

St. Andrew's Hespeler
Presbyterian Church
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2nd Sunday of Easter

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Monday—Friday 9am-12pm

Order of Worship for April 24. We will meet online and in person at 10 am. The Zoom link will be posted on the website. If you wish to attend in person, we do encourage respectful wearing of masks and safe social distancing.

Call to Worship

L: In life, in death, and in life beyond death,

P: The Risen Christ is Lord.

L: In success and discouragement, in fear and in hope,

P: The Risen Christ is Lord.

L: Of the poor and broken, of the sinner and the sinned against,

P: The Risen Christ is Lord.

L: In Church and community, in our hearts and our homes,

P: The Risen Christ is Lord, and so we gather to worship in his name.

Prayer of Approach and Confession

L: God of yesterday, today, and tomorrow, we rejoice in this new day you have made. We praise you for the abundant life with which you bless us, and for all the beauty that surrounds us as spring takes hold again. We praise you for your Son Jesus, and the power of new life promised in his resurrection. We praise you for your Spirit at work in human history, to restore and redeem our hope with that power of new life. God of steadfast love, we worship you with the Spirit and the Son, and claim your gift of new life, even in the face of any doubt or danger within the world you love. All praise, honour and glory be yours, O God, now and evermore. Amen.

P: O God of might and mercy, in raising Jesus from the dead, you showed us your power to defeat all that brings fear and sorrow to our lives. In his resurrection, Jesus promised to be with us everywhere and always. Yet we confess we are sometimes uncertain about your promises. We doubt the promise of resurrection for our own lives. Upheaval and anxiety eat away at our peace. Forgive us when we struggle to trust your goodness and your steadfast love for us.

L: Hear and believe the good news of the Gospel. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and set free from sin and sorrow. In Jesus Christ, God offers us the gift of peace. May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ fill your hearts this day.

P: May it be so also for you!

Hymn #259 This joyful Eastertide

1. This joyful Eastertide, away with sin and sadness!

My love, the crucified, has sprung to life in gladness.

Refrain: Had Christ, that once was slain, Ne'er burst his
dime- day prison,
our faith had been in vain, but now has Christ arisen,
arisen, arisen, arisen.

2. My body, too, at last shall rest within God's keeping,
until, with trumpet blast, the dead shall wake from
sleeping. *Refrain*

3. Death's flood hath lost its chill, since Jesus crossed the
river,
and love shall reach me still, and shall my soul deliver.

Refrain

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Psalm 118:14-29

L: The LORD is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation. There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:

P: 'The right hand of the LORD does valiantly; the right hand of the LORD is exalted; the right hand of the LORD does valiantly.'

L: I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the LORD. The LORD has punished me severely, but he did not give me over to death. Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

P: This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.

L: I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

P: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

L: This is the LORD's doing;

P: it is marvellous in our eyes.

L: This is the day that the LORD has made;

P: let us rejoice and be glad in it.

L: Save us, we beseech you, O LORD!

P: O LORD, we beseech you, give us success!

L: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD.

P: We bless you from the house of the LORD. The LORD is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.

L: You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;

P: you are my God, I will extol you.

L: O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,

P: for his steadfast love endures for ever.

Life and Work of the Church

Scripture: Acts 5:27-32 Read by Donald Paddock

²⁷ When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, ²⁸ saying, 'We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us.' ²⁹ But Peter and the apostles answered, 'We must obey God rather than any human authority. ³⁰ The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹ God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour, so that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³² And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.'

John 20:19-31

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his

hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' ²⁸ Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' ²⁹ Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Offertory: Chorale Prelude on "Caithness" by Healey

Willan

Martin Bohl

Celebration of our Generosity

Sermon: "A Tale of Two Churches"

Hymn #260 Alleluia, alleluia

Refrain:

Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord;
alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.

1. Jesus is Lord of all the earth;
he is the King of creation:

Refrain

2. Spread the good news o'er all the earth;
Jesus has died and has risen:

Refrain

3. We have been crucified with Christ;
now we shall live forever:

Refrain

4. Come, let us praise the living God,
joyfully sing to our Saviour:

Refrain

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Prayers of the people (using chat and prayer cards to share requests)

Benediction



Other Lectionary Readings:

Revelation 1:4-8

⁴ John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶ and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

