

**St. Andrew's Hespeler  
Presbyterian Church  
September 18, 2022  
15th 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: Praise the name of the LORD.

**P: Blessed be the name of the LORD!**

L: From the rising of the sun to its setting, praise the name of the LORD.

**P: We will bless God's holy name now and evermore.**

L: The glory of the Lord is high above the heavens, but God raises up the poor and needy on the earth.

**P: So we will sing God's praise.**

L: Let us worship God.

**Opening Prayers:**

L : God our Creator, You sustain your creation as the source of life for every precious thing. You have given us more than we could ever earn or deserve, and so we offer you our love and loyalty, for without you, we would not be. Receive our worship this day, O God. Speak to us in the sounds and silence of this hour, and amaze us with your promise of new life revealed in Jesus Christ, and your power at work in us and among us through the Spirit. Amen.

**P: Generous God, You have enriched us with life worth living, but we confess we often squander your good gifts. We have wasted our time and energy, but held tightly to things we think we need. Forgive our foolish priorities and those times we overlooked the needs of others. Inspire us to live more generously, trusting your goodness to sustain us always.**

L: Friends in Christ, while it is true that we have squandered God's good gifts, it is a greater truth that we are forgiven through God's love in Jesus Christ. Trust the mercy of God, and be at peace with God, with yourself and with one another.

**P: We will. Thanks be to God!**

**Hymn 714:** Wordless, ancient earth's foundations

1. Wordless, ancient earth's foundations,  
cradle fragile in your palm;  
speechless, boundless constellations  
voice their awe in soundless psalm:  
hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah,  
you are all-creating, one.
2. We, our earth's stored treasures spending,  
foul its soil and stain its seas;  
we, our human grasp extending,  
landscapes bruise, proud towers raise.  
Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison,  
lead us home from wasted ways.
3. Heal us, feed us by your Spirit:  
all earth's torment is your own.  
Name us, send us each as servant,  
working, bearing Christ's shalom.  
Maranatha, maranatha, maranatha,  
so we pray: Christ Jesus, come.

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**Psalm 29** Read by Allison

**Hymn 625:** Seek ye first

1. Seek ye first the kingdom of God  
and his righteousness,  
and all these things shall be added unto you.  
Alleluia, alleluia!
2. Ask, and it shall be given unto you;  
seek and ye shall find;  
knock, and the door shall be opened unto you.  
Allelu, alleluia!
3. We do not live by bread alone,  
but by every word that proceeds  
from the mouth of God.  
Allelu, alleluia!

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**Family Time**

## **Life and work of the church**

**Scripture:** Luke 16:1-13

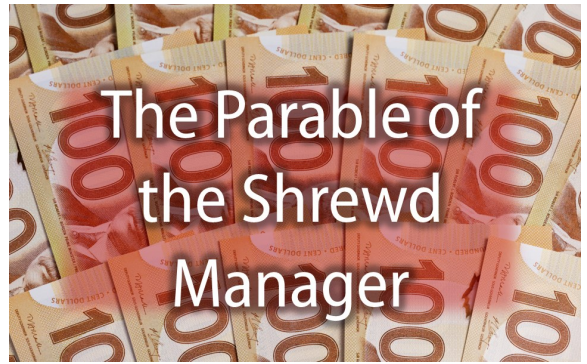
<sup>1</sup> Then Jesus said to the disciples, 'There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. <sup>2</sup> So he summoned him and said to him, "What is this that I hear about you? Give me an account of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer." <sup>3</sup> Then the manager said to himself, "What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. <sup>4</sup> I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes." <sup>5</sup> So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, "How much do you owe my master?" <sup>6</sup> He answered, "A hundred jugs of olive oil." He said to him, "Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty." <sup>7</sup> Then he asked another, "And how much do you owe?" He replied, "A hundred containers of wheat." He said to him, "Take your bill and make it eighty." <sup>8</sup> And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. <sup>9</sup> And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

<sup>10</sup> 'Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. <sup>11</sup> If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? <sup>12</sup> And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? <sup>13</sup> No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.'

