

St. Andrew's Hespeler Presbyterian Church

January 16th, 2022 – Second Sunday after Epiphany

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Order of Worship for January 16. 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: How precious is God's steadfast love!

P: We will find refuge in the shelter of God's wings.

L: Come and feast on God's abundance.

P: We will drink from the river of God's delights.

L: For with God is the fountain of life;

P: And in God's light we will see light.

L: Let us worship God with joy and thanksgiving!

P: We will bring God our prayers and our praise with hearts full of love.

Prayer of Approach and Confession

L: God of light and life, as the new year unfolds before us, we begin to feel the sunlight coming back to brighten the winter. Our spirits grow stronger in the light. You shine your light into our lives in your Son Jesus. Your Spirit strengthens us to face whatever this year will hold. And so we come to praise you for your light which transforms our days and our lives, and for your wisdom which enlightens truth for our times. Shine through us, we pray, so that we may bear the light of Jesus in this world you love.

P: God of all life and our lives, we gather in worship week by week, seeking your refreshing presence. But we confess sometimes we are discouraged by things happening around us. We don't expect your presence to make a difference for us. Forgive us when we give up on you and end up feeling unfulfilled. By your grace, refresh us when we are weary or worried, and renew our trust in you.

L: Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. No power in heaven or on earth can separate us from God's great love. Take heart, and know that you are forgiven. May the peace of Christ be with you.

P: And also with you, Amen!

Hymn #742 Lead on, O King eternal

1. Lead on, O King eternal: the day of march has come;
henceforth in fields of battle thy tents shall be our home:
through days of preparation thy grace has

made us strong,
and now, O King eternal, we lift our
battlesong.

2. Lead on, O King eternal, till sin's fierce war
shall cease,
and holiness shall whisper the sweet Amen
of peace;
for not with swords' loud clashing nor roll of
stirring drum,
but deeds of love and mercy, thy reign of
peace shall come.

3. Lead on, O King eternal: we follow, not
with fears,
for gladness breaks like morning where'er
thy face appears:
thy cross is lifted o'er us; we journey in its
light;
the crown awaits the conquest; lead on, O
God of might.

Responsive Psalm 36:5-10

L: Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the
heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.
Your righteousness is like the mighty
mountains, your judgements are like the
great deep; you save humans and animals
alike, O LORD.

**P: How precious is your steadfast love, O God!
All people may take refuge in the shadow of
your wings. They feast on the abundance of
your house, and you give them drink from
the river of your delights. For with you is
the fountain of life; in your light we see
light.**

L: O continue your steadfast love to those who
know you,

P: and your salvation to the upright of heart!

Life and Work of the church

Scripture:

John 2:1-11 (Read by Adria Marsh)

¹ On the third day there was a wedding in
Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was

there. ² Jesus and his disciples had also been
invited to the wedding. ³ When the wine gave
out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They
have no wine.' ⁴ And Jesus said to her, 'Woman,
what concern is that to you and to me? My
hour has not yet come.' ⁵ His mother said to the
servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' ⁶ Now
standing there were six stone water-jars for the
Jewish rites of purification, each holding
twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷ Jesus said to them,
'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them
up to the brim. ⁸ He said to them, 'Now draw
some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So
they took it. ⁹ When the steward tasted the
water that had become wine, and did not know
where it came from (though the servants who
had drawn the water knew), the steward called
the bridegroom ¹⁰ and said to him, 'Everyone
serves the good wine first, and then the
inferior wine after the guests have become
drunk. But you have kept the good wine until
now.' ¹¹ Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in
Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his
disciples believed in him.

Offertory: "Ave Maria," setting by Bach-

Gounod

Martin Bohl

Celebration of our Generosity

Sermon: "Help Wanted" (Brought to you by
Andy Cann)



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Hymn #654 O God of Bethel, by whose hand
1. O God of Bethel, by whose hand
thy people still are fed,

who through this weary pilgrimage
hast all thy servants led:

2. our vows, our prayers, we now present
before thy gracious throne;
as thou hast been our faithful God,
so always be our own.

3. Through each perplexing path of life
our wandering footsteps guide;
give us each day our daily bread,
and raiment fit provide.

4. Oh spread thy covering wings around,

till all our wanderings cease,
and at our God's own loved abode
our souls arrive in peace.

5. Such blessings from thy gracious hand
our humble prayers implore,
and thou shalt be our chosen God
and portion evermore.

Prayers of the people (using chat to share requests)

Benediction

Other Lectionary Readings

Malachi 3:1-5

¹ See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. ² But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; ³ he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. ⁴ Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

⁵ Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts.

James 5:1-6

¹ Come now, you rich people, weep and wail for the miseries that are coming to you. ² Your riches have rotted, and your clothes are moth-eaten. ³ Your gold and silver have rusted, and their rust will be evidence against you, and it will eat your flesh like fire. You have laid up treasure for the last days. ⁴ Listen! The wages of the labourers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, cry out, and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. ⁵ You have lived on the earth in luxury and in pleasure; you have fattened your hearts on a day of slaughter. ⁶ You have condemned and murdered the righteous one, who does not resist you.



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 to the Annual Report should be sent to the office (office@standrewshespeler.ca) by the end of the month please.

Can you Help?

Your help is needed! Is anyone able to sew some small zippered pouches? We need approximately 20. All materials will be supplied. If you could make just one, that would be helpful. Please contact Joni for more information or if you could help out. (jsmith@standrewshespeler.ca) Kits are being prepared now and will be ready to go soon.



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.

Today's Sermon topic has been chosen by Andy Cann as a result of the auction last fall. Andy has challenged the minister to preach a sermon inspired by a "Help Wanted" sign.



The sympathy of the congregation is extended to the family of Bob Henderson, who recently passed away. Please keep Bob's family in your prayers at this difficult time.

News for Families

- please leave your Faith @ Home boxes on your porch for pick up on Monday morning
- 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!
- 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.