

**St. Andrew's Hespeler  
Presbyterian Church  
September 19, 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 19.** We will meet online for as long as people want to stay at 10 am. The link will be posted on the website. People may also attend in the sanctuary if they wish, with screening, masking, and social distancing still required. The session also requests people who attend in person be fully vaccinated for Covid-19 if they are eligible and it is medically possible.

**Call to worship**

L: From sunrise to sunset,

**P: Let us praise God's holy name.**

L: With the wisdom of the aged and the energy  
of the young,

**P: Let us praise God's holy name.**

L: In our work and in our homes,

**P: Let us praise God's holy name.**

L: Let us praise the Lord with our whole hearts!

**P: We will worship God now and always.**

**Prayer of Approach and Confession**

L: God of all creation, you have opened the world around us and filled it with purpose. Each creature declares your praise—the mountain states your majesty; the ripened field, your generosity. Birds flying aloft sing of your freedom; the tiny ant works with your persistence. But what do we declare about you in our lives, O God? We pray that our work will honour your justice and mercy. May our relationships speak of your love and compassion. So may we praise you, O God, not just in this hour of worship but in all the hours you grant us, as we follow Jesus Christ, our Lord and our Friend.

**P: God of all creation, you have opened the world around us and filled it with wonder, but we confess our eyes are not always open**

**to its harsher realities. Our ears are sometimes deaf to cries of need. Our minds are often shut to opinions which differ from our own. Forgive us when we seek greatness instead of goodness. Forgive us when we miss the wisdom you intend us to embrace.**

L: The prophet Micah reminds us that God requires of us three things: to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God. To all who truly repent and seek reconciliation with God and neighbour in kindness and humility, God offers forgiveness and peace. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**P: And also with you.**

**743 Lead on, eternal Sovereign**

1. Lead on, eternal Sovereign,  
we follow in your way;  
loud rings your cry for justice,  
your call for peace this day:  
through prayerful preparation,  
your grace will make us strong,  
to carry on the struggle  
to triumph over wrong.

2. Lead on, eternal Sovereign,  
we follow not with fear,  
for in each human conflict

your words of strength we hear:  
that when we serve with gladness,  
you will not let us fall,  
our trust is in your promise  
that love will conquer all.

3. Lead on, eternal Sovereign,  
till sin's fierce war shall cease  
and all your saints together  
will sing a hymn of peace;  
then all in your dominion  
will live with hearts set free,  
to love and serve each other  
for all eternity.

### **Responsive Psalm 1**

L: Happy are those who do not follow the advice  
of the wicked, or take the path that sinners  
tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;

**P: but their delight is in the law of the LORD, and  
on his law they meditate day and night.**

L: They are like trees planted by streams of  
water, which yield their fruit in its season, and  
their leaves do not wither.

**P: In all that they do, they prosper.**

L: The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that  
the wind drives away. Therefore the wicked  
will not stand in the judgement, nor sinners in  
the congregation of the righteous;

**P: for the LORD watches over the way of the  
righteous, but the way of the wicked will  
perish.**

Ongoing life of the church

Scripture: (other lectionary readings below)

Proverbs 31:10-31

<sup>10</sup> A capable wife who can find?

She is far more precious than jewels.

<sup>11</sup> The heart of her husband trusts in her,  
and he will have no lack of gain.

<sup>12</sup> She does him good, and not harm,  
all the days of her life.

<sup>13</sup> She seeks wool and flax,  
and works with willing hands.

<sup>14</sup> She is like the ships of the merchant,  
she brings her food from far away.

<sup>15</sup> She rises while it is still night

and provides food for her household  
and tasks for her servant-girls.

<sup>16</sup> She considers a field and buys it;  
with the fruit of her hands she plants a  
vineyard.

<sup>17</sup> She girds herself with strength,  
and makes her arms strong.

<sup>18</sup> She perceives that her merchandise is  
profitable.

Her lamp does not go out at night.

<sup>19</sup> She puts her hands to the distaff,  
and her hands hold the spindle.

<sup>20</sup> She opens her hand to the poor,  
and reaches out her hands to the needy.

<sup>21</sup> She is not afraid for her household when it  
snows,

for all her household are clothed in  
crimson.

<sup>22</sup> She makes herself coverings;  
her clothing is fine linen and purple.

<sup>23</sup> Her husband is known in the city gates,  
taking his seat among the elders of the  
land.

<sup>24</sup> She makes linen garments and sells them;  
she supplies the merchant with sashes.

