

**St. Andrew's Hespeler  
Presbyterian Church  
February 27th, 2022  
Transfiguration Sunday**

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Monday—Friday 9am-12pm

**Order of Worship for February 27.** 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: Our God is mighty and merciful, ruling with kindness over all the earth;

**P: Let all people praise God's holy name.**

L: The Lord loves justice and creates equity for all God's people;

**P: We come into God's presence with thanksgiving, singing songs of joyful praise;**

L: For the Christ of glory shines in this place;

**P: The Holy Spirit meets us here, and so we come to worship.**

**Prayer of Approach and Confession**

L: God of grace and God of glory, you reveal your presence to the world in radiant glory and gentle whispers, on mountain tops and lowly plains, in classrooms and hospital beds, in homes and churches, in the silence of nature and the sounds of cities. Yours is the presence that pushes past our fears, yours is the touch that transforms our doubts. We come before you to celebrate your goodness, to focus on your light, and offer you all praise, honour and thanksgiving, for you are our God and we are your people, now and always.

**P: God of mercy and forgiveness, facing the light of your goodness, we confess all that keeps us from sharing that goodness. We are distracted by the desire to have more than we need. We focus on our own disappointments rather than trust the future you create. We feel discouraged by the pandemic and fail to claim the hope you hold out to us in Christ. Transfigure us by your grace, and shape us into disciples who follow Christ's leading each day.**

L: Do not be afraid. God's forgiveness shines into the world. The morning star rises in our hearts and we are made new. Know that you are forgiven and forgive one

another in Christ's name.

**P: Amen!**

Hymn #687 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine

1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!

Oh what a foretaste of glory divine!

Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain: *This is my story; this is my song:  
praising my Saviour all the day long;  
this is my story, this is my song  
praising my Saviour all the day long*

2. Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
visions of rapture now burst on my sight,  
angels descending bring from above  
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Refrain

3. Perfect submission, all is at rest,  
I in my Saviour am happy and blest,  
watching and waiting, looking above,  
filled with his goodness, lost in his love.

Refrain

Psalm 99

L: The LORD is king; let the peoples tremble!

**P: He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!**

L: The LORD is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples. Let them praise your great and awesome name.

**P: Holy is he!**

L: Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity;

**P: you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.**

L: Extol the LORD our God; worship at his footstool.

**P: Holy is he!**

L: Moses and Aaron were among his priests, Samuel also was among those who called on his name.

**P: They cried to the LORD, and he answered them.**

L: He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud;

**P: they kept his decrees, and the statutes that he gave them.**

L: O LORD our God, you answered them;

**P: you were a forgiving God to them, but an avenger of their wrongdoings.**

L: Extol the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain;

**P: for the LORD our God is holy.**

Scripture:

Luke 9:28-43a

Read by Donald Paddock

<sup>28</sup> Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. <sup>29</sup> And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. <sup>30</sup> Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. <sup>31</sup> They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. <sup>32</sup> Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. <sup>33</sup> Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah'—not knowing what he said. <sup>34</sup> While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. <sup>35</sup> Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!' <sup>36</sup> When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

<sup>37</sup> On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. <sup>38</sup> Just then a man from the crowd shouted, 'Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. <sup>39</sup> Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It throws him into convulsions until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. <sup>40</sup> I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not.' <sup>41</sup> Jesus answered, 'You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here.' <sup>42</sup> While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. <sup>43</sup> And all were astounded at the greatness of God.

Exodus 34:29-35

Read by Al Craig

<sup>29</sup> Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. <sup>30</sup> When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. <sup>31</sup> But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. <sup>32</sup> Afterwards all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. <sup>33</sup> When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; <sup>34</sup> but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, <sup>35</sup> the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.



2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

<sup>12</sup> Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, <sup>13</sup> not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. <sup>14</sup> But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. <sup>15</sup> Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; <sup>16</sup> but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. <sup>17</sup> Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. <sup>18</sup> And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

<sup>1</sup> Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. <sup>2</sup> We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practise cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the

open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

Offertory: Fughetta by Johann Krieger

Martin Bohl

Celebration of our Generosity

Sermon: "Behind the Veil"

Hymn #682 Just as I am, without one plea

2. Just as I am, though tossed about with many a conflict, many a doubt, fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

4. Just as I am, thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve; because thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

6. Just as I am of that free love the breadth, length, depth and height to prove, here for a season, then above, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Prayers of the people (using chat to share requests)

Benediction



The sympathy of the congregation is extended to the family of Theresa Miller. Theresa passed away this past Monday.

Please keep Theresa's family in your prayers at this difficult time.

The Annual General Meeting for the congregation of St. Andrew's Hespeler will be held next week **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. The Annual Report is available on the web page or can be picked up at the church. A financial meeting (a chance to ask in-depth financial questions) will be held by Zoom on **Wednesday, March 2 at 7:00 pm**. Links will be published closer to the date.



## Mission Moment – Sunday, February 27

Binda Devi lives in Karbola, India, with her husband and four kids. A year ago, the family was living a comfortable life, relying on the income from her husband's job as a labourer in a cement factory. However, one day, there was an accident that left him unable to work. With no income, the family was very worried. Presbyterian World Service & Development (PWS&D) partner staff met with the family and, together, they came up with a plan for Binda to start a small cosmetics business. With support from the program, she is now selling cosmetic items from village to village. The business is going well, and Binda provides for her family. This livelihood initiative is supported by PWS&D.



## News for Families

- RE-MATCH! We will be having a Jeopardy re-match on Saturday, March 5th @ 7:00 pm. Topics will include bible knowledge and St. Andrew's trivia. Join us to compete or to cheer us on. This is a family friendly event that is just meant for everyone to have a bit of fun together. The Zoom link will be posted on the morning of March 5th.
- **Faith @ Home Boxes will be delivered tomorrow, Monday, February 28th.**
- Don't forget to check out our Faith @ Home online room. 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.

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.



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## Prayer Partnership

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### Let us Join in Prayer

**Tuesday, March 1** We pray for those who have chosen a discipline to follow in the season of Lent.

**Wednesday, March 2 (Ash Wednesday)** Loving God, you hate nothing you have made, and your grace knows no bounds. You created us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you. Create in us clean hearts and turn us around to follow you more nearly.

**Thursday, March 3** We pray for courage and grace to help establish politics that reflect God's reign in our life and the world.

**Friday, March 4 (World Day of Prayer)** We pray for all those who work for peace and unity in the world.

**Saturday, March 5** We pray for the people, ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Prince Edward Island.

We need your help! Our offsite location of the Cambridge Food Bank could use the following items: size 5 & 6 diapers, milk (preferably in cartons), vegetables (potatoes) or fruit, cheese, diabetic ensure. We have several members with dietary restrictions which is making it difficult to find nutritional food for them. We have our offsite location open to members every Thursday. If you have any questions or can help, please contact Joni ([jsmith@standreshpeler.ca](mailto:jsmith@standreshpeler.ca))