

**St. Andrew's Hespeler  
Presbyterian Church  
September 12, 2021  
16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

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Office Hours:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9am-12pm



**Order of Online Worship for September 12.** 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. This will be a communion service and so we ask everyone who will participate to prepare bread and wine (or substitutes) for the service. If you come to the sanctuary, please bring them with you.

**Call to worship**

L: Come, people of God, worship the One who listens to our prayers.

**P: We will worship the One who hears us.**

L: Come, people of God, worship the One who watches over us.

**P: We will worship the One who cares deeply for us all.**

L: Come, people of God, worship the One who offered his life for us.

**P: We will offer thanks and praise to the One who gives us life.**

Prayer of Approach and Confession

L: Living God, artist of the changing skies, builder of the steadfast earth, Lively Christ, born to walk life's journey with us, Spirit of life, always moving in us and among us, Your presence surrounds us here and everywhere we go. Your purpose holds the world in its place; Your imagination engages us each step of the way. In our time of worship, show us how we can serve you, and open our imaginations to the future you create, for we seek your guidance and your grace now and always. Amen.

**P: God of time and eternity, we confess that we have long memories, especially for things**

**that hurt us, for moments we resent or regret. Week by week we seek your forgiveness for our mistakes, but we confess we do not forgive others so faithfully. Sometimes we seek opportunity to even the score. Confront us with your mercy, O God, and open our hearts to its cleansing power.**

L: From now on, St. Paul declared, we regard no one from a human point of view. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation. Everything old has passed away; and everything has become new. Through Christ God has reconciled us and given us a ministry of reconciliation.

**P: Thanks be to God that we can all make a new start, this day and every day!**

Hymn: #321 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, who rules all creation.

My soul, praise God who alone is your health and salvation.

Come, all who hear, sisters and brothers draw near,  
joining in glad adoration.

2. Praise to the Lord, who in all things so wondrously reigning

hides you with sheltering wings, ever gently sustaining.

Have you not seen how your heart's wishes have been granted through God's kind ordaining?

3. Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work, who defends you; surely God's merciful goodness here daily attends you; ponder anew what the Almighty can do, when in great love God befriends you.

4. Praise to the Lord, and with all that is in me adoring, all who have life and breath, come with glad praises outpouring! Let the Amen sound from God's people again: now and forever adoring!

#### **Responsive Psalm 19**

L: The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

**P: Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.**

L: There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard;

**P: yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.**

L: In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun, which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and like a strong man runs its course with joy.

**P: Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them; and nothing is hidden from its heat.**

L: The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple;

**P: the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eyes;**

L: the fear of the LORD is pure, enduring for ever; the ordinances of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

**P: More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.**

L: Moreover by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward. But who can detect their errors?

**P: Clear me from hidden faults. Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.**

Ongoing life of the church

Scripture: (other lectionary readings below)

Proverbs 1:20-33

<sup>20</sup> Wisdom cries out in the street;  
in the squares she raises her voice.

<sup>21</sup> At the busiest corner she cries out;  
at the entrance of the city gates she speaks:

<sup>22</sup> 'How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple?

How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing  
and fools hate knowledge?

<sup>23</sup> Give heed to my reproof;  
I will pour out my thoughts to you;  
I will make my words known to you.

<sup>24</sup> Because I have called and you refused,  
have stretched out my hand and no one heeded,

<sup>25</sup> and because you have ignored all my counsel  
and would have none of my reproof,

<sup>26</sup> I also will laugh at your calamity;  
I will mock when panic strikes you,

<sup>27</sup> when panic strikes you like a storm,  
and your calamity comes like a whirlwind,  
when distress and anguish come upon you.

<sup>28</sup> Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer;

they will seek me diligently, but will not find me.

<sup>29</sup> Because they hated knowledge  
and did not choose the fear of the LORD,

<sup>30</sup> would have none of my counsel,

and despised all my reproof,  
<sup>31</sup> therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way  
and be sated with their own devices.  
<sup>32</sup> For waywardness kills the simple,  
and the complacency of fools destroys  
them;  
<sup>33</sup> but those who listen to me will be secure  
and will live at ease, without dread of  
disaster.'

Mark 8:27-38

<sup>27</sup> Jesus went on with his disciples to the  
villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he  
asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that I  
am?' <sup>28</sup> And they answered him, 'John the  
Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one  
of the prophets.' <sup>29</sup> He asked them, 'But who do  
you say that I am?' Peter answered him, 'You are  
the Messiah.' <sup>30</sup> And he sternly ordered them not  
to tell anyone about him.

<sup>31</sup> Then he began to teach them that the Son  
of Man must undergo great suffering, and be  
rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the  
scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise  
again. <sup>32</sup> He said all this quite openly. And Peter  
took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup> But  
turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked  
Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you  
are setting your mind not on divine things but on  
human things.'

<sup>34</sup> He called the crowd with his disciples, and  
said to them, 'If any want to become my  
followers, let them deny themselves and take up  
their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup> For those who want  
to save their life will lose it, and those who lose  
their life for my sake, and for the sake of the

gospel, will save it. <sup>36</sup> For what will it profit them  
to gain the whole world and forfeit their  
life? <sup>37</sup> Indeed, what can they give in return for  
their life? <sup>38</sup> Those who are ashamed of me and  
of my words in this adulterous and sinful  
generation, of them the Son of Man will also be  
ashamed when he comes in the glory of his  
Father with the holy angels.'

