

**St. Andrew's Hespeler  
Presbyterian Church  
May 29th, 2022  
Sixth Sunday of Easter**

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**Order of Worship for May 29, 2022.** 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 encouraged.

**Welcome**

**Call to worship:**

L: Let every creature in heaven and on earth shout to God and sing with joy!

**P: Blessing and honour, glory and power be to our God for ever and ever!**

L: Let us raise our prayers and praises to God in worship this day!

**P: Blessing and honour, glory and power be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.**

**Prayers of Adoration and Confession**

L: God of glory and majesty, God of mystery and mercy, in Christ Jesus you came to live among us, sharing in our joys and sorrows. After he suffered and died for our sake, you raised him and took him up in glory so that he might fulfill all things. As our ascended Lord, he gives hope to your people in all places, in every generation and every situation. So we claim that hope this day, for ourselves and for the world you love, offering you our praise and worship in the name of Jesus Christ, who now lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**P: You desire us to share in the unity and be one as you are Three in One. We confess that such unity often eludes us. We dwell on our differences and find reasons to criticize each other. The love you called us to offer one another disappears when we disagree. Forgive us for making our opinions and preferences into dividing lines within the body of your Church. Call us again to honour the unity and love you cherish for your followers so we may witness to unity and love in this divided world.**

L: Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ – and Christ died for us; Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.

Believe the good news of the gospel.

**P: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and given a ministry of reconciliation for his sake. Amen!**

Responsive Psalm 97

L: The LORD is king! Let the earth rejoice; let the many coastlands be glad!

**P: Clouds and thick darkness are all around him; righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.**

L: Fire goes before him, and consumes his adversaries on every side.

**P: His lightnings light up the world; the earth sees and trembles.**

L: The mountains melt like wax before the LORD, before the Lord of all the earth.

**P: The heavens proclaim his righteousness; and all the peoples behold his glory.**

L: All worshippers of images are put to shame, those who make their boast in worthless idols; all gods bow down before him.

**P: Zion hears and is glad, and the towns of Judah rejoice, because of your judgements, O God.**

L: For you, O LORD, are most high over all the earth;

**P: you are exalted far above all gods.**

L: The LORD loves those who hate evil; he guards the lives of his faithful; he rescues them from the hand of the wicked.

**P: Light dawns for the righteous, and joy for the upright in heart.**

L: Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous,

**P: and give thanks to his holy name!**

**Life & Work of the church**

Hymn #267 Rejoice, the Lord is King

1. Rejoice, the Lord is King; your sovereign Lord adore; give thanks, O mortals, sing and triumph evermore.

Lift up your heart; lift up your voice; rejoice, again I say,

rejoice.

2. For Christ the Saviour reigns, the God of truth and love; when Jesus purged our stains, he took his seat above.

Lift up your heart; lift up your voice; rejoice, again I say, rejoice.

3. His reign can never fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven: the keys of death and hell are to our Saviour given.

Lift up your heart; lift up your voice; rejoice, again I say, rejoice.

4. He sits at God's right hand till all his foes submit and bow to his command and fall beneath his feet.

Lift up your heart; lift up your voice, rejoice, again I say, rejoice.

5. Rejoice in glorious hope, for Christ the Judge shall come

and take the faithful up to their eternal home.

We soon shall hear the archangel's voice; the trump of God shall sound: rejoice.

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Scripture Reading: Acts 16:16-34

<sup>6</sup>One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a female slave who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. <sup>17</sup>While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, 'These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation.' <sup>18</sup>She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, 'I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.' And it came out that very hour.

<sup>19</sup>But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market-place before the authorities. <sup>20</sup>When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, 'These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews <sup>21</sup>and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe.' <sup>22</sup>The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. <sup>23</sup>After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. <sup>24</sup>Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

<sup>25</sup>About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. <sup>26</sup>Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. <sup>27</sup>When the jailer woke up and

saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. <sup>28</sup>But Paul shouted in a loud voice, 'Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.' <sup>29</sup>The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. <sup>30</sup>Then he brought them outside and said, 'Sirs, what must I do to be saved?' <sup>31</sup>They answered, 'Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.' <sup>32</sup>They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. <sup>33</sup>At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. <sup>34</sup>He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

Kids' Focus Time

Offertory: Prelude in E Minor, by J.S. Bach     Martin Bohl

Celebration of our Generosity

Message: #Freedom!



Hymn #193 Out of my bondage, sorrow and night

1. Out of my bondage, sorrow and night,  
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come;  
into thy freedom, gladness and light,  
Jesus, I come to thee;  
out of my sickness into thy health,  
out of my want and into thy wealth,  
out of my sin and into thyself,  
Jesus, I come to thee.

