

**St. Andrew's Hespeler
Presbyterian Church
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Reign of Christ**

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Tuesday—Friday 9am-12pm

Order of Online Worship for November 21. 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 requests that people who attend in person be fully vaccinated for Covid-19 if they are eligible and it is medically possible.

Call to Worship

L: Say among the nations, The Lord reigns.

P: Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice!

L: The Lord is coming to judge the earth.

P: God will judge the world with righteousness and truth.

L: So, let us worship God with praise and honour.

P: We will offer our thanks and praise for all that God has done.

Prayer of Approach and Confession

L: God of Power and Possibility, In Jesus Christ, you have tipped the world upside down. You have revealed your strength through weakness and your power through his surrender to the Cross. The story of salvation you have told your people across the ages teaches us that nothing, no seemingly dead end or hopeless situation, can prevent your glory from shining forth. This day, we proclaim Jesus as Lord and offer you our love and loyalty. Turn the world upside down once more, so that your mercy prevails over those who would rule by force, and your truth triumphs over the world's deceptions. All honour and blessing be yours, Holy God, world without end. Amen.

P: Lord Jesus Christ, we pray for the coming of your kingdom week by week, but we confess we're not exactly clear on what that means. Will you come to set things straight in the world? Will you come to judge us and show us where we've all gone wrong? Will you bring all things to an end, or will you offer us a new beginning? Jesus, forgive us when we mix up our own desires with your purposes for your people. Teach us how to live out your truth.

L: Remember the promise Apostle Paul declares: "What will separate us from the love of Christ? Hardship?

Distress? Peril or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through the God who loves us. Let us rejoice that, no matter what is happening around us, no matter what we have done, God's deep love will never let us go."

P: Thanks be to God!

Hymn #267 Rejoice, the Lord is King

1. Rejoice, the Lord is King; your sovereign Lord adore; give thanks, O mortals, sing and triumph evermore.

Lift up your heart;

lift up your voice; rejoice, again I say, rejoice.

2. For Christ the Saviour reigns, the God of truth and love; when Jesus purged our stains, he took his seat above.

Lift up your heart; lift up your voice; rejoice, again I say, rejoice.

3. His reign can never fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven: the keys of death and hell are to our Saviour given.

Lift up your heart; lift up your voice; rejoice, again I say, rejoice.

4. He sits at God's right hand till all his foes submit and bow to his command and fall beneath his feet.

Lift up your heart; lift up your voice, rejoice, again I say, rejoice.

5. Rejoice in glorious hope, for Christ the Judge shall come and take the faithful up to their eternal home.

We soon shall hear the archangel's voice; the trump of God shall sound: rejoice.

Psalm 93

L: The LORD is king, he is robed in majesty;

P: the LORD is robed, he is girded with strength.

L: He has established the world; it shall never be moved;

P: your throne is established from of old; you are from

everlasting.

L: The floods have lifted up, O LORD, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their roaring.

P: More majestic than the thunders of mighty waters, more majestic than the waves of the sea, majestic on high is the LORD!

L: Your decrees are very sure;

P: holiness befits your house, O LORD, for evermore.

Ongoing life of the church

Scripture: (other lectionary readings below)

John 18:33-37 Read by S. McAndless

³³ Pilate went back into the palace and called Jesus.

“Are you the king of the Jews?” he asked him.

³⁴ Jesus answered, “Does this question come from you or have others told you about me?”

³⁵ Pilate replied, “Do you think I am a Jew? It was your own people and the chief priests who handed you over to me. What have you done?”

³⁶ Jesus said, “My kingdom does not belong to this world; if my kingdom belonged to this world, my followers would fight to keep me from being handed over to the Jewish authorities. No, my kingdom does not belong here!”

³⁷ So Pilate asked him, “Are you a king, then?”

Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. I was born and came into the world for this one purpose, to speak about the truth. Whoever belongs to the truth listens to me.”

Offertory: Prelude and Fugue, by G.F. Handel
Martin Bohl

Celebration of our Generosity

Message: “Are you the King of the Jews?”

Hymn #274 Crown him with many crowns

1. Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon the throne:

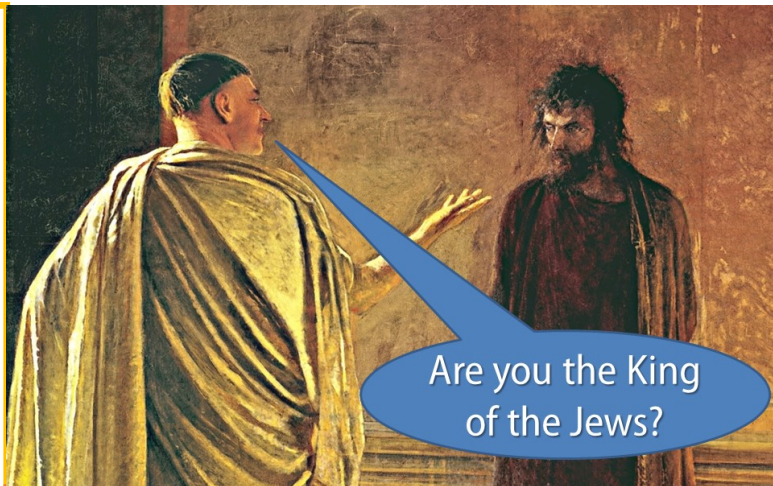
hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own!

Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died to be your Saviour and your matchless King through all eternity.

2. Crown him the Son of God, before the worlds began;
let all who tread where he has trod, crown him the Son of Man,
who every grief has known that wrings the human breast,
and takes and bears them for his own, that all in him may rest.

Prayers of the people (using chat to share requests)

Benediction



Other Lectionary Readings

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

⁹ As I watched,

thrones were set in place,

and an Ancient One took his throne;

his clothing was white as snow,

and the hair of his head like pure wool;

his throne was fiery flames,

and its wheels were burning fire.

¹⁰ A stream of fire issued

and flowed out from his presence.

A thousand thousand served him,

and ten thousand times ten thousand stood

attending him.

The court sat in judgement,

and the books were opened.

¹³ As I watched in the night visions,

I saw one like a human being

coming with the clouds of heaven.

And he came to the Ancient One

and was presented before him.

¹⁴ To him was given dominion

and glory and kingship,

that all peoples, nations, and languages
should serve him.

His dominion is an everlasting dominion

that shall not pass away,

and his kingship is one

that shall never be destroyed.

Revelation 1:4-8

⁴ John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was
and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are
before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, the faithful
witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the
kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his
blood, ⁶ and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his

God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

⁷ Look! He is coming with the clouds;
every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him;
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

⁸ 'I am the Alpha and the Omega', says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.



The rose on the communion table is placed in celebration of the birth of Oliver James. Oliver is the new son of Lisa & Steve. Happy first time grandparents are Heinz & Kathy Bott. Congratulations!



The flowers at the front of the sanctuary are placed in loving memory of Thomas Hortobagyi, who recently passed away. Please keep the Hortobagyi family in your prayers.

There are some **goodies** in the mailbox at the church (the one marked "bulletins") that are free for anyone to pick up. You will find:

- The November /December edition of Today
- The September/October/November edition of Our Daily Bread
- Printed copies of this bulletin each week.
- Printed copies of Scott's most recent sermon each week.
- The November Newsletter!
- The Advent Booklet (see below)



Did you find out who our guest reader is for this week's lessons? Hint: look in the pews! Our Google Classroom is posted on the website:

www.standrewshespeler.ca

Next
Week's
Sermon:



Advent Booklets are now available. These are designed to guide us through the Advent season and think differently about what this season is preparing us for. Please pick one up at the church or download and print one at home. Please also create an Advent wreath at home if you will be joining us to worship from there.

We are making some tentative plans for Christmas. Among other things, we are hoping to hold:

- A Longest Night Service on December 21 at 7:30 (in person and online)
- A family focused Christmas Eve service around 6 pm (in person and online)
- A communion service at 8 pm. (in person and online)
- We are thinking about the service on Sunday December 26 and wondering how many people would like to come out on that Sunday morning or just meet online.



MISSION MOMENT



We have some really fun hand knit mittens for sale. All proceeds will go to Hope Clothing. The mittens are \$15 per pair. Thank you to Carol Johnston for sharing your talent with us! Please speak with Joni if you'd like a pair.

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Protecting Children in Malawi

Ten-year-old Joseph lives with his family in northern Malawi. One day, Joseph showed up to school, not quite himself. His friends noticed and asked what was wrong. "My father and mother shout at each other and fight almost every week. Sometimes my father calls us bad names and chases us out of the house at night, for no reason," he said. His friends, who had learned about children's rights and what support was available to them urged him to speak to a Child Protection Worker. The Child Protection Worker understood the economic challenges that were exacerbating the abuse and connected the family with resources to address them. Together, the family is using what they have learned to build a more peaceful home. This project is supported by Presbyterian World Service & Development.



Prayer Partnership

Sunday, November 21 (Reign of Christ) Sovereign God, who rules all creation, you sent Jesus to testify to your truth. Help us to hear Christ's voice so that we can teach and work for his politics of justice, grace, peace and love.

Monday, November 22 (National Housing Day) We pray for all who are without homes, and that they may find shelter and God's love and peace.

Tuesday, November 23 Creator, we pray for guidance as Winnipeg Inner City Missions in Manitoba begins the discernment process for improving its programs and buildings. Bring peace and blessing to the decisions that will be made.

Wednesday, November 24 We pray that all homes are free of domestic violence and unfair gender differences in the division of labour.

Thursday, November 25 (International Day for Elimination of Violence Against Women) We pray for women and girls who feel powerless, alone, hurt or unsafe as a result of witnessing or experiencing violence and trauma. We pray for an end to all forms of gender-based violence and oppression.

Friday, November 26 We pray for the Presbytery of Assiniboia's Ministry Committee. May they feel a strong sense of God's presence to strengthen, focus and lead their discernment.

Saturday, November 27 We give thanks for programs the church supports through Presbyterian World Service & Development that empower girls to rise above disadvantage and discrimination to pursue their goals.