

**St. Andrew's Hespeler
Presbyterian Church
February 6th, 2022
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**

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Monday—Friday 9am-12pm

Order of Worship for February 6. 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. This will be a communion service so, if you are joining us from home please prepare communion elements (wine & bread or substitutes).

Call to Worship

L: Let us sing and pray in God's presence.

P: Praise be to God!

L: For God has created the world and called it good.

P: Praise be to God!

L: In Christ, God has redeemed the world and defeated the powers of death.

P: Praise be to God!

L: The Holy Spirit is at work in the world, calling us to follow Jesus.

P: All praise and glory to God, Holy One and Holy Three!

Prayer of Approach and Confession

L: God ever creating, ever loving, ever leading: your presence is peace when we are frantic; your Word is truth when we face deception; your Spirit offers freedom when we are paralyzed by fear. You give purpose in confusing times; You call for justice when the world settles for inequality. For all that you are, all that you have been, and all that you will be, we worship you as the Source of Life, the Promise of Redemption, and the Spirit of Love in Action, One God, now and always.

P: Merciful God, you call us to fullness of life but we confess our shortcomings. We have wandered from your ways and wasted your gifts; we have ignored your grace at work among us, and focused on loss and complaint. We have been suspicious of the motives of others, too quick to judge and too slow to forgive. Give us the courage to see clearly who and what we are. With your forgiveness, cleanse us from all our faults and failings, and inspire us to walk a new way.

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 from us.

P: Let us rejoice that God has forgiven us and opens a new future this day. Amen.

Hymn #299 Holy, holy, holy

1. Holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.

Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

2. Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea,
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
who wert and art and evermore shalt be.

3. Holy, holy, holy, though the darkness hide thee,
though our eyes in sinfulness thy glory may not see
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love and purity.

4. Holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky
and sea.

Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.

Psalm 138 (A Meditation)

Scripture: (other lectionary readings below)

Luke 5:1-11

Carol Johnston

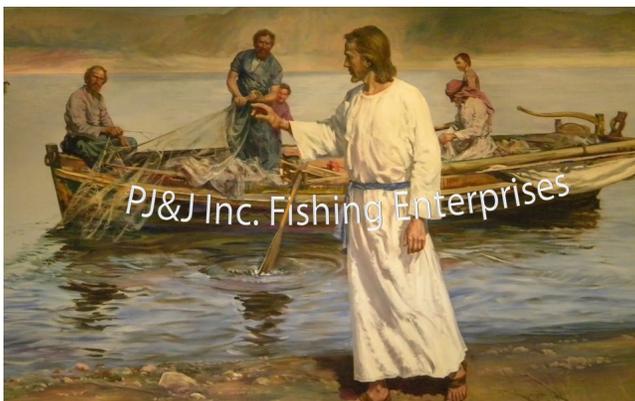
¹ Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, ² he saw two boats there at the

shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. ³ He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. ⁴ When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, 'Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.' ⁵ Simon answered, 'Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.' ⁶ When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. ⁷ So they signalled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. ⁸ But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, 'Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!' ⁹ For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; ¹⁰ and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.' ¹¹ When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

Offertory: "Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord"
setting by Thomas Gieschen Martin Bohl

Celebration of our Generosity

Sermon: "PJ&J Inc. Fishing Enterprises"



Hymn #670 Amazing Grace

1. Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.

2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear

the hour I first believed.

3. Through many dangers, toils and snares,
I have already come;
'tis grace that brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

4. The Lord has promised good to me:
this word my hope secures;
God will my shield and portion be,
as long as life endures.

Celebration of Communion

- Presentation of the elements
- Invitation
- Great Thanksgiving
- Institution
- Epiclesis and Sacrifice
- Sharing the bread and wine

Prayers of the people (using chat to share requests)

Benediction

Other Lectionary Readings

Isaiah 6

¹ In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. ² Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. ³ And one called to another and said:

'Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory.'

⁴ The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. ⁵ And I said: 'Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!'

⁶ Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷ The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: 'Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.' ⁸ Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I; send me!' ⁹ And he said, 'Go and say to this people:

"Keep listening, but do not comprehend;
keep looking, but do not understand."

¹⁰ Make the mind of this people dull,

and stop their ears,
and shut their eyes,
so that they may not look with their eyes,
and listen with their ears,
and comprehend with their minds,
and turn and be healed.'

¹¹ Then I said, 'How long, O Lord?' And he said:
'Until cities lie waste

without inhabitant,
and houses without people,
and the land is utterly desolate;

¹² until the LORD sends everyone far away,
and vast is the emptiness in the midst of the
land.

¹³ Even if a tenth part remains in it,
it will be burned again,
like a terebinth or an oak
whose stump remains standing
when it is felled.'

The holy seed is its stump.

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.

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

¹ Now I should remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, ² through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

³ For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, ⁴ and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, ⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶ Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸ Last of all, as to someone untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹ For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰ But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace towards me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹ Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.



The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Glen & Karen Nixon and family on the death of Glen's father, John. Please keep the Nixon family in your prayers at this difficult time.

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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Annual Meeting

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.



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!



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.



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? We will be playing a game of Jeopardy! Come to cheer us on or to participate. This is will be a fun event for everyone to participate in. More info will be coming.

- If your Faith @ Home box has not yet been returned for re-packing please contact Joni (jsmith@standrewshespeler.ca)
- 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.