

**St. Andrew's Hespeler
Presbyterian Church
September 25, 2022
16th Sunday after Pentecost**

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Order of Worship. 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: Here God speaks to us words of challenge and comfort.

P: Here Jesus stands among us, calling us to acts of mercy.

L: Even now, the Holy Spirit is moving in our midst,

P: filling us with hope and inspiring us to faithfulness.

L: Let us worship God, ever Three and ever One.

P: Let us praise God's holy name together!

Opening Prayers:

L : Creating God, beauty and harmony mark your creation. As the seasons change, we see you are still at work in the world, transforming hearts and situations. We praise you for all you do to repair injustice, to bring peace to places of war, working for goodness to prevail in all nations. You offer us new possibilities day by day, and so we place our trust in your redeeming power. Renew our energy for mission this autumn and open our eyes to new opportunities to reach out in Jesus' name. Through the power of the Spirit, make us participants in your work, bringing justice and joy into the world you love. Amen.

P: Compassionate God, you open your heart to those in need, and to your aching creation. We confess we often turn away so that we do not have to see pain, suffering or injustice, right before our eyes. We don't like to feel uncomfortable or pressed into service. Forgive us, and give us courage to love others as you love us and reach out with the care we have witnessed in Jesus. Amen.

L: The prophet Micah declared that God requires of us three things: to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with God. To all who repent, who act for justice and seek to serve God and neighbour in

kindness, God offers forgiveness and peace. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

P: And also with you!

Hymn #635 Brother, sister, let me serve you

1. Brother, sister, let me serve you;
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace
to you be my servant too.
2. We are pilgrims on a journey,
and companions on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.
3. I will hold the Christ-light for you
in the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.
4. I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow,
till we've seen this journey through.
5. When we sing to God in heaven,
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.
6. Brother, sister, let me serve you;
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace
to let you be my servant too.

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Video Reading: Proverbs 8: 22—31

Joanne

Hymn #631 Jesus' hands were kind hands

1. Jesus' hands were kind hands, doing good to all,
healing pain and sickness, blessing children small,
washing tired feet and saving those who fall;
Jesus' hands were kind hands, doing good to all.
2. Take my hands, Lord Jesus, let them work for you;
make them strong and gentle, kind in all I do.
Let me watch you, Jesus, till I'm gentle too,
till my hands are kind hands, quick to work for you.

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Family Time

Life and work of the church

Scripture: Jeremiah 32: 1 –15

¹ The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD in the tenth year of King Zedekiah of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar. ² At that time the army of the king of Babylon was besieging Jerusalem, and the prophet Jeremiah was confined in the court of the guard that was in the palace of the king of Judah, ³ where King Zedekiah of Judah had confined him. Zedekiah had said, 'Why do you prophesy and say: Thus says the LORD: I am going to give this city into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall take it; ⁴ King Zedekiah of Judah shall not escape out of the hands of the Chaldeans, but shall surely be given into the hands of the king of Babylon, and shall speak with him face to face and see him eye to eye; ⁵ and he shall take Zedekiah to Babylon, and there he shall remain until I attend to him, says the LORD; though you fight against the Chaldeans, you shall not succeed?'

⁶ Jeremiah said, The word of the LORD came to me: ⁷ Hanamel son of your uncle Shallum is going to come to you and say, 'Buy my field that is at Anathoth, for the right of redemption by purchase is yours.' ⁸ Then my cousin Hanamel came to me in the court of the guard, in accordance with the word of the LORD, and said to me, 'Buy my field that is at Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, for the right of possession and redemption is yours; buy it for yourself.' Then I knew that this was the word of the LORD.

⁹ And I bought the field at Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel, and weighed out the money to him, seventeen shekels of silver. ¹⁰ I signed the deed, sealed it, got witnesses, and weighed the money on scales. ¹¹ Then I took the sealed deed of purchase, containing the terms and conditions, and the open copy; ¹² and I gave the deed of purchase to Baruch son of Neriah son of Mahseiah, in the presence of my cousin Hanamel, in the presence of the witnesses who signed

the deed of purchase, and in the presence of all the Judeans who were sitting in the court of the guard. ¹³ In their presence I charged Baruch, saying, ¹⁴ Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Take these deeds, both this sealed deed of purchase and this open deed, and put them in an earthenware jar, in order that they may last for a long time. ¹⁵ For thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land.