Offertory:

Martin Bohl

Celebration of our Generosity

Celebration of Communion

- Invitation
- Presentation of Elements
- Great Prayer of Thanksgiving
- Words of Institution
- Epiclesis
- Sharing the Bread Wine

Message: "Who do **you** say I am?"



Prayers of the people (using chat to share  
requests)

Benediction



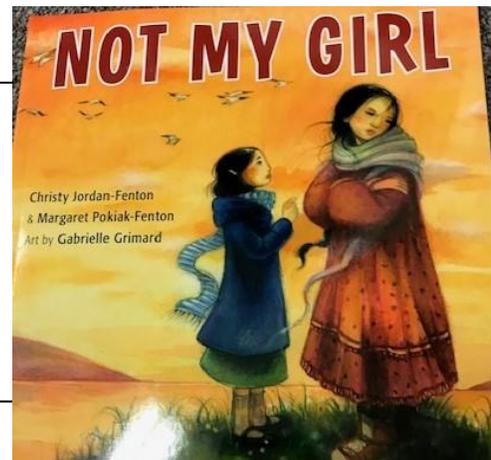
**Today we celebrate communion.**

Please make sure to prepare  
communion elements (bread and  
wine) and bring it with you if you come  
into the sanctuary.



This year for Orange Shirt Day, September 30, 2021, your Christian Education Committee would like to encourage you to take the time to learn more about Residential Schools and the Truth & Reconciliation. The Woodland Cultural Centre. The CE Committee would like to sponsor 5 individuals/families from St. Andrew's to take a virtual tour of the Mohawk Institute in Brantford. This virtual tour starts at 11:30 am and will end with a Q & A session. Registration is a must as spaces are limited. Please let Joni Smith know if you would like to be registered. Alternately, if you register ([Every Child Matters | Woodland Cultural Centre](#)) please tell us so we can reimburse you. The cost is quite reasonable at \$11.25 per person. The first 5 people to talk with Joni will be sponsored by the CE Committee.

We are busy putting together our new **Faith @ Home** boxes! We have a wish list on Amazon.ca if you would like to make your own order or donations can be directed to this ministry. The **Faith @ Home** boxes will help our families teach their faith to their children. If you are interested in helping with the resources needed for these boxes, please contact Joni Smith.



## In Person Worship

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.

## Pastoral Care

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.

## Pastoral Retreat

Rev. Scott and his wife will be taking a two-day retreat later this week (Thursday afternoon to Saturday morning). This is something that the Presbytery has graciously offered to all of the clergy in the bounds of Presbytery in recognition of the stresses of the job at this time. Rev. Mark Gaskin will be available for emergency pastoral care during those days should the need arise. He is available at (519) 621-3630

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 September/October edition of Today
- The September/October/November edition of Our Daily Bread
- The summer edition of Presbyterian Connection
- Printed copies of this bulletin each week.
- Printed copies of Scott’s most recent sermon each week.



### Other Lectionary Readings

James 3:1-12

<sup>1</sup> Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. <sup>2</sup> For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. <sup>3</sup> If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. <sup>4</sup> Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. <sup>5</sup> So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! <sup>6</sup> And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is

placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. <sup>7</sup> For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, <sup>8</sup> but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. <sup>9</sup> With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. <sup>10</sup> From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. <sup>11</sup> Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? <sup>12</sup> Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine yield figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

## **Mission Moment – September 12, 2021**

### **An Education for Robina**

Robina lives with her mother, father and five siblings in a make-shift house in Afghanistan. Both of her parents are unemployed, and Robina is the only member of her family attending school. In Afghanistan, 62 percent of children do not attend school. Often, families with many children cannot afford uniforms and school supplies for each child. Girls are especially disadvantaged because of a shared cultural belief that if girls study, they bring shame on their families. Only one in five students in Afghan schools are female, and only about one in 10 adult women are literate. Presbyterian World Service & Development (PWS&D) is passionate about ensuring a world in which all children can access quality education. Working with local partners, PWS&D helps parents and religious leaders understand girls' rights—most importantly, the right to education.



**Sunday, September 12** We give thanks and pray for organizations who work in partnership with Presbyterian World Service & Development to empower and teach girls in Afghanistan to read, write and improve their standard of living.

**Monday, September 13** We pray for Christian educators as they nurture the faith of young people.

**Tuesday, September 14** We pray for LGBTQI+ student groups and their teachers as they build communities of love, learning and support in their schools.

**Wednesday, September 15** We pray that the members of the Presbytery of Oak Ridges' Pastoral Relations Committee will feel a strong sense of God's presence in their work and discernment.

**Thursday, September 16** We pray for the members of the Continuing Education Grants Committee that meet this month.

**Friday, September 17** We pray for the Rev. Angie Song, Nuri Lee and the evangelism initiatives of Vaughan Community Church in Toronto, Ontario.

**Saturday, September 18** We pray for God's wisdom and guidance to protect creation and the world's biodiversity.