⁷ Look! He is coming with the clouds;

every eye will see him,

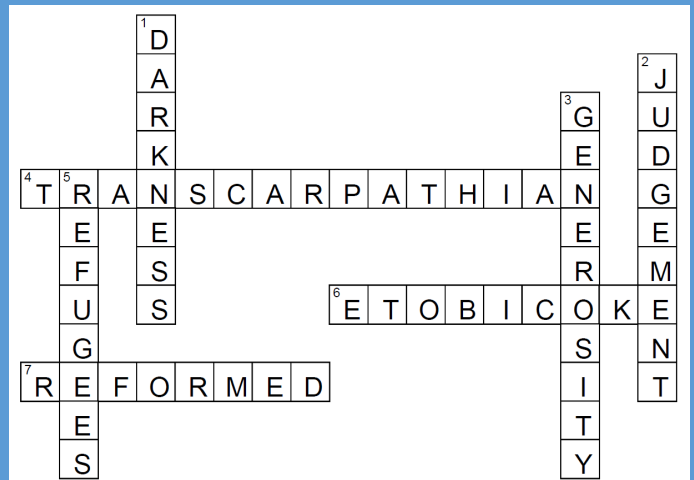
even those who pierced him;

and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

⁸ 'I am the Alpha and the Omega', says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

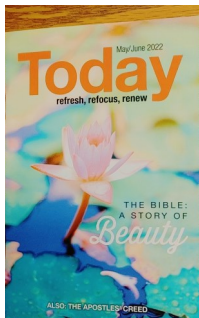
Here is the answer key to the crossword that was in our most recent newsletter. How did you do?



Current needs for Hope Clothing: personal hygiene items.

Current needs for Food Bank include: gluten free items, canned salmon, cheese and milk.

News for Families: Don't forget to check out our Faith @ Home room every week. A new room is posted on our website, Facebook and twitter every Saturday morning. Some things included in the room may include bible readings and stories, activities, music videos and prayers.



May/June "Today" daily devotional booklets have arrived. Some have been places in the mailbox at the church.



Welcome to St. Andrew's Hespeler's Faith @ Home virtual room. Click on the icons; ear, can of pencils, the ram and Jesus & the children to find bible stories to watch & listen to, bible readings and activities.

Mission Moment – Sunday, April 24

When we give to Presbyterians Sharing, we are expressing our faith. Through the words that we use, the decisions we make and the actions we take, we proclaim God's love, hope and grace in the world God loves. Together, as The Presbyterian Church in Canada, we are participating in Christ's mission in Canada and around the world. We share the good news of the gospel, strengthen congregations and equip leaders. We journey toward healing and reconciliation, collaborate with ecumenical and interfaith partners, advocate for human rights, and work to restore hope. When we put our gifts into God's hands, God does remarkable things!



Talk-0-Tuesdays! Come join us on Tuesday mornings for coffee/tea, conversation and a devotion. Coffee & tea will be on at 10:00 am. We will meet from 10:00 - 11:00 am on Tuesday mornings. Will you join us this Tuesday?



It's a Family Reunion! Please join us on Sunday, May 8th for a very special service, celebrating our St. Andrew's family on Christian Family Sunday. Our worship service will be planned to include all families in attendance. Refreshments and cake will be served afterwards for everyone who is comfortable to stay. Invitations will be sent out. There are also invitations at

the back of the sanctuary. If you are missing someone who used to sit near you, please feel free to invite them to join us.

Learning about Intergenerational Worship, part 1:

- "Our faith is communally constructed," Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka says, "everywhere, and all the time."
- Young men and women alike, old and young together! Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is about earth and heave. Psalm 148:12-13
- "Intergenerational ministry occurs when a congregation **intentionally** brings generations together in **mutual serving, sharing, or learning** within the **core activities** of the church in order to live out **being the body of Christ** to each other and the greater community." (Allen and Ross, *Intergenerational Christian Formation: Bringing the Whole Church Together in Ministry, Community and Worship*, p.17)

The Presbyterian Church in Canada

Let us Join in Prayer



Prayer Partnership

Engaging in God's Mission Through Word and Action

Sunday, April 24 (Mission Awareness Sunday) We give thanks for the Rev. Dr. Paul McLean (Taiwan), the Rev. Dr. Blair Bertrand and the Rev. Joel Sherbino (Malawi), who are the "living links" that connect the church to our international partners.

Monday, April 25 (World Malaria Day) We pray for the elimination of malaria, and we give thanks for the global efforts to reduce the number of lives taken by this deadly disease each day.

Tuesday, April 26 We pray for stewardship and mission committees as they work to inspire vision and enthusiasm in congregations.

Wednesday, April 27 We give thanks to God for the support of church administrators.

Thursday, April 28 We pray for the members of the Committee on Education and Reception as they meet this week with candidates and ministers who have applied to be received into The Presbyterian Church in Canada.

Friday, April 29 We give thanks for volunteers who are the heart and hands of their church communities.

Saturday, April 30 We pray for the people who gather and serve at Edmonton Urban Native Ministry in Alberta, and we give thanks for their mission and ministry.