**Offertory:** "Prelude on "London New" by Healey Willan"  
Martin Bohl

### **Celebration of our Generosity**

**Sermon:** The Parable of the Shrewd Manager



**Hymn #637** Take my life, and let it be consecrated

1. Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee;  
take my moments and my days:  
let them flow in ceaseless praise.
2. Take my hands and let them move  
at the impulse of thy love;  
take my feet and let them be  
swift and beautiful for thee.
3. Take my voice and let me sing  
always, only for my King;  
take my lips and let them be  
filled with messages from thee.
4. Take my silver and my gold:  
not a mite would I withhold;  
take my intellect, and use  
every power as thou shalt choose.
5. Take my will and make it thine;  
it shall be no longer mine;  
take my heart: it is thine own;  
it shall be thy royal throne.
6. Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
at thy feet its treasure store;  
take myself and I will be  
ever, only, all for thee.

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### **Prayers of the People**

#### **Benediction**

**Postlude:** "Postlude by J. Becher"

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.

Plans are being made for opportunities for our youth to meet. Once everyone gets back into the routine of school, families please watch your emails for more information. If you have questions please speak with Joni, [jsmith@standrewshespeler.ca](mailto:jsmith@standrewshespeler.ca).

Faith @ Home boxes are being prepared. They will include something new for families this year! If you still have your Faith @ Home box at home, please make arrangements with Joni ([jsmith@standrewshespeler.ca](mailto:jsmith@standrewshespeler.ca)) to have it returned. Thank you!

**Other lectionary readings this week:**  
**Jeremiah 8:18-9:1**  
<sup>18</sup> My joy is gone, grief is upon me, my heart is sick.  
<sup>19</sup> Hark, the cry of my poor people from far and wide in the land: 'Is the LORD not in Zion? Is her King not in her?'  
 ('Why have they provoked me to anger with their images, with their foreign idols?').  
<sup>20</sup> 'The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved.'  
<sup>21</sup> For the hurt of my poor people I am hurt, I mourn and dismay has taken hold of me.  
<sup>22</sup> Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Why then has the health of my poor people not been restored?  
<sup>1</sup> O that my head were a spring of water, and my eyes a fountain of tears, so that I might weep day and night for the slain of my poor people!

**1 Timothy 2:1-7**  
<sup>1</sup> First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings should be made for everyone, <sup>2</sup> for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. <sup>3</sup> This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, <sup>4</sup> who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.  
<sup>5</sup> For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, <sup>6</sup> who gave himself a ransom for all—this was attested at the right time.  
<sup>7</sup> For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.



**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!**



## Daily Prayers

**Sunday, September 18** We pray for people living with disabilities in Ghana and give thanks for the education that they receive through the Garu Community-Based Rehabilitation Program to improve their quality of life.

**Monday, September 19** We pray for Sylvia Haddad, Director of the Joint Christian Committee for Social Service in Beirut, Lebanon. May God grant her strength and wisdom as she and the Committee share God’s love and hope with Palestinian and Syrian refugees.

**Tuesday, September 20** We pray for the members and work of the International Affairs Committee.

**Wednesday, September 21 (International Day of Prayer for Peace)** We pray for the power to devote our thought and energy to the task of making peace in the world, in our communities, in our churches and in our homes.

**Thursday, September 22** We pray for clerks of Session as they work with ministers and elders to provide leadership and pastoral care to congregations across Canada.

**Friday, September 23** We pray for the people, ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Pictou in Nova Scotia.

**Saturday, September 24** We pray for the members and work of the Assembly Council.

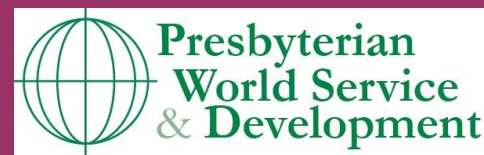


## Prayer Partnership

Engaging in God’s Mission Through Word and Action

### Mission Moment – Sunday, September 18

Presbyterian World Service & Development (PWS&D) works to improve the quality of life for people living with disabilities. John, who had a limb amputated when he was younger, is a participant in a livelihoods program at the Garu Community-Based Rehabilitation Centre. As a participant, John was able to attend a workshop on vegetable production. “I can’t thank the program and their partners, like PWS&D, enough. I can produce enough food now to feed myself and my family because of the training and the seed that I received from the program. Thankfully, the training and the seed I received came at the right time and has proven to be the game-changer. Thank you so much for the timely intervention,” shared John. This livelihoods program with the Garu Community-



Based Rehabilitation Centre is supported by PWS&D through the Presbyterian Church of Ghana.

