

St. Andrew's Hespeler Presbyterian Church

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Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

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Monday—Friday 9am-12pm

Order of Worship for Aug. 28, 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: Sing aloud to God who is our strength!

P: Raise a shout of joy to the God of all generations!

L: For our God feeds us with the finest wheat;

P: with honey from the rock God will satisfy.

L: Let us worship the Lord our God,

P: For God has done great things for us and so we bring God praise.

Opening Prayers:

L: God of all generations, you are the Source of all life and the strength of our lives. You know us through and through. In Jesus Christ, you entered our lives and showed us how to live with hope and generosity. Through the Holy Spirit, you nourish us each day to inspire acts of hospitality and kindness to those we meet. As we worship you, fill us with your living water to refresh our faith and make us a blessing to others as we serve you in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

P: Welcoming God, we confess we too often fall short of the kindness and compassion we meet in Jesus. You have welcomed us like guests to a banquet, yet we find it hard to welcome a stranger in church. You have shown us what matters most in life, but we are distracted by worries, busy with things that really do not matter. Forgive us, O God. Teach us to honor you and those we meet in all we do and say, for the sake of Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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1. For the beauty of the earth,
for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies,
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.
2. For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower,
sun and moon and stars of light,
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.
3. For the joy of ear and eye,
for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony
linking sense to sound and sight,
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.
4. For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild,
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.
5. For each perfect gift of thine,
to the earth so freely given,
graces human and divine,
flowers of earth and buds of heaven,
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.

Life and Work of the Church: please read the announcements in the bulletin or online under “News”

Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 2: 4—13

Hear the word of the Lord, you descendants of Jacob, all you clans of Israel This is what the Lord says: “What fault did your ancestors find in me, that they strayed so far from me? They follow worthless idols and became worthless themselves. They did not ask, “Where is the Lord, who brought us up out of Egypt and led us through the barren wilderness through a land of deserts and ravines, a land of drought and utter darkness, a land where no one travels and no one lives?”

I brought you into a fertile land to eat its fruits and rich produce. But you came and defiled my land and made my inheritance detestable. The priests did not ask, “Where is the Lord?” Those who deal with the law did not know me; the leaders rebelled against me. The prophets prophesied by Baal, following worthless idols.

“Therefore, I bring charges against you again,” declares the Lord “And I will bring charges against your children’s children,. Cross over to the coasts of Cyprus and look, send to Kedar and observe closely; see if there has ever been anything like this: Has a nation ever changed its gods? (Yet they are not gods at all). But my people have exchanged their glorious God for worthless idols. Be appalled at this, you heavens, and shudder with great horror,” declares the Lord “My people have committed two sins: they have forsaken me, the spring of living water, and have dug their own cisterns, broken cisterns that cannot hold water.”

Scripture Reading: Luke 14: 1, 7—14

One Sabbath day, Jesus went to eat in the house of a well-known Pharisee. While he was there, he was being carefully watched.

Jesus noticed how the guests picked the places of honor at the table. So he told them a story. he said, “Suppose someone invites you to a wedding feast. Do not take the place of honor. A person more important than you may have been invited. If so, the host who invited both of you will come to you. He will say, ‘Give this person your seat.’ Then you will be filled with shame. You will have to take the least important place.’

But when you are invited, take the lowest place. Then the host will come over to you. He will say, ‘Friend, move up to a better place.’ Then you will be honored in front of all the other guests. All those who lift themselves up will be made humble, and those who make themselves humble will be lifted up.’

Then Jesus spoke to his host. “Suppose you give a lunch or a dinner,’ he said. “Do not invite your friends, your brothers or sisters, or your relatives or your rich neighbours! If you do, they may invite you to eat with them. So, you will be paid back. But when you give a banquet, invite those who are poor. Also invite those who cannot see or walk. Then you will be blessed. |Your guests cannot pay you back. But you will be paid back when those who are right with God rise from the dead.”

Offertory

Celebration of our Generosity

Sermon



Hymn 462 All my hope on God is founded

All my hope on God is founded who does still my trust renew.
through all change and chance God guides me, only good and only true.
Love unknown, God's alone, calls my heart to be God's own.

