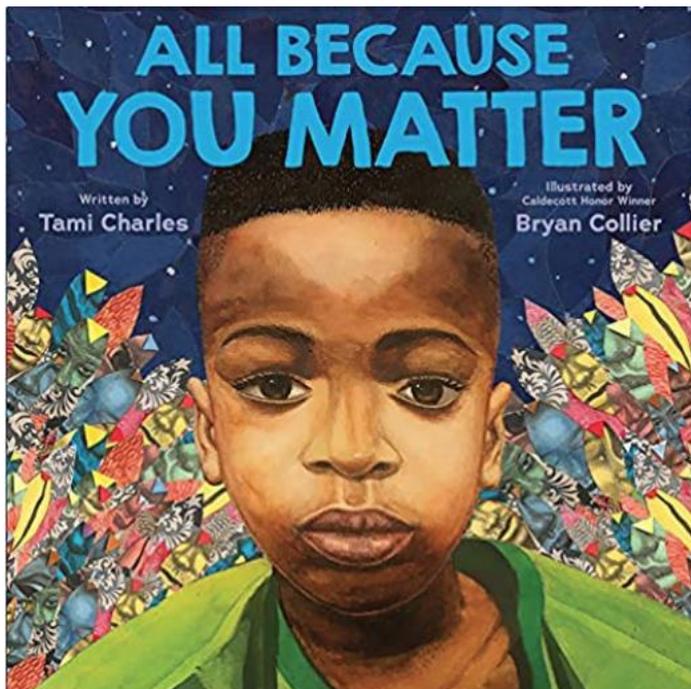
Celebration of our Generosity

Message: If We Built It...

Musical Response: Just a Little Talk with Jesus

Prayers of the people (using chat to share  
requests)

Benediction

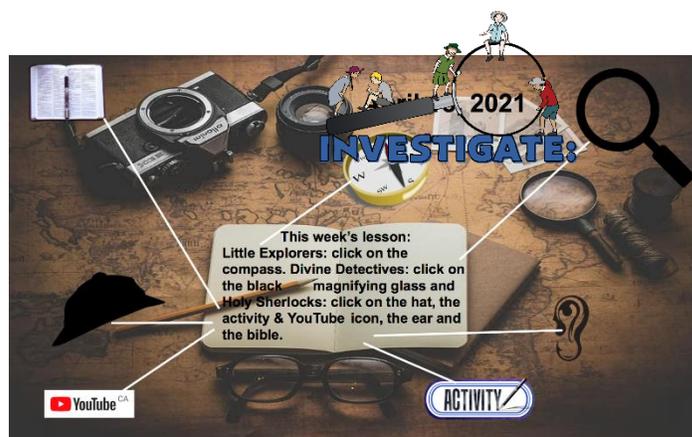


The Christian Education Committee is supporting the development of “Faith @ Home” boxes for our children and families (they will also be available for grandparents). These boxes will contain resources to help facilitate important conversations about God and social justice. Also provided in the boxes will be bibles and resources to help children and families follow along with our online Sunday School classes. We recognize that not all families are able to worship with us on Sunday mornings so this will provide opportunities for families to have some flexibility and also be a part of our church community.

The cost of these boxes is significant so we have developed a wish list on Amazon.ca. If you would like to support this exciting new program you can use the QR code or this link: [https://www.amazon.ca/hz/wishlist/ls/1DON0AMOOZIKF?ref\\_=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.ca/hz/wishlist/ls/1DON0AMOOZIKF?ref_=wl_share)



If you have any questions, please speak with Joni Smith (jsmith@standrewshespeler.ca). Thank you for your support.



The start up of our Children’s Ministries will begin in early September. To begin with this will be online again. I need your help. Would you be willing to record a scripture reading or story (all provided, once the schedule is made) to be added to our weekly Google Classroom? This is a wonderful opportunity to help our children stay connected with several people in our church family. If you don’t have a way to record (audio or audio/visual) we can make arrangements for the recording to be done at church. If you can help out with this please contact Joni (jsmith@standrewshespeler.ca)

## Upcoming Events:

- The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated on Sunday, September 12 (not the 5<sup>th</sup>)
- St. Andrew's annual Dream Auction will be held online again this year, from September 27 – October 2. Please think about how you might be able to contribute to the items to be auctioned off AND mark October 2 on your calendar because you won't want to miss out on the final bidding fun! We now have donations of hand knit mittens, hats and scarves and "Crooked Label wine."

