

St. Andrew's Hespeler Presbyterian Church

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19th Sunday after Pentecost

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Monday—Friday 9am-12pm

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

One: Praise the LORD.

All: Praise the LORD, O my soul.

One: Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,

All: whose hope is in the LORD their God,

One: the Maker of heaven and earth,
the sea, and everything in them—

**All: the LORD, who remains faithful forever,
who upholds the cause of the oppressed
and gives food to the hungry.**

One: The LORD sets prisoners free

All: The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down.

One: The LORD watches over the stranger.

**All: God sustains the orphan and the widow,
but frustrates the ways of the wicked.
Praise the LORD. Let us worship God.**

Opening Prayers of Adoration and Confession

One: God of generosity, most patient in teaching and swift to offer mercy, you breathe life into all things and nourish your whole creation. You are a rock and refuge for your people, for you are trustworthy in all things. Your desire for peace with justice can never be defeated. You alone can bring life out of death, and restore wholeness to broken lives: we praise you and rejoice in the hope you offer. Your love is the power at work in every situation, seeking goodness and revealing truth, a love that will never let us go. We offer you our love and loyalty through Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit.

**All: God of our hopes and our hearts, We confess
that we are not always generous, not always patient in
learning or instruction. Too quickly, we give up our
trust in others; too often, our own actions undermine
the trust others have in us. You provide the gift of**

**faith, but we repeatedly choose paths leading to
despair. We have even turned your teachings of love
into tools of domination. We promise to atone for
harms we have done, but instead of the hard work
towards a just peace, we all too easily slide into the
simpler truce of soft words and no change. Forgive us.
Turn us back to the way of joy and compassion. Teach
us how to use our gifts of creativity to sing grace and
weave friendship, through Christ and the power of the
Holy Spirit. Amen**

Assurance of Forgiveness

One: Do not despair, but listen!

I will satisfy the weary,
and all who are faint I will replenish,
says the Lord.
They shall all know me,
from the least of them to the greatest,
says the Lord;
for I will forgive their iniquity,
and remember their sin no more.

**All: Let us therefore have the courage to seek
peace—with God, with our neighbours, and
with ourselves. Let us live as if we truly believe
that God will turn mourning into joy and give
gladness in place of sorrow. All glory be to God!**

Hymn 785: O day of God, draw nigh

1. O day of God, draw nigh
In beauty and in power;
Come with you timeless judgement new
To match our present hour.
2. Bring to our troubled minds,
Uncertain and afraid,
The quiet of a steadfast faith,
Calm of a call obeyed.

3. Bring justice to our land,
that all may dwell secure,
and finely build for days to come
foundations that endure.
4. Bring to our world of strife
your sovereign word of peace
that war may haunt the earth no more
and desolation cease.
5. O day of God, draw nigh
as at creation's birth,
let there be light again, and set
your judgements in the earth.

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Psalm 119:97-104

L: Oh, how I love your law! It is my meditation all day long.

P: Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies, for it is always with me.

L: I have more understanding than all my teachers, for your decrees are my meditation. I understand more than the aged, for I keep your precepts.

P: I hold back my feet from every evil way, in order to keep your word. I do not turn away from your ordinances, for you have taught me.

L: How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!

P: Through your precepts I get understanding; therefore I hate every false way.

Video Reading: Luke 18:1-8

Hymn 510: Deep in the shadows of the past

1. Deep in the shadows of the past,
far out from settled lands
some nomads traveled with their God
across the desert sands.
The dawning hope of humankind
by them was sensed and shown:
a promise calling them ahead,
a future yet unknown.
2. While others bowed to changeless gods,
they met a mystery,
invisible, without a name,
"I am what I will be";
and by their tents around their fires,
in story, song and law,
they praised, remembered, handed on
a past that promised more.

3. From Exodus to Pentecost
the promise changed and grew,
while some, remembering the past,
recorded what they knew,
or with their letters and laments,
their prophecy and praise,
recovered, kindled and expressed
new hope for changing days.

4. For all the writings that survived,
for leaders long ago,
who sifted, copied and preserved
the Bible that we know,
give thanks, and find its story yet
our promise, strength and call,
the model of emerging faith,
alive with hope for all.

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Family Time

Life and Work of the Church

Prayer for Illumination

Jeremiah 31:27-34

²⁷ The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of humans and the seed of animals. ²⁸ And just as I have watched over them to pluck up and break down, to overthrow, destroy, and bring evil, so I will watch over them to build and to plant, says the LORD. ²⁹ In those days they shall no longer say: "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge."

³⁰ But all shall die for their own sins; the teeth of the one who eats sour grapes shall be set on edge.

³¹ The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³² It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³ But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴ No longer shall they teach one another or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD, for I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more.

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it ¹⁵ and how from childhood you have known sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the person of God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

¹ In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: ² proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage with the utmost patience in teaching. ³ For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound teaching, but, having their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires ⁴ and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. ⁵ As for you, be sober in everything, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

Offertory: Minuet in B Flat by F. J. Haydn M. Bohl

Celebration of our Generosity

Sermon

Hymn 726 : May the God of hope go with us every day
May the God of hope go with us every day,
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
bringing light and hope to every land and race.
Praying, let us work for peace,
singing, share our joy with all.
working for a world that's new,
faithful when we hear Christ's call.

Refrain:

Praying, let us work for peace,
Singing, sharing our joy with all,
Working for a world that's new,
Faithful when we hear Christ's call.

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Prayers of the People

Response:

One: God who listens, hear our prayer,

All: and in your mercy, answer.

Closing Responses:

One: Let us go forth in the power and light of the Spirit, walking together where Christ leads us. In our hearts

All: may we receive the blessing of God's teaching.

One: From our hearts

All: may we bless the world and all its inhabitants.

One: With all our heart

All: may we love and serve God and change the world for the better.

Benediction

Postlude: Praise to God by R. W. Martin

M. Bohl

We are very pleased to welcome the Rev. Dr. Mark Godin as our guest preacher this morning.

Dr. Godin, the son of Ray and