

# St. Andrew's Hespeler Presbyterian Church

## October 3, 2021

### World Communion

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Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9am-12pm



**Order of Online Worship for October 3.** 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. This will be a communion service, so please prepare communion elements of bread and wine (or juice) for every person who participates.

#### Call to worship

L: The banqueting table is prepared: God calls us to feast together.

**P: We have come from east and west, from north and south, to sit together at the Lord's table.**

L: Compassion, love and grace pour out like fine wine.

**P: God's Word is bread for our journey.**

L: Let us join Christians around the world to share in God's gifts.

**P: Let us taste and see that the Lord is good!**

Prayer of Approach and Confession

L: Eternal God, as we come to your table today, we recognize that, here, heaven and earth join hands. Around this holy table, we join with your church which stretches around the world, and across many generations, to meet you in our midst. As we remember Jesus this day, unite us to those who have served you over the centuries, and to all who serve you in so many different situations today. We praise you for your amazing love which embraces this countless congregation and invites us into a future you are creating for us all. Around your table, O God, let us join hands with

heaven and earth to celebrate your holy name through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**P: Ever present God, when you invite us to your table, you ask us to come with clean hands and clean hearts. You ask us to come in peace, seeking reconciliation with you and with each other. We confess that the church has not always sought reconciliation within or beyond its walls. In this silence, we hand over to you the broken relationships, disagreements and disappointments that keep us from living in your peace. (A time of silence is kept)**

**P: Free us from the burdens we carry, so that we may be a source of peace in this troubled world in the name of Christ who is our peace.**

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; see, everything has become new! Know that you are forgiven and have the courage to forgive one another.

**P: We will, Amen!**

**Hymn #542 Let all mortal flesh keep silence**  
(words and music below)

**Responsive Psalm 26**

L: Vindicate me, O LORD,

**P: for I have walked in my integrity, and I have trusted in the LORD without wavering.**

L: Prove me, O LORD, and try me; test my heart and mind.

**P: For your steadfast love is before my eyes, and I walk in faithfulness to you.**

L: I do not sit with the worthless, nor do I consort with hypocrites; I hate the company of evildoers, and will not sit with the wicked.

**P: I wash my hands in innocence, and go around your altar, O LORD, singing aloud a song of thanksgiving, and telling all your wondrous deeds.**

L: O LORD, I love the house in which you dwell,

**P: and the place where your glory abides.**

L: Do not sweep me away with sinners,

**P: nor my life with the bloodthirsty, those in whose hands are evil devices, and whose right hands are full of bribes.**

L: But as for me, I walk in my integrity; redeem me, and be gracious to me.

**P: My foot stands on level ground; in the great congregation I will bless the LORD.**

Ongoing life of the church

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

Job 1:1, Job 2:1-10

<sup>1</sup> There was once a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job. That man was blameless and upright, one who feared God and turned away from evil.

<sup>1</sup> One day the heavenly beings came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came among them to present himself before the LORD. <sup>2</sup> The LORD said to Satan, 'Where have you come from?' Satan answered the LORD, 'From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking up and down on it.' <sup>3</sup> The LORD said to Satan, 'Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man who fears God and turns away from evil. He still persists in his integrity, although you incited me against him, to destroy him for no reason.' <sup>4</sup> Then Satan answered the LORD, 'Skin for skin! All that

people have they will give to save their lives. <sup>5</sup> But stretch out your hand now and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse you to your face.' <sup>6</sup> The LORD said to Satan, 'Very well, he is in your power; only spare his life.'

<sup>7</sup> So Satan went out from the presence of the LORD, and inflicted loathsome sores on Job from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head. <sup>8</sup> Job took a potsherd with which to scrape himself, and sat among the ashes.

<sup>9</sup> Then his wife said to him, 'Do you still persist in your integrity? Curse God, and die.' <sup>10</sup> But he said to her, 'You speak as any foolish woman would speak. Shall we receive the good at the hand of God, and not receive the bad?' In all this Job did not sin with his lips.

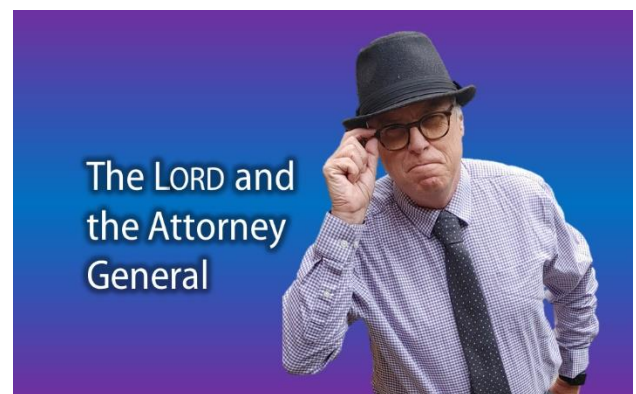
Offertory: Largo, by G.B. Pergolesi    Martin Bohl

Celebration of our Generosity

Communion

- Invitation
- Presentation of Elements
- Great Prayer of Thanksgiving
- Words of Institution
- Epiclesis
- Sharing the Meal Together
- Closing Prayer

Message: "The LORD and the Attorney General"



Prayers of the people (using chat to share requests)

