

**St. Andrew's Hespeler
Presbyterian Church
January 30th, 2022
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**

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Monday—Friday 9am-12pm

Order of Worship for January 30. We will meet online and in person at 10 am. We strongly encourage you to attend online if possible. The link will be posted on the website. If you wish to attend in person, screening, masking and social distancing are 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: O Lord, in you we find refuge;

P: Let us never be put to shame.

L: Turn your ear to us, O God, and save us.

P: For you are our rock and our fortress.

L: God has been our hope and our trust from our earliest days.

P: God has been with us since we were born from our mother's womb.

L: Let us sing out our praise of God's steadfast love.

P: We will offer God all glory and honour this day and always!

Prayer of Approach and Confession

L: Almighty and everlasting One, your power is incomparable, your majesty infinite, and your love beyond our imagining. You are hidden in mystery, and yet so present. In a hectic world, you are peace and rest. In a harsh world, you are tenderness and mercy. In the cold and dark of winter, you are light and comfort, and so we bring you our worship, for you are the One who created us, the One who redeems us, and the One who gives us life, our one and only God, to whom we offer all love and loyalty, now and always. Amen.

P: God, whose name is love, we confess our faults and failings, knowing you know us through and through. You tell us love is patient and kind, and you know when our patience and kindness fell short. You tell us love is never rude or selfish, and you see the times we insisted on our own way. Forgive us the excuses we make to ourselves when our love falters. Strengthen us by your Spirit so that our love is genuine and reliable.

L: God is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. As high as the heavens are above

the earth, so great is God's love; as far as the east is from the west, so far has God removed our sins.

P: Thanks be to God whose love and forgiveness are steadfast. May we be steadfast in our forgiveness of one another.

Hymn #410 Joyful, joyful we adore you

1. Joyful, joyful we adore you,
God of glory, Lord of love.

Hearts unfold like flowers before you,
opening to the sun above.

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
drive the dark of doubt away;

giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.

2. All your works with joy surround you;
earth and heaven reflect your rays;
stars and angels sing around you,
centre of unbroken praise.

Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain,
join to praise you joyfully.

3. You are giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blessed,
wellspring of the joy of living,
ocean depth of happy rest.
God Creator, Christ our Saviour,
all are yours who live in love.
Teach us how to love our neighbour;
lift us to your joy above.

4. Morning stars, awake the chorus;
mortals, join with every part,
for what joy is set before us

as Christ's love joins heart to heart!

Ever singing, march we onward,
victors in the midst of strife;
joyful music leads us sunward,
in the triumph song of life.

Psalm 71:1-6

L: In you, O LORD, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame. In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; incline your ear to me and save me.

P: **Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress, to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.**

L: Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.

P: **For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O LORD, from my youth. Upon you I have leaned from my birth; it was you who took me from my mother's womb. My praise is continually of you.**

Scripture: (other lectionary readings below)

1 Corinthians 13

¹ If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ² And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³ If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

⁴ Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant ⁵ or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶ it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. ⁷ It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

⁸ Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. ⁹ For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; ¹⁰ but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. ¹¹ When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. ¹² For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. ¹³ And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

Luke 4:21-30 — Read by Dylan

Offertory: "Children of the Heavenly Father" setting by
Don Hustad
Martin Bohl

Celebration of our Generosity

Sermon: "The Gospel Story that Ends with a Cliff-hanger"



Hymn #744 Will your anchor hold

1. Will your anchor hold in the storms of life,
when the clouds unfold their wings of strife?
When the strong tides lift and the cables strain,
will your anchor drift or firm remain?

Refrain:

We have an anchor that keeps the soul
steadfast and sure while the billows roll,
fastened to the rock which cannot move,
grounded firm and deep in the Saviour's love!

2. Will your anchor hold in the straits of fear,
when the breakers roar and the reef is near?
While the surges rave and the wild winds blow,
shall the angry waves then your bark o'erflow?