2. Out of my shameful failure and loss,  
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come;  
into the glorious gain of thy cross,  
Jesus, I come to thee;  
out of earth's sorrows into thy balm,  
out of life's storms and into thy calm,  
out of distress to jubilant psalm,  
Jesus, I come to thee.

3. Out of unrest and arrogant pride,  
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come;  
into thy blessed will to abide,

Jesus, I come to thee;  
out of myself to dwell in thy love,  
out of despair into raptures above,  
upward for aye on wings like a dove,  
Jesus, I come to thee.

4. Out of the fear and dread of the tomb,  
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come;  
into the joy and light of thy home,

Jesus, I come to thee;  
out of the depths of ruin untold,  
into the peace of thy sheltering fold,  
ever thy glorious face to behold,  
Jesus, I come to thee.

Prayers of the People

Benediction

### Opportunities to Serve

As we get back to “normal” there are many ways that we can serve and participate in the life of St. Andrew’s. Please prayerfully consider getting involved. Here is a list (but opportunities are not limited to this list!) of some areas we need help:

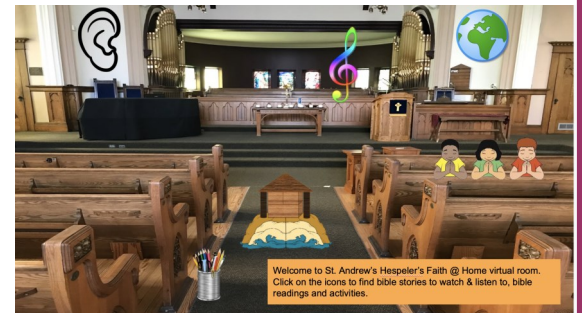
- ◇ Serving at Food Bank on Thursdays. Food bank runs from noon—2:00 pm, but we start setting up about 10:30 am
- ◇ Helping with a somewhat modified Thursday Night Supper & Social in the fall
- ◇ Helping to weed the flower beds in the summer
- ◇ Helping out with our booth at the Hespeler Music Festival on July 9th, various times throughout the day
- ◇ Helping out with our booth at the Hespeler Village Market on a Friday evening (date to be determined)
- ◇ Recording scripture readings , to be used for Faith @ Home and in our worship services
- ◇ Greeters
- ◇ Beadles (bringing the Word of God into the sanctuary and going out into the world with it; essentially bringing the bible into church and walking it back out at the end of worship)
- ◇ Soundboard techs and Zoom hosts (training provided)

Please speak with Joni (jsmith@standrewshespeler.ca) if any of these opportunities call to you! Thank you.

### News for Families

Every week there is a new online Faith @ Home room. In this room you can find bible readings, bible stories, prayers, activities and more! You can visit the room anytime during the week as your time allows.

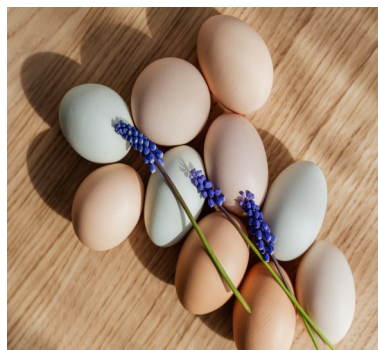
Children and families are encouraged to worship with us now. Our worship services are family friendly, with a Children’s Message and activities. If you have any questions please ask Joni (jsmith@standrewshespeler.ca).



### Current Needs:

For Food Bank: milk, eggs, cheese.

For Hope Clothing: men’s clothing, all sizes.



We need your help! Hope Clothing has been invited to attend the Hespeler Village Market on Friday, June 10th. We need help to transport the tent and items to the market, be at our booth to talk with people and dismantle everything at the end of the market. If you can help out, even for part of the time, please speak with Joni (jsmith@standrewshespeler.ca).



# Mission Moment – Sunday, May 29

In Ghana, 25-year-old Dominic Anane was born with a congenital hearing disability. Like many in Ghana who have disabilities, Dominic was discriminated against. His family and community denied him formal education as a result of negative cultural attitudes associated with his disability. One day, Dominic was identified during a survey by a community-based rehabilitation staff member and enrolled in a program where he was provided with a sewing machine and vocational training in tailoring and dressmaking. **Today, Dominic has established his own business and makes dresses for customers in his community.** Dominic expressed his gratitude: "I feel privileged to have benefitted from the community-based rehabilitation program, which has truly made my life meaningful." This livelihood program is supported by the church through Presbyterian World Service & Development.



