

**St. Andrew's Hespeler
Presbyterian Church
February 13th, 2022
Sixth Sunday after Epiphany**

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Monday—Friday 9am-12pm

Order of Worship for February 13. 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 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: Sing to the Lord a new song!

P: Let us make melody before our God!

L: Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!

P: Let us praise God's holy name together.

L: How good it is to sing praises to our God;

P: For God is gracious and steadfast in mercy.

L: A song of praise is always fitting,

P: For God heals the broken hearted and binds up our wounds.

Prayer of Approach and Confession

L: God of majesty and mystery, we come before you in wonder and humility. Source of all that is, you are beyond our imagining, astonishing us with the detail and designs within your creation. Word of hope and healing, you touch our lives with truth and tenderness, revealing our need and our gift. Spirit of purpose and possibility, you move within us when we least expect it, awakening our gifts, urging us to respond. Receive our praise and prayer this day, and prepare us to receive your Word in its wisdom and warning, for we come to you through Christ our Lord, trusting in his grace and truth.

P: God of life and love, at this season of the year our hearts are grateful for all the love which touches our lives. Still we confess that we are not always shining examples of the love we long for. Forgive us those times when we failed to keep our word and disappointed those who love us. Forgive us when we gave into our tempers and temptations and disappointed your hopes for us. Renew and remake us through the grace of your Son, Jesus, your love made flesh.

L: St. John records that God is love, and that God's perfect love casts out fear. We are promised that those

who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.

So claim your hope in this Good News: God's perfect love abides in you through Jesus Christ our Lord.

P: Thanks be to God!

Hymn #26 As pants the hart

1. As pants the hart for cooling streams
when heated in the chase,
so longs my soul, O God, for thee
and thy refreshing grace.

2. For thee, my God, the living God,
my thirsty soul doth pine;
oh when shall I behold thy face,
thou majesty divine?

3. Why restless, why cast down, my soul?
Trust God, who will employ
sure aid for thee, and change these sighs
to thankful hymns of joy.

4. God of my strength, how long shall I,
like one forgotten, mourn,
forlorn, forsaken and exposed
to my oppressor's scorn?

5. Why restless, why cast down, my soul?
Hope still, and thou shalt sing
praise to thy God, the living God,
thy health's eternal spring.

Psalm 1

L: Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;

P: but their delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law they meditate day and night.

L: They are like trees planted by streams of water, which

yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither.

P: In all that they do, they prosper.

L: The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away. Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgement, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

P: for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

Scripture: (other lectionary readings below)

Luke 6:17-26

Joanne Waugh

¹⁷ [Jesus] came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. ¹⁸ They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹ And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

²⁰ Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

'Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹ 'Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.

'Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

²² 'Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³ Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

²⁴ 'But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

²⁵ 'Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.

'Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.

²⁶ 'Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.



Bringing the
Sermon on
the Mount
Down to Earth

Offertory: "Prelude by H. Scheidemann" Martin Bohl

Celebration of our Generosity

Sermon: "Bringing the Sermon on the Mount Down to Earth"

Hymn #371 Love divine, all loves excelling

1. Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth
come down;

fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies
crown.

Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou
art;

visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.

2. Breathe, oh breathe thy loving Spirit into every
troubled breast!

Let us all in thee inherit, let us find the promised rest;
take away our love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

3. Come, almighty to deliver, let us all thy grace receive;
suddenly return and never, never more thy temples leave.

Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy
hosts above,
pray and praise thee, without ceasing, glory in thy perfect
love.

Prayers of the people (using chat to share requests)

Benediction

Other Lectionary Readings

Jeremiah 17:5-10

⁵ Thus says the LORD:

Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals
and make mere flesh their strength,
whose hearts turn away from the LORD.

⁶ They shall be like a shrub in the desert,
and shall not see when relief comes.

They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness,
in an uninhabited salt land.

⁷ Blessed are those who trust in the LORD,
whose trust is the LORD.

⁸ They shall be like a tree planted by water,
sending out its roots by the stream.

It shall not fear when heat comes,
and its leaves shall stay green;
in the year of drought it is not anxious,
and it does not cease to bear fruit.

⁹ The heart is devious above all else;
it is perverse—
who can understand it?

¹⁰ I the LORD test the mind

and search the heart,
to give to all according to their ways,
according to the fruit of their doings.

1 Corinthians 15:12-20

¹² Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³ If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; ¹⁴ and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. ¹⁵ We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. ¹⁶ For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. ¹⁷ If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. ¹⁸ Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. ¹⁹ If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

Mission Moment

– Sunday, February 13

In Malawi, the Mulanje Mission Hospital provides care and support to orphans through its community-based program. **Vocational skills, such as livestock farming, are taught to out-of-school children as a means for achieving economic empowerment.** Brian lives with his grandmother. Through the program, he started goat farming, which has allowed his family to pay for food and other necessities and has also helped him establish a sustainable livelihood. “After the mother of the children died, things have been difficult. We had nothing to depend on during hard times, but now things are becoming smooth as we can sell goats and buy grain and other basic needs,” his grandmother expressed. This project is supported by Presbyterian World Service & Development.



**Presbyterian World Service
& Development**



The Annual General Meeting for the congregation of St. Andrew's Hespeler is being planned for **Sunday, March 6, 2022**. People will be able to attend and participate in the meeting online or in person. The meeting will begin at about 11:15 am. An Annual Report is being prepared for this meeting. A financial meeting (a chance to ask in-depth financial questions) will be held by Zoom on the Wednesday before — Wednesday, March 2 at 7:00 pm. Links will be published closer to the date.



Prayer Partnership

Engaging in God's Mission Through Word and Action

Let us Join in Prayer

Sunday, February 13 (Anniversary of the Publication of the Letter of Repentance) As the PCC continues on a journey of repentance for the harm done by homophobia and transphobia in the denomination, we pray for God's grace and love to guide the church in becoming safe and inclusive for all.

Monday, February 14 We give thanks for the care and support the church is helping provide to orphans in Malawi through Presbyterian World Service & Development.

Tuesday, February 15 We pray for the members and work of the Committee on Church Doctrine.

Wednesday, February 16 We pray for Living Waters Mission, an inner-city mission of the Presbytery of Lindsay-Peterborough in Ontario, which brings hope and comfort to people struggling with addiction and mental

health.

Thursday, February 17 We pray for the safety and well-being of children.

Friday, February 18 We give thanks for the programs of Saskatoon Native Circle Ministry in Saskatchewan that provide a sense of belonging, care and inclusion for people of all nations while upholding Indigenous cultural practices.

Saturday, February 19 We pray for the people, ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Winnipeg in Manitoba.



News for Families

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.



- Please start saving small plastic containers for use at Easter time
- Mark **February 19th @ 7:00 pm** in your calendar. We will be playing a game of Jeopardy! This will be family friendly! Come to cheer us on or to participate. This is will be a fun event for everyone to participate in. Please check your emails because Joni needs some help from you to set up the categories. A zoom link will be sent out and posted on the website on February 19.

- Faith @ Home Boxes will be delivered on Monday, February 28th.
- 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.