

**St. Andrew's Hespeler  
Presbyterian Church  
October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
Thanksgiving Sunday**

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Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9am-12pm



**Order of Online Worship for October 10.** We will meet online and in person at 10 am. The link will be posted on the website. If you wish to attend in person, screening, masking, and social distancing are 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: God blesses us with gifts of love,

**P: with relationships that bring joy and gratitude.**

L: God blesses us with talents and opportunities to serve,

**P: all we need for faithful living.**

L: God protects us in times of danger:

**P: and guards us from the time of trial.**

L: So, we gather to offer thanksgiving to the Lord our God.

**P: Praise be to God for all good things, now and always!**

Prayer of Approach and Confession

L: God of all creation, in this season of thanksgiving for the harvests of the earth, we are struck by the beauties of autumn, leaves in bright colours, birds flying south in formation, fields ripe with produce. Such beauty speaks of your goodness, your desire to provide what each beloved creature needs. As we gather this day, renew our sense of thanksgiving for what you give to us in the fruitfulness of creation, and in Christ Jesus who teaches us how to walk wisely on the earth you made. For all your good gifts we honour you with thanks and praise, now and always.

**P: God of our lives, when we give thanks for your good gifts around us, we know that we enjoy an abundance many cannot even imagine. Yet we confess we do not always see the blessings in which we share. We worry about the future, if we can recover from the pandemic, whether we will have enough for our families to flourish. Forgive our fears of going without, and our failure to be grateful for how much goodness is already ours.**

L: Be at peace this day. Jesus, our High Priest, knows the temptations of the human heart. From the throne of grace, he offers us mercy in our weakness. His strength renews us in faithfulness.

**P: Thanks be to God!**

**Hymn 803 Come, ye thankful people, come**

1. Come, ye thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home;  
all is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin:  
God, our Maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied.  
Come to God's own temple, come: raise the song of harvest home.
2. All the world is God's own field, fruit unto God's praise to yield;

wheat and tares together sown, unto joy or  
sorrow grown;  
first the blade and then the ear, then the full  
corn shall appear.

Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain  
and pure may be.

3. For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take  
the harvest home;

from the field shall in that day all offences purge  
away;

give the angels charge at last in the fire the tares  
to cast,

but the fruitful ears to store in God's storehouse  
evermore.

4. Even so, Lord, quickly come to thy final harvest  
home:

gather thou thy people in, free from sorrow, free  
from sin;

there, forever purified, in thy presence to abide.

Come, with all thine angels, come: raise the  
glorious harvest home.

#### **Responsive Psalm 90:12-17**

L: So teach us to count our days

**P: that we may gain a wise heart.**

L: Turn, O LORD! How long? Have compassion on  
your servants!

**P: Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast  
love, so that we may rejoice and be glad all  
our days. Make us glad for as many days as  
you have afflicted us, and for as many years  
as we have seen evil.**

L: Let your work be manifest to your servants,  
and your glorious power to their children.

**P: Let the favour of the Lord our God be upon  
us, and prosper for us the work of our  
hands—O prosper the work of our hands!**

Ongoing life of the church

**Scripture:** (other lectionary readings below)

Mark 10:17-31

<sup>17</sup>As [Jesus] was setting out on a journey, a  
man ran up and knelt before him, and asked  
him, 'Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit  
eternal life?' <sup>18</sup>Jesus said to him, 'Why do you  
call me good? No one is good but God

alone. <sup>19</sup>You know the commandments: "You  
shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery;  
You shall not steal; You shall not bear false  
witness; You shall not defraud; Honour your  
father and mother.'" <sup>20</sup>He said to him, 'Teacher,  
I have kept all these since my youth.' <sup>21</sup>Jesus,  
looking at him, loved him and said, 'You lack one  
thing; go, sell what you own, and give the  
money to the poor, and you will have treasure in  
heaven; then come, follow me.' <sup>22</sup>When he  
heard this, he was shocked and went away  
grieving, for he had many possessions.