## Presbyterian Prayer Partnership

**Sunday, May 29** We pray for people with disabilities in Ghana, who are rising above discrimination and starting businesses with support from the church through Presbyterian World Service & Development.

**Monday, May 30** We pray for the members and work of the Committee on History.

**Tuesday, May 31** We pray for the ministry of Family Church of Heritage Green as the congregation continues to reach out to families in Stoney Creek, Ontario.

**Wednesday, June 1** We pray for the congregations that make up the Central Alberta Shared Ministry. May they feel a strong sense of God's presence as they find new ways to share the gospel of Christ.

**Thursday, June 2** We pray for the people who gather and serve at the Saskatoon Native Circle Ministry in Saskatchewan, and we give thanks for their mission and ministry.

**Friday, June 3** We give thanks and pray for Women's Missionary Society President, Cathy Reid.

**Saturday, June 4** With **World Environment Day** tomorrow (June 5), we give thanks for the creation that you, Creator, called "very good," and we pray for the flourishing of all creation.

The Presbyterian Church in Canada



**Prayer Partnership**  
Engaging in God's Mission Through Word and Action

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to the family of Pat Aitchison. Pat passed away this week. Please keep all of her family in your prayers at this difficult time. (In keeping with Pat's wishes there will be no service)

## Next Week's Sermon:

OF THE APOSTLES  
will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.  
12 Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mountain called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away.  
13 When they had entered the city, they went to the room where they were staying. Recreating themselves, James and Andrew, Philip and Bartholomew and Matthew and James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot and Judas son of James.  
14 All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.  
15 In those days among the believers a crowd numbered about a hundred and twenty persons, and all were devoting themselves to the Holy Spirit through David.  
16 For he had become a guide concerning Judas, who became a betrayer for those who arrested Jesus—  
17 for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.  
18 (Now the scripture had to be fulfilled which says, "Bowels gashed out," of his wickedness, and falling headlong, he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gashed out.)  
19 This became known to all the residents of Jerusalem, so that the field in which this language, Hakeldama, that is, Field of Blood, was named.  
20 For it is written in the book of Psalms, "Let his homestead become desolate, and let there be no one to live in it."  
21 Let another take his position of overseer.  
22 So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us of his resurrection.  
23 So they proposed also known as Justus, and Matthias, who was known to everyone's heart. Show us which of these two you wish to have with us and the other to be put to rest with his fellow workers.  
24 They stood and cast lots to choose Matthias, and his name was added to the eleven apostles.  
25 When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.  
26 And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Tongues as of fire appeared to each one of them, and they rested on their heads and were seen as tongues of fire appearing to each one of them.  
27 Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, and they rested on their heads and were seen as tongues of fire appearing to each one of them.  
28 Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem.  
29 And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each.  
30 Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?"  
31 And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language?  
32 Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the

ACTS 2:22  
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visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power."  
12 All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?"  
13 But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."  
14 But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel.  
17 In the last days it will be, God declares, "I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions, and even upon my slaves and women, I will pour out my Spirit, and they will prophesy, and everyone shall see signs and wonders on the earth above, and in the sky, and in the power of the Lord's great and glorious day."  
18 Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.  
19 You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by all who heard him say these things, and by the Holy Spirit and by signs and wonders and miracles that were done through him among you, both Jews and proselytes, he was handed over to you according to the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God, and you killed him by the hands of lawless men.  
20 But God raised him from the dead, and he was seen by us for forty days, and he ate and drank with us during that time. He was seen by all of us, and he was taken up to heaven, and now he sits at the right hand of God.  
21 He has sent down to us the Holy Spirit, just as he promised, and he has filled each one of us with his Holy Spirit, and he has begun to perform signs and wonders among us just as he did through Jesus of Nazareth.  
22 You are all witnesses of these things.  
23 Now I am turning to you, brothers, and asking you to choose one of the men who have ministered with us all the time that the Lord Jesus was living and moving among us, beginning from the baptism of John the Baptist until the day of his ascension into heaven, one of these men must become a witness with us of his resurrection.  
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*Other Lectionary Readings for this week:*

Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

<sup>12</sup> 'See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. <sup>13</sup> I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.'

<sup>14</sup> Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates.

<sup>16</sup> 'It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.'

<sup>17</sup> The Spirit and the bride say, 'Come.'

And let everyone who hears say, 'Come.'

And let everyone who is thirsty come.

Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

<sup>20</sup> The one who testifies to these things says, 'Surely I am coming soon.'

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

<sup>21</sup> The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

John 17:20-26

<sup>20</sup> 'I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, <sup>21</sup> that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. <sup>22</sup> The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, <sup>23</sup> I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. <sup>24</sup> Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

<sup>25</sup> 'Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. <sup>26</sup> I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.'