<sup>25</sup> Strength and dignity are her clothing,  
and she laughs at the time to come.

<sup>26</sup> She opens her mouth with wisdom,  
and the teaching of kindness is on her  
tongue.

<sup>27</sup> She looks well to the ways of her household,  
and does not eat the bread of idleness.

<sup>28</sup> Her children rise up and call her happy;  
her husband too, and he praises her:

<sup>29</sup> 'Many women have done excellently,  
but you surpass them all.'

<sup>30</sup> Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain,  
but a woman who fears the LORD is to be  
praised.

<sup>31</sup> Give her a share in the fruit of her hands,  
and let her works praise her in the city  
gates.

Offertory: Air, by G.F. Handel                      Martin Bohl

Celebration of our Generosity

Message: "Who can find an eshet chayil?"

Who can find an  
**eshet chayil?**

אֵשֶׁת-חַיִּיל

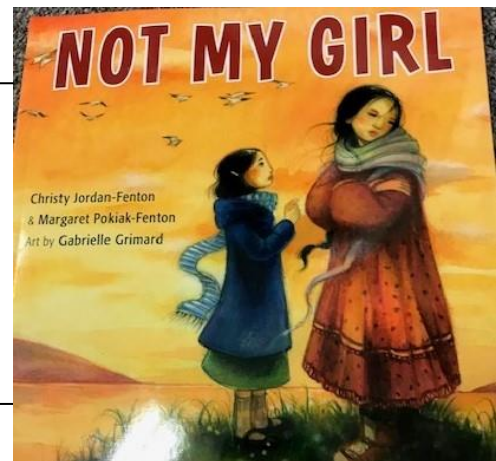
Prayers of the people (using chat to share requests)

Benediction



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.



We are building our volunteer team for **Food Bank** days. We offer food bank every Thursday from noon – 2:00 pm. Your commitment would be from 11:30 am – 2:10 (or any time within that time frame). Duties would include: set up, packing hampers, serving community members, clean up. You could volunteer once per month or more! If you have questions or would like to volunteer, please speak with Joni ([jsmith@standrewshespeler.ca](mailto:jsmith@standrewshespeler.ca)) Thank you!

## 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.

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 3:13-4:3, 7-8

<sup>13</sup> Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. <sup>14</sup> But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. <sup>15</sup> Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. <sup>16</sup> For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. <sup>17</sup> But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. <sup>18</sup> And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

<sup>1</sup> Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? <sup>2</sup> You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. <sup>3</sup> You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

<sup>7</sup> Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. <sup>8</sup> Draw near

to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

Mark 9:30-37

<sup>30</sup> They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; <sup>31</sup> for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, 'The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.' <sup>32</sup> But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

<sup>33</sup> Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the way?' <sup>34</sup> But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. <sup>35</sup> He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, 'Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.' <sup>36</sup> Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, <sup>37</sup> 'Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

## **Mission Moment – September 19, 2021**

### **The Difference Food Security Makes**

In Haiti, global climate change has left many farmers struggling to support their families. For people in Haiti who make their living from the earth, recent unpredictable weather has had devastating consequences. Presbyterian World Service & Development is responding through an agroforestry program that helps farmers by providing seeds for black bean, pigeon pea and corn crops—seeds that are more resilient. Farmers learn sustainable field management and band together in savings groups to make their earnings go even further. Elimène Joseph, an entrepreneur and mother of four, shared her experience: “Before becoming a member, I struggled to make ends meet. The program is showing me how to pool my resources together with other farmers. In truth, I do not have enough words to express everything the organization has done for me.”



**Sunday, September 19** We pray for struggling farmers in the developing world whose livelihoods have been impacted by climate change and give thanks for programs supported by Presbyterian World Service & Development that help them.

**Monday, September 20** We thank God for our ecumenical and interfaith connections and for the members of the PCC's Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee who support these endeavours and meet today.

**Tuesday, September 21 (International Day of Prayer for Peace)** We pray for the safety and well-being of those living in conflict situations. May we all respond to God's call to be peacemakers and speak out against forces of violence.

**Wednesday, September 22** We pray for healing and peace in the church so that its witness and ministry is focused and invigorated.

**Thursday, September 23** We pray for pastors of the Reformed Church in Sub-Carpathia, Ukraine, as they provide spiritual support to people of Hungarian descent in challenging conditions.

**Friday, September 24** We pray for church musicians and give thanks for all they do to support the church in praise.

**Saturday, September 25** We pray for the people, ministries, and mission of the Presbytery of Northern Saskatchewan.