

**St. Andrew's Hespeler  
Presbyterian Church  
March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
1st Sunday in Lent**

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Monday—Friday 9am-12pm

**Order of Worship for March 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. If you are participating remotely please prepare some bread and wine (or substitutes).

Lenten Candle Liturgy

Prayer (After the candle is extinguished)

**P: Loving God, as we journey through this holy season of Lent, give us strength and courage to make the changes that are needed in our lives. Open our hearts and minds to your steadfast presence and help us to put our trust in you. Amen.**

Call to Worship

L: We live in the shelter of the Most High,

**P: We abide in the shadow of the Almighty.**

L: Let us worship God who is our refuge and our strength,

**P: For God is the One in whom we trust.**

L: The Lord will deliver us from the perils that threaten us.

**P: Under God's wings, we will find refuge and not be afraid.**

L: So let us praise God, in song and in silence, with thankful hearts!

**P: We will worship God with heart, mind, soul and strength, now and always.**

Prayer of Approach and Confession

L: God of our living and our loving, we rejoice in your grace and mercy which has called creation into being, and makes all life complete. We praise you for Jesus Christ who reveals your loving purposes for all people; in his face we glimpse your love; in his life we see the pattern for our lives. We bless you for the Holy Spirit who guides us and strengthens us, drawing us into the embrace of your tender love. And so we praise you, O God, our eternal, creating father who loves us with motherly care, united with Christ, our saviour, and your Holy Spirit, the breath of life, Three in One, now and always. Amen.

**P: Almighty and most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in things we have done, and things we have neglected to do. We have held back from giving to protect what we have. We have not trusted in your goodness and relied on the world's empty promises instead. Forgive what we have done and direct who we shall become. Help us to serve you by serving your world with generous spirits.**

L: Hear and believe the good news! Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life is gone. The new life has come. Know that you are forgiven, and so, in Christ, forgive one another.

**P: We will, amen!**

Hymn #81 Unto the hills around

1. Unto the hills around do I lift, up my longing eyes:  
oh whence for me shall my salvation come, from  
whence arise?

From God the Lord doth come my certain aid,  
from God the Lord who heaven and earth hath made.

2. He will not suffer that thy foot be moved: safe shalt  
thou be.

No careless slumber shall his eyelids close, who keepeth  
thee.

Behold, he sleepeth not, he slumbereth ne'er,  
who keepeth Israel in his holy care.

3. Jehovah is himself thy keeper true, thy changeless  
shade;

Jehovah thy defence on thy right hand himself hath  
made,

and thee no sun by day shall ever smite;  
no moon shall harm thee in the silent night.

4. From every evil shall he keep thy soul, from every sin:

Jehovah shall preserve thy going out, thy coming in. Above thee watching, he whom we adore shall keep thee henceforth, yea, forevermore.

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

L: You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,

**P: will say to the LORD, 'My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust.'**

L: Because you have made the LORD your refuge, the Most High your dwelling-place, no evil shall befall you, no scourge come near your tent.

**P: For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.**

L: On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.

**P: You will tread on the lion and the adder, the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot.**

L: Those who love me, I will deliver;

**P: I will protect those who know my name.**

L: When they call to me, I will answer them;

**P: I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honour them. With long life I will satisfy them, and show them my salvation.**

Life and Work of the Church

Scripture:

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Lori Marsh

<sup>1</sup> When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, <sup>2</sup> you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. <sup>3</sup> You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, 'Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us.' <sup>4</sup> When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, <sup>5</sup> you shall make this response before the LORD your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. <sup>6</sup> When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, <sup>7</sup> we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. <sup>8</sup> The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched

arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; <sup>9</sup> and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. <sup>10</sup> So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me.' You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. <sup>11</sup> Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

Offertory: Prayer by T. Salome

Martin Bohl

Celebration of our Generosity

Sermon: "The Stories We Tell"



Hymn #543 Here, O my Lord, I see thee

1. Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face;  
here would I touch and handle things unseen,  
here grasp with firmer hand eternal grace,  
and all my weariness upon thee lean.

2. Here would we feed upon the bread of God,  
here drink with thee the royal wine of heaven;  
here would we lay aside each earthly load,  
here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiven.