Refrain

Prayers of the people (using chat to share requests)

Benediction

Other Lectionary Readings

Jeremiah 1:4-10

⁴ Now the word of the LORD came to me saying,
⁵ "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
and before you were born I consecrated you;
I appointed you a prophet to the nations."

⁶ Then I said, "Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know
how to speak, for I am only a boy." ⁷ But
the LORD said to me,

"Do not say, 'I am only a boy';
for you shall go to all to whom I send you,
and you shall speak whatever I command you.

⁸ Do not be afraid of them,
for I am with you to deliver you,

says the LORD.”

⁹Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me,
“Now I have put my words in your mouth.

¹⁰See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms,
to pluck up and to pull down,
to destroy and to overthrow,
to build and to plant.”

News for Families

- Please start saving small plastic containers for use at Easter time
- Mark February 19th in your calendar, something fun is being planned for our entire church community. This will be family friendly! Hint: do you know your St. Andrew's trivia?
- Don't forget to check out our Google classroom each week. New ones are posted on Saturday mornings. You can go through the classroom as you have time throughout your week.
- If your Faith @ Home box has not yet been returned for re-packing please contact Joni (jsmith@standrewshespeler.ca)

Welcome to St. Andrew's Family & Children's Ministries Google Classroom. By clicking on different items/people you will find readings to listen to, stories to watch and activities to do throughout your week.



Don't forget to check out our Google Classroom. It is posted on our website, Facebook page and twitter each Saturday morning. You are free to check in whenever you have time throughout the week. There are bible readings, stories to listen to and activities to find, all new each week.

Can you Help?

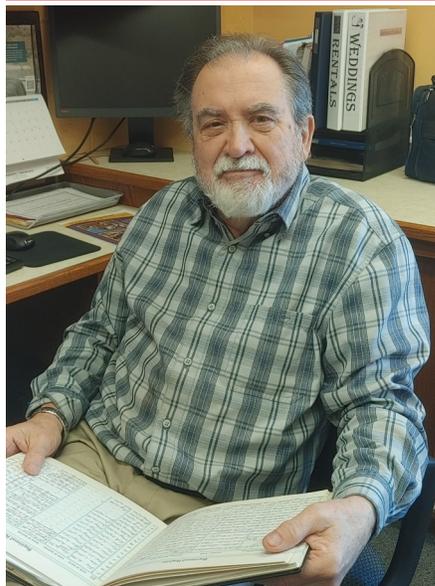
Our Google Classroom is in search of readers again! Every week we have a different person read a short scripture lesson. Some people only record their voice, while others get quite creative with their editing. However you are able to record we would love to add more connections for our children. These recordings are also now shown in worship as one of our weekly scripture lessons. People who are worshipping with us in person and those online enjoy seeing someone new each week. We can help with recording if needed! Please speak with Joni Smith if you have questions or are able to record a lesson or two.

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2022 Envelopes have been prepared by the Treasurer. You may pick them up in the sanctuary, come by the office or let us know if we can help you get them in some other way.

Annual Meeting

The Annual General Meeting for the congregation of St. Andrew's Hespeler is being planned for **Sunday, March 6, 2022**. We will have more detail on how we will carry out this meeting as it gets closer. An Annual Report is being prepared for this meeting. Any submissions are due by tomorrow. Please send them to the office (office@standrewshespeler.ca).



And, speaking of the office, we are pleased to welcome our new church administrator (who is really no stranger). Al Craig will be in the office on Monday, Thursday and Friday mornings. Welcome Al!



Attention Deacons. We are having a Zoom meeting on Monday evening (January 31st) at 7:00 pm. Joni will send you the link on Monday or you will be able to find it on St. Andrew's website, www.standrewshespeler.ca.

We will be celebrating **The Sacrament of Holy Communion next Sunday**, February 6th. Please come prepared with your own elements if you are joining us on Zoom, (wine, juice, cracker, cookie, bread, etc.). If you are worshipping in person, communion elements will also be available at the back of the sanctuary.