Human pride and earthly glory, sword and crown, betray all trust;
What our care and toil establish, tower and temple, fall to dust,
But God's power, hour by hour, is my temple and my tower.

God's great goodness reigns eternal, deep in wisdom, passing thought;
Light and life are all God's splendor bringing beauty out of naught.
Evermore from God's store new-born world's rise and adore.

Daily does Almighty Giver bounteous gifts on us bestow,
God's desire our soul delighting, pleasure leading where we go.
Love will stand at God's hand, joy will wait on God's command.

Still from earth to God eternal sacrifice of praise be done.
High above all praises praising for the gift of Christ the Son.
Hear Christ call one and all: you that follow shall not fail.

Prayers of the People

Benediction

Postlude (Martin Bohl)

Sunday, August 28 We give thanks for the Rev. Rodney Curpanen and the Respite Ministry of St. Columba in Mauritius, providing hospitality to the families caring for people living with disabilities.

Monday, August 29 We pray for the Rev. Stephen Kendall and his family as he begins retirement after 35 years of ordained ministry—24 of which he served as a dedicated Principal Clerk of the General Assembly.

Tuesday, August 30 We pray for a spirit of Christian stewardship so that we may give generously of our time, talent and treasure to share God's love in our church and throughout the world.

Wednesday, August 31 (International Day for People of African Descent) Recognizing the harmful legacy of colonization faced by people of African descent, we seek the Spirit's wisdom as we work to eliminate anti-Black racism.

Thursday, September 1 We pray for the people who gather and serve at Mistawasis Memorial Presbyterian Church in Northern Saskatchewan, and we give thanks for their mission and ministry.

Friday, September 2 We pray for the people, ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Eastern Han-Ca.

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Through Word and Action

Mission Moment – Sunday, August 28th

The Respite Ministry of St. Columba—a parish of the Presbyterian Church of Mauritius—supports families who care for people with intellectual and physical challenges by giving guardians and family members an opportunity to have a break while trained volunteers help take care of their children or dependents. Presbyterians Sharing supported renovations to make the parish more accessible, including modifying washrooms and installing ramps where there were only stairs. The Rev. Rodney Curpanen of St. Columba shared, “We are very grateful for the support extended to us by The Presbyterian Church in Canada that enriches and heightens our hospitality ministries to strangers, poor, needy and marginalized. Thank you for your partnership.”



Some Additional Announcements:

The rose on the communion table celebrates the birth of Presley Eli Brooks, born on August 16th! *Congratulations to grandma Sylvia Brooks and the whole Brooks family on the arrival of Presley.*

Gift cards make gift-giving easy. And the best part is that can also help raise funds for St. Andrew's. You can order whichever gift card you like and receive the full face value of it and St. Andrew's will get a percentage of the amount of the card. There are many vendors offering gift cards this way. Orders are put in at the end of each month, with the cards arriving a very short time afterwards. *If you would like to try ordering gift cards or would like to know how to do so through Fundscrip, contact Laura Einwechter.*

Reverend Scott McAndless will be on vacation from August 7 to September 3rd, 2022. For pastoral care you can contact: Reverend Mark Gaskin ((Aug. 28th—Sept. 3rd) or Reverend Bill Bynum (all dates).

Contact numbers: Reverend Gaskin **519-504-5270** or mgaskin@rogers.com, and Reverend Bynum **519-616-9252**.

We are pleased to again welcome our guest preacher, Reverend Mark Gaskin. Thank you for being here with us today, Mark.

Reverend Mark was born in Regina. When he was 5 years old, his mom and dad moved to Ontario - and Mark followed along. He received his elementary and secondary education in Georgetown. His post-secondary studies were at Trinity College and Knox College (U of T). Mark received his Master of Divinity degree in May of 1984 and was appointed to a 2-point pastoral charge in Prince Edward Island. After PEI, Mark served pastorates in Exeter, Brantford, and Cambridge. He recently retired as the minister of Westside Church in Galt.

In 1986, Mark convinced Kathy to marry him. He and Kathy have three grown children and three grandchildren.

Mark enjoys cooking chili, making jam and deviled eggs, traveling south to Louisiana, taking photographs, reading the Globe and Mail, and watching any movie that has Tom Hanks in it.