Benediction

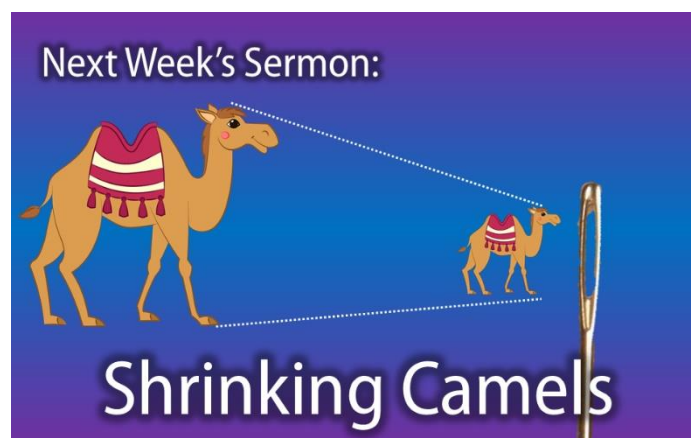
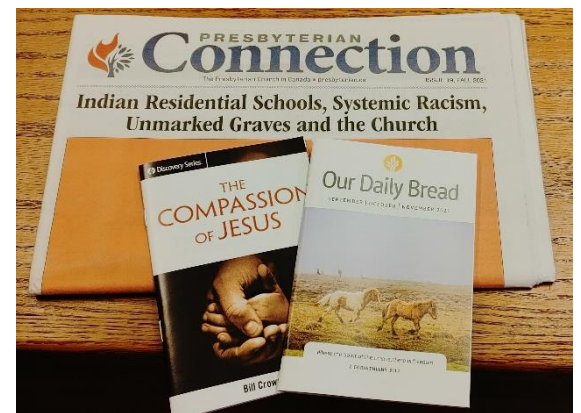
## Pastoral Care

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.

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

Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12

<sup>1</sup> Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, <sup>2</sup> but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. <sup>3</sup> He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, <sup>4</sup> having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

<sup>5</sup> Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. <sup>6</sup> But someone has testified somewhere, 'What are human beings that you are mindful of them,

or mortals, that you care for them?

<sup>7</sup> You have made them for a little while lower than the angels;

you have crowned them with glory and honour,

<sup>8</sup> subjecting all things under their feet.'

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, <sup>9</sup> but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honour because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

<sup>10</sup> It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. <sup>11</sup> For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason

Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, <sup>12</sup> saying,

'I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters,

in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.'

Mark 10:2-16

<sup>2</sup> Some Pharisees came, and to test him they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" <sup>3</sup> He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" <sup>4</sup> They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." <sup>5</sup> But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. <sup>6</sup> But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' <sup>7</sup> 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, <sup>8</sup> and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. <sup>9</sup> Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

<sup>10</sup> Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. <sup>11</sup> He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; <sup>12</sup> and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

<sup>13</sup> People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. <sup>14</sup> But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. <sup>15</sup> Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." <sup>16</sup> And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

## Mission Moment – October 3, 2021

### Elder Exemplifies God's Love at Place of Hope Indigenous PC

Although the work of God is sometimes accompanied by displays of power or dramatic revelations, it is often the gentle whisper of the Spirit that stirs someone deeply. The Holy Spirit has been stirring in Place of Hope Indigenous Presbyterian Church in Winnipeg, Manitoba. This is due in part to the work of an elder at Place of Hope, who simply lives out what she believes. In a quiet, loving way, this elder has been teaching the church's young people that God cares about the details of their lives and loves them unconditionally. And in following her example, many older youths have been baptized in recent months. The elder's faith is a compelling testimony and an example for all, as she quietly draws those around her to Christ. Place of Hope Indigenous Presbyterian Church receives support from gifts to Presbyterians Sharing.



**Sunday, October 3 (World Communion Sunday)** We pray for the church throughout the world. May God renew its worship, nurture its growth, empower its witness, and restore its unity.

**Monday, October 4 (National Day of Action for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls)** We pray for the insight and strength to work for an end to colonial racism and misogyny that targets and harms Indigenous women, girls and LGBTQI2S+ people.

**Tuesday, October 5** We pray for the children of Residential School Survivors who suffer from the generational effects of that era. May they heal through God's protection, guidance, and love.

**Wednesday, October 6** We give thanks for those who participated in Ride for Refuge in support of Presbyterian World Service & Development's food security projects around the world.

**Thursday, October 7** We pray for God's protection, comfort and healing for the people and lands recovering from severe natural disasters.

**Friday, October 8** As **Coming Out Day** (October 11) approaches, we pray that LGBTQI+ people who are planning to come out for the first time receive love and support from their families, friends, and church communities.

**Saturday, October 9** We pray for The Presbyterian Church in Canada's church planting support initiatives.



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Let all mortal flesh keep silence

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1. Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence, and with fear and  
 2. King of kings, yet born of Ma - ry, as of old on  
 3. Rank on rank the host of heav - en spreads its van-guard  
 4. At his feet the six-winged Ser - aph; Cher - u - bim with

Bb Gm6/Bb A Bb F Gm Dm

trem - bling stand; pon - der noth - ing earth - ly mind - ed,  
 earth he stood, Lord of all, in hu - man vest - ure,  
 on the way, as the Light of Light, de - scend - ing  
 sleep - less eye veil their fac - es to the Pre - sence

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for with bless - ing in his hand Christ our God to earth de -  
 in the bo - dy and the blood, Christ will give to all the  
 from the realms of end - less day, comes the powers of hell to  
 as with cease - less voice they cry, "Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le -

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scend - eth our full hom - age to de - mand.  
 faith - ful, his own self for heaven - ly food.  
 van - quish as the dark - ness clears a - way.  
 lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, Lord most high."

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