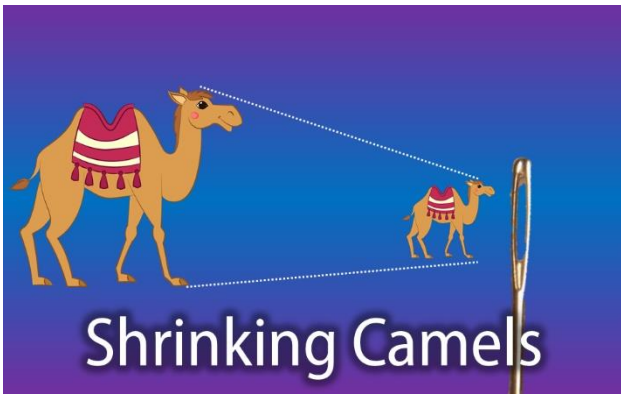
<sup>23</sup>Then Jesus looked around and said to his  
disciples, 'How hard it will be for those who have  
wealth to enter the kingdom of God!' <sup>24</sup>And the  
disciples were perplexed at these words. But  
Jesus said to them again, 'Children, how hard it  
is to enter the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup>It is easier for  
a camel to go through the eye of a needle than  
for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of  
God.' <sup>26</sup>They were greatly astounded and said to  
one another, 'Then who can be saved?' <sup>27</sup>Jesus  
looked at them and said, 'For mortals it is  
impossible, but not for God; for God all things  
are possible.'

<sup>28</sup>Peter began to say to him, 'Look, we have  
left everything and followed you.' <sup>29</sup>Jesus said,  
'Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left  
house or brothers or sisters or mother or father  
or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake  
of the good news, <sup>30</sup>who will not receive a  
hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers  
and sisters, mothers and children, and fields,  
with persecutions—and in the age to come  
eternal life. <sup>31</sup>But many who are first will be last,  
and the last will be first.'

Offertory: "Herr Jesu Christ, dich zu uns wend" by  
G. Boehm  
Martin Bohl

Celebration of our Generosity

Message: "Shrinking Camels"



Prayers of the people (using chat to share requests)

Benediction

### 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.

### Week of Vacation

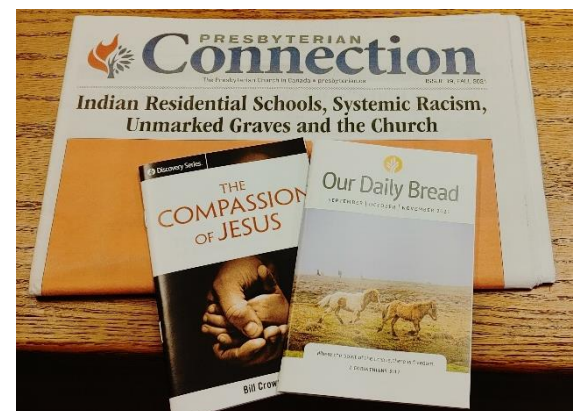
Rev. Scott will be off for a week of vacation from October 16 – 22. Rev. Bill Bynum of Knox Preston will be available throughout the week should an urgent pastoral issue arise. (Church: 519-653-6691, Home: 519-616-9252). Clerk of Session, Steve Marsh, will be preaching next Sunday.

### Food Bank

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!

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





### Other Lectionary Readings

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

<sup>6</sup> Seek the LORD and live,  
or he will break out against the house of  
Joseph like fire,  
and it will devour Bethel, with no one to  
quench it.

<sup>7</sup> Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood,  
and bring righteousness to the ground!

<sup>10</sup> They hate the one who reproveth in the gate,  
and they abhor the one who speaks the  
truth.

<sup>11</sup> Therefore, because you trample on the poor  
and take from them levies of grain,  
you have built houses of hewn stone,  
but you shall not live in them;  
you have planted pleasant vineyards,  
but you shall not drink their wine.

<sup>12</sup> For I know how many are your transgressions,  
and how great are your sins—  
you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe,  
and push aside the needy in the gate.

<sup>13</sup> Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such  
a time;  
for it is an evil time.

<sup>14</sup> Seek good and not evil,  
that you may live;

and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with  
you,

just as you have said.

<sup>15</sup> Hate evil and love good,  
and establish justice in the gate;  
it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts,  
will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

Hebrews 4:12-16

<sup>12</sup> Indeed, the word of God is living and  
active, sharper than any two-edged sword,  
piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints  
from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts  
and intentions of the heart. <sup>13</sup> And before him no  
creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid  
bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must  
render an account.

