

St. Andrew's Hespeler Presbyterian Church

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Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

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Monday—Friday 9am-12pm

Order of Worship for July 31, 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

Responsive Call to Worship

L: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good!

P: God's faithful love endures forever.

L: Has the Lord redeemed you? Then say so!

P: God has redeemed us from trouble and leads us on paths of justice and righteousness.

L: Praise the Lord for God's steadfast love is great!

P: Let us praise the Lord! Let us worship God.

Opening Prayers:

L: God of justice and joy, as we gather for worship this day, we join your whole creation to offer you praise. We sense your glory in the grandeur of open skies and the expanding horizon. We sense your power of new life in growing gardens and growing children. We trust your gift of new life in Christ, rising in us with courage and compassion. Your Spirit blows through us like a fresh breeze in the breath of prayer. Fill us with a sense of your holiness in this hour, O God, to renew us in our love for you and our care for your creation.

P: God of justice and generosity, we trust that all life flows from your hand, yet we confess we often worry about how much life costs us. We like to have much more than enough set and we hesitate to share. Forgive us when our hearts long for the security of this world, not the security of your love.

L: Remember the words of St Paul: "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. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and set free by God's generous grace.

P: Thanks be to God, Amen!

Hymn #338 Let all things now living

1. Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving to God our Creator triumphantly raise, who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us, by guiding us on to the end of our days. God's banners are o'er us; pure light goes before us, a pillar of fire shining forth in the night, till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished, as forward we travel from light into Light.

2. By law God enforces: the stars in their courses, and sun in its orbit obediently shine.

The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains, the depths of the ocean proclaim God divine.

We, too, should be voicing our love and rejoicing: with glad adoration a song let us raise, till all things now living unite in thanksgiving: to God in the highest, Hosanna and praise!

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Responsive Psalm 49:1-12

L: Hear this, all you peoples; give ear, all inhabitants of the world, both low and high, rich and poor together.

P: My mouth shall speak wisdom; the meditation of my heart shall be understanding.

L: I will incline my ear to a proverb;

P: I will solve my riddle to the music of the harp.

L: Why should I fear in times of trouble, when the iniquity of my persecutors surrounds me, those who trust in their wealth and boast of the abundance of their riches?

P: Truly, no ransom avails for one's life;

L: there is no price one can give to God for it.

P: For the ransom of life is costly and can never suffice, that one should live on forever and never see the Pit.

Life and work of the church

Scripture: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

² Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher,
vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

¹² I, the Teacher, was king over Israel in
Jerusalem. ¹³ I applied my mind to seek and to search
out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an
unhappy business that God has given to humans to be
busy with. ¹⁴ I saw all the deeds that are done under the
sun, and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

¹⁸ I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the
sun, seeing that I must leave it to my successor, ¹⁹ and
who knows whether he will be wise or foolish? Yet he
will be master of all for which I toiled and used my
wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. ²⁰ So I turned
and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil
of my labors under the sun, ²¹ because sometimes one
who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill
must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil
for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. ²² What do
mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they
toil under the sun? ²³ For all their days are full of pain,
and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds
do not rest. This also is vanity.

Offertory: "Home of the Soul" Van Denman Thompson
Martin Bohl



Celebration of our Generosity

Sermon: Vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

Hymn #674 In the bulb there is a flower

1. In the bulb there is a flower,
in the seed, an apple tree,
in cocoons, a hidden promise:
butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter
there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

2. There's a song in every silence,
seeking word and melody;
there's a dawn in every darkness
bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future;

what it holds, a mystery,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

3. In our end is our beginning,
in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing,
in our life, eternity,
in our death, a resurrection,
at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

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Prayers of the People

Benediction

Postlude: "Cwm Rhondda" Wilbur Held Martin Bohl

Other lectionary readings this week:

Colossians 3: 1-11 So if you have been raised with
Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is,
seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on
things that are above, not on things that are on
earth, ³ for you have died, and your life is hidden with
Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ who is your ¹life is
revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in
glory.

⁵ Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly:
fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed
(which is idolatry). ⁶ On account of these the wrath of
God is coming on those who are disobedient ⁷ These
are the ways you also once followed, when you were
living that life. ⁸ But now you must get rid of all such
things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive
¹language from your mouth. ⁹ Do not lie to one
another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self
with its practices ¹⁰ and have clothed yourselves with
the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge
according to the image of its creator. ¹¹ In that
renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew,
circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian,
slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

Luke 12: 13-29

¹³ Someone in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, tell
my brother to divide the family inheritance with
me.' ¹⁴ But he said to him, 'Friend, who set me to be a
judge or arbitrator over you?' ¹⁵ And he said to them,
'Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed;
for one's life does not consist in the abundance of

possessions.’¹⁶ Then he told them a parable: ‘The land of a rich man produced abundantly.’¹⁷ And he thought to himself, “What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?”¹⁸ Then he said, “I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods.”¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.”²⁰ But God said to him, “You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?”²¹ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.’

Sunday, July 31 We pray for Montreal West Presbyterian Church in Quebec as the congregation works to uplift and empower youth to participate fully in the life of the church.

Monday, August 1 We pray for those enjoying vacations. May they find their souls restored by God’s green pastures and still waters (Psalm 23).

Tuesday, August 2 We pray for health-care workers at the Mulanje Mission Hospital in Malawi, a partner of Presbyterian World Service & Development, as they provide nutrition and educational support to vulnerable children and their guardians.

Wednesday, August 3 We pray for those who serve in interim ministries as they work with congregations in transition by helping those congregations discern God’s future for mission and ministry.

Thursday, August 4 We pray for the people who gather and serve at the house churches in the Cariboo region of British Columbia, and we give thanks for their mission and ministry.

Friday, August 5 We give thanks and pray for the Rev. Linda Patton-Cowie of St. Mark’s Presbyterian Church in Orillia, Ontario, who serves as the PCC representative on the Taiwan Ecumenical Forum for Justice and Peace.

Saturday, August 6 (Anniversary of the 1945 bombing of Hiroshima) We remember the victims of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan, and we pray for a world without nuclear weapons.

Mission Moment – Sunday, July 31

“Presbyterians Sharing is empowering women leaders through theological education in Malawi. Bright and capable Malawian women often face obstacles in pursuing higher education, including those that arise as a result of economic and gender-based reasons. Recognizing the gender gap and the need for more



female leaders, the PCC agreed to financially support Miriam and Roselyn, teachers from Blantyre, in completing a two-year, part-time Master of Theology in Ministry Studies. This graduate program is a collaboration between Aberdeen University and Zomba Theological College. With deep faith and eagerness to learn, we look forward to how God



Reverend Scott McAndless will be on vacation from August 7 to September 3rd, 2022. He will continue to be available this week for pastoral care. Beginning next Sunday you can contact:

August 7—13 Mark Gaskin mgaskin@rogers.com 519/504-5270 (cellphone)

Reverend Bell Bynum will also be available. His contact number is: 519/616-9252

We have a family in need of a stroller for their growing child. If you have a stroller that you are no longer using, would you consider donating it to them? Please contact us at Hope Clothing or drop it off at the Church.