3. This is the hour of banquet and of song;  
this is the heavenly table for us spread;  
here let us feast, and, feasting, still prolong  
this fellowship in thee, our living bread.

Celebration of Communion

- Presentation of the Elements
- Invitation
- Great Prayer of Thanksgiving
- Institution
- Epiclesis
- Sharing the Bread and Wine

Prayers of the people (using chat to share requests)

Benediction

Other Lectionary Readings:

Romans 10:8-13

<sup>8</sup> But what does it say?

‘The word is near you,

on your lips and in your heart’

(that is, the word of faith that we

proclaim); <sup>9</sup> because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup> For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. <sup>11</sup> The scripture says, ‘No one who believes in him will be put to shame.’ <sup>12</sup> For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. <sup>13</sup> For, ‘Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’

Luke 4:1-13

<sup>1</sup> Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, <sup>2</sup> where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. <sup>3</sup> The devil said to him, ‘If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.’ <sup>4</sup> Jesus answered him, ‘It is written, “One does not live by bread alone.”’

<sup>5</sup> Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. <sup>6</sup> And the devil said to him, ‘To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. <sup>7</sup> If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.’ <sup>8</sup> Jesus answered him, ‘It is written,

“Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.”’

<sup>9</sup> Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, ‘If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, <sup>10</sup> for it is written,

“He will command his angels concerning you,

to protect you”,

<sup>11</sup> and

“On their hands they will bear you up,

so that you will not

dash your foot against a stone.”’

<sup>12</sup> Jesus answered him, ‘It is said, “Do not put the Lord your God to the test.”’ <sup>13</sup> When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.



The Annual General Meeting for the congregation of St. Andrew’s Hespeler will be held today. We will convene on Zoom and in person shortly after the benediction today. Please plan to stay and participate if you are able to do so.



Welcome to St. Andrew’s Family & Children’s Ministries Faith @ Home 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

- Faith @ Home packages will be delivered weekly during Lent and Easter. Please check your porches, usually Monday mornings.
- 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.

**This week’s needs for Food Bank and Hope Clothing!** For Food Bank we could use vegetables (carrots), milk, eggs & yoghurt. 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@standrewshespeler.ca](mailto:jsmith@standrewshespeler.ca)) For Hope Clothing we are running low on men’s jeans with waist sizes 30, 32 & 34.

Next Week's Sermon:

## Settling for Eliezer



### Hope Clothing News:

As of March 15 we will no longer be accepting winter clothing items. During March Break we will be switching our clothing over to welcome in Spring and Summer! After March 15 we will have a very limited amount of warm clothing. Thank you for your continued support!

## Mission Moment – Sunday, March 6

The Reformed Church in Transcarpathia, Ukraine, has been struggling to recruit and retain pastors to serve in poor, rural churches. To encourage seminary students to return after studying abroad, the church started the Nest Program, which offers pastors a safe place to live. **Bishop Zán-Fábián was overjoyed when The Presbyterian Church in Canada offered financial support to renovate a vacant parish house for the Rev. Sándor and his wife Noémi, who have agreed to serve in the small village of Tiszaújhely.** With financial assistance from Presbyterians Sharing, Sándor and Noémi have furnished their house with basic appliances and furniture and can now concentrate on their ministry in Tiszaújhely and give thanks to God.



## Let us Join in Prayer

**Sunday, March 6 (First Sunday in Lent)** Dear God, help us to order our lives in faithful obedience to you so that we may come to know our weaknesses and appreciate your grace at work in our lives.

**Monday, March 7** We pray for the pastors of the Reformed Church in Transcarpathia, Ukraine, who faithfully serve people of Hungarian descent.

**Tuesday, March 8 (International Women's Day)** We pray for the women of the Women's Missionary Society as they continue to support women in marginalized countries.

**Wednesday, March 9** We pray for the members and work of the Assembly Council.

**Thursday, March 10** We pray for the people who gather and serve at Place of Hope Indigenous Presbyterian Church in Winnipeg, Manitoba, and we give thanks for their mission and ministry.

**Friday, March 11** We pray for the people, ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Quebec.

**Saturday, March 12** We pray for the ministry of Rockland Community Church near Ottawa, Ontario. May their congregation feel a strong sense of God's presence as they find new ways to share the gospel of Christ with neighbours.

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