### Summer Services

Throughout the summer, we will maintain our primary focus on online services. Thanks to changes in government restrictions, we can allow people back into the sanctuary for worship so you may come, if you choose, and be in the sanctuary while the online service is being broadcast. Social distancing and masks are still required, of course.

Rev. Scott will take some vacation time for the last four weeks of August. We've been very fortunate to find two great preachers for those Sundays: recent seminary grad, **Paula Rumbolt** and Clerk of Session, **Steve Marsh**.

### Pastoral Care

Rev. Scott will be on vacation for the remainder of August. If you are in urgent need of pastoral assistance, you may contact the **Rev. Bill Bynum of Knox Preston Presbyterian Church**. Phone: 519-616-9252. Email: [knoxpreston@rogers.com](mailto:knoxpreston@rogers.com). Church phone: 519-653-6691. Many thanks to Rev. Bill for his help this week.

There is some **good news** about pastoral care. The Cambridge Hospital is now allowing clergy visits for patients! Unfortunately, there is not yet a way for visiting clergy to look up on the list to see who might be in the hospital so, if you would like to request a hospital visit for a loved one, please do call the church to let us know that they are in the hospital.

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 Summer 2021 Newsletter
- The July/August edition of Today
- The June/July/August edition of Our Daily Bread
- The summer edition of Presbyterian Connection
- Printed copies of this bulletin each week.
- Printed copies of the most recent sermon each week.

## Lectionary Readings

**James 1:17-27** <sup>17</sup> Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. <sup>18</sup> In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

<sup>19</sup> You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; <sup>20</sup> for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. <sup>21</sup> Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

<sup>22</sup> But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. <sup>23</sup> For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; <sup>24</sup> for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. <sup>25</sup> But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

<sup>26</sup> If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. <sup>27</sup> Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

**Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-22** <sup>1</sup> The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

<sup>2</sup> As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

"See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,  
who will prepare your way;

<sup>3</sup> the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight,'"

<sup>4</sup> John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup> 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. <sup>6</sup> Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup> 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. <sup>8</sup> I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

<sup>14</sup> Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, <sup>15</sup> and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

<sup>21</sup> They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. <sup>22</sup> They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.

## Mission Moment – August 29, 2021

### Teamwork Guarantees Thriving Farm

In Guatemala, Celedonia Félix was in charge of her family's farm, performing most of the agricultural and livestock work. But Celedonia was feeling overwhelmed, and the family's farm was starting to suffer. One day she attended an agriculture training workshop provided by Presbyterian World Service & Development's local partner. At the workshop, the mother of seven learned the importance of working as a team. Sharing what she learned with her husband, the two started to work together on their land. Eventually, the couple's children also started to help out. Today, the family jointly carries out activities such as planting, separating husks and harvesting. For Celedonia, "teamwork is the key to success, and preserving family harmony and happiness."



## Prayer Partnership

**Sunday, August 29** We pray for farmers in Guatemala who are learning how to prepare the new food they grow with support from Presbyterian World Service & Development partners.

**Monday, August 30** We pray for the candidates for ministry and guidance counsellors who will gather to engage in dialogue and reflection about vocation and discernment during Guidance Conference this week.

**Tuesday, August 31** We pray that people experiencing isolation, mental health challenges and suicidal thoughts will feel a strong sense of God's presence, comfort and healing.

**Wednesday, September 1** We give thanks and pray for the WMS members planning the National Presbyterian Women's Gathering in 2022. May this event bring people together to celebrate and praise God.

**Thursday, September 2** We pray for Leading with Care committees that seek to make churches, missions and camps safe places.

**Friday, September 3** We pray for impoverished communities in Nicaragua and give thanks for the Presbyterian World Service & Development partners who are teaching these communities about proper nutrition to support long-term health.

**Saturday, September 4** We pray that all people experience autonomy and agency, and that workplaces are free from fear and discrimination.