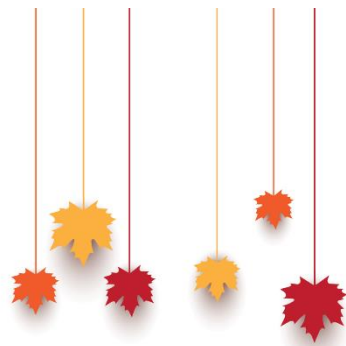
<sup>14</sup> Since, then, we have a great high priest  
who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the  
Son of God, let us hold fast to our  
confession. <sup>15</sup> For we do not have a high priest  
who is unable to sympathize with our  
weaknesses, but we have one who in every  
respect has been tested as we are, yet without  
sin. <sup>16</sup> Let us therefore approach the throne of  
grace with boldness, so that we may receive  
mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

## Auction Update

The Session and 166<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Auction Committee of St. Andrew's Hespeler Presbyterian Church would like to express their deepest thanks and appreciation to all who contributed to the success of our recent online auction in support of community outreach. We are grateful to the family and friends of St. Andrew's who donated knitted or baked items, food, and other items, as well as gifts of hospitality and service for the auction. A huge thanks to all who came out virtually and bid! At the time of writing this, our auction has raised \$5,137.00! Finally, once again this year we were overwhelmed by the incredible generosity and support of our business community who donated many wonderful items to bid on. Please, when shopping or dining out, let's support the following businesses who have been so supportive of St. Andrew's Hespeler!

<b>Food Basics Water Street</b>	<b>Zehrs Cambridge Centre</b>	<b>Marina Gigovic, Blooms of Paradise</b>	<b>Food Basics Hespeler</b>
<b>The Living Outdoors</b>	<b>Zehrs Hespeler</b>	<b>Zehrs South Cambridge</b>	<b>State &amp; Main</b>
<b>Reids Chocolate, Candy &amp; Nut Shop</b>	<b>Swiss Chalet Hespeler Road Location</b>	<b>Gadsby's Clothing Co., Inc</b>	<b>Transchem Group</b>
<b>Connect Equipment Rockwood</b>	<b>McGlinchey Tim Horton The Delta</b>	<b>Valley Feeds</b>	<b>Debbie Ellis Watercolours</b>
<b>Pioneer Family Pools</b>	<b>Riverwalk Dentistry</b>	<b>Clarion Medical Technologies</b>	<b>Sobey's Cedar Street</b>
<b>Sherry Domjan, Sweet Legs</b>	<b>The Aging Oak</b>	<b>The Village Eatery</b>	<b>Papou's Place</b>

HAPPY  
THANKSGIVING



*With Love and Gratitude from  
the Staff of St. Andrew's*

*We are counting our blessings,  
and you are among them!*

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## Mission Moment – October 10, 2021

### Supporting New Ministries

In 2019, with support from Presbyterians Sharing, The Presbyterian Church in Canada started Cyclical PCC, a church planting support initiative. Since its beginning, God has blessed this initiative with 47 faithful, dedicated, and innovative people who feel called to begin new ministries. Rani Ibrahim, a participant in Cyclical PCC, said that the relationships he has formed with other Presbyterian leaders have been especially meaningful.



**Sunday, October 10 (Harvest Sunday)** We pray for farmers and farm workers as they steward the soil and work to grow and harvest food.

**Monday, October 11 (Thanksgiving Day)** We give thanks to God for the earth and all its beauty and resources, and we pray for a more just care of the earth and its resources.

**Tuesday, October 12** We thank God for the water that sustains us and all other living things in creation, and we pray for the will to protect this precious gift through prayer and advocacy.

**Wednesday, October 13** We pray for the house churches in the Cariboo region of British Columbia, and that they grow in outreach to their neighbours with the love of Jesus to transform lives.

**Thursday, October 14** We pray for the people, ministries, and mission of the Presbytery of Essex-Kent in Ontario.

**Friday, October 15** We pray for the people of Guatemala and the staff at the Protestant Center for Pastoral Studies in Central America as they continue to struggle with the effects of the pandemic and natural disasters.

**Saturday, October 16 (World Food Day)** We pray for smallholder farmers who are suffering the effects of climate change, and we give thanks for Presbyterian World Service & Development partners that are striving to end hunger.