Offertory: Poem by Z. Fibich Martin Bohl

Celebration of our Generosity

Sermon: The Cousin That No One Talks About



Hymn #640 Softly and tenderly

1. Softly and tenderly Jesus is.
Calling, calling for you and for me:
patiently Jesus is waiting and watching,
watching for you and for me.
- Refrain: "Come home (come home),
come home (come home),
ye who are weary, come home";
earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,
calling, O sinner, "Come home!"
2. Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading,
pleading for you and for me?
Why should we linger and heed not his mercies,
mercies for you and for me?

Refrain

3. Oh for the wonderful love he has promised,
promised for you and for me;
though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon,
pardon for you and for me.

Refrain

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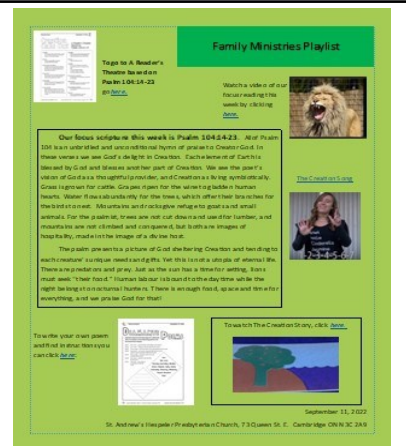
Prayers of the People

Benediction

Postlude: Postlude in G Minor by J.S. Bach Martin Bohl

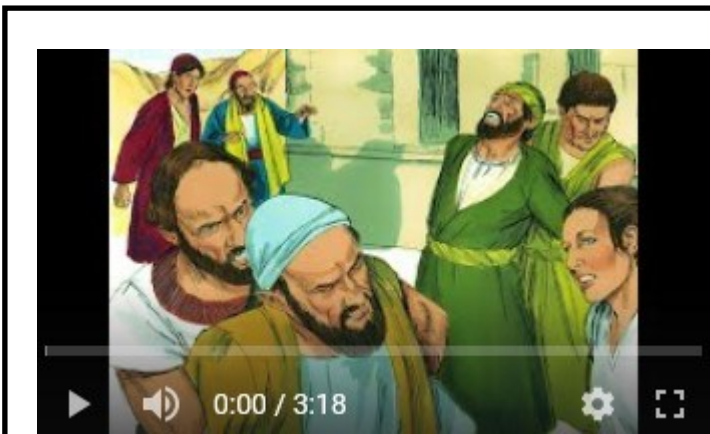
Introducing our new Family Playlist! Each week a new playlist will be posted online for families to access throughout the week. Included on the playlist are links to bible readings, music, activities and more. Everyone is welcome to check this out at any time during the week. It will be posted every Saturday morning at 8:00 am.

Families are encouraged to attend church with their children, as your comfort level with COVID permits. At this time we have moved to an intergenerational style worship service. Each worship service will include a time for the children and activity packages for the children to work with during worship. These packages are created to help our children connect with our worship service. Movers, wigglers and gigglers are all welcome. The sound of children in the sanctuary is a blessing that we all enjoy.



St. Andrew's Annual Dream Auction will be held later than usual this year! It will be a good time to do some Christmas shopping. If you or anyone you know would like to donate items to the auction please reach out to Donald Paddock or Joni Smith. Handcrafted items, home cooked meals or home baked goodies are always a hit! Do you have a service that you can offer? Plans for this year to include a hybrid auction with both in person and online opportunities. Watch your emails, bulletins and newsletters for more information and a date & time!

Award winning batch of scones



Many thanks to everyone who has come in to record bible readings or who have sent them to me. There are still many readings to do, so if you would like to be a part of this team please speak with Joni (jsmith@standrewshespeler.ca).

What is intergenerational worship? Simply put, it is the opportunity to worship with EVERYONE together. Although it may be a challenge for parents to have their children in church for the entire service, children quickly become accustomed to being in church. Others in the church enjoy the presence of families and children. Little movers, wigglers and gigglers are welcome in our worship services. Each week there is a Family Time, with a reading and some sort of story or activity. Packages are available for the children that include ideas of things to do or make that are connected to worship.



There are many advantages to this style of worship. We will talk about the advantages next week!

Other lectionary readings this week:

1 Timothy 6:6-19

⁶Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; ⁷for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; ⁸but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. ⁹But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

¹¹But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. ¹²Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you ¹⁴to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. ¹⁶It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honour and eternal dominion. Amen.

¹⁷As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, ¹⁹thus storing up for themselves the



treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

Luke 16:19-31

¹⁹There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²²The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴He called out, "Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames." ²⁵But Abraham said, "Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. ²⁶Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us." ²⁷He said, "Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house— ²⁸for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment." ²⁹Abraham replied, "They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them." ³⁰He said, "No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent." ³¹He said to him, "If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"



Daily Prayers

The Presbyterian Church in Canada



Prayer Partnership

Engaging in God's Mission
Through Word and Action

Sunday, September 25 (Presbyterians Sharing Sunday) We give thanks for generous gifts to Presbyterians Sharing as we carry out the mission and ministry of the PCC together.

Monday, September 26 We pray for the Presbytery of Kingston, the Presbytery of Lindsay-Peterborough, and other presbyteries having deep conversations about the shape of ministry for congregations within their bounds.

Tuesday, September 27 We pray that all of us be kept steadfast in faith and service. May we be assured that the fullness of God's glory be shown and shared with others through us.

Wednesday, September 28 We pray for the people who gather and serve at Cedar Tree Ministries on Vancouver Island, British Columbia, and we give thanks for their mission and ministry.

Thursday, September 29 We pray for ministers of our church as they continue in faithful ministry through challenging times.

Friday, September 30 (National Day for Truth and Reconciliation/Orange Shirt Day) We honour Survivors of Residential Schools, children who died because of Residential Schools and members of their families. Having rejected the Doctrine of Discovery, we commit to walk in ways that will end anti-Indigenous racism.

Mission Moment – Sunday, September 25

Giving to Presbyterians Sharing means participating in Christ's mission together through The Presbyterian Church in Canada. Our gifts bring hope and transformation to vulnerable individuals and communities in Canada. We equip congregations and leaders through resources and webinars. We connect Presbyterians across the country through the *Presbyterian Connection* newspaper. We provide free websites for congregations, synods, presbyteries, camps and specialized ministries. We equip ministers through our theological colleges. We help congregations discern God's call and create a plan for their future through renewal programs.



We support the PCC's efforts of confession, truth and reconciliation with Indigenous peoples and communities. We live out the biblical call to seek justice, love kindness and walk humbly with God. And so much more. Together, with Presbyterians across Canada, we are making mission and ministry happen!



Ellis Chapel is closing its 2022 summer season with an afternoon of toe-tapping music on **Sunday October 2 at 2 pm**. A Canadian bluegrass band, **Rescue Junction**, is presenting a concert of gospel, traditional and contemporary bluegrass music. Admission is by donation and includes refreshments following the concert. The chapel is located at 6705 Ellis Road, Puslinch Township.

Hope to see you there!

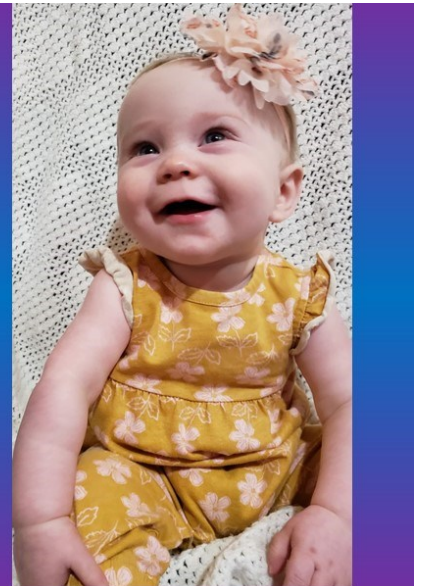


Lailah has been one of our regular attenders in the sanctuary for a while now. This past Sunday, after Joni's story, she created this wonderful art project about creation!

Next Sunday will be very special! Not only will it be World Communion Sunday, we will also be celebrating the baptism of Delilah

Next Week's Sermon:

Hey
there
Delilah



Brown, daughter of Matt and Venessa. Delilah's grandfather, Rev. Calvin Brown will also be taking part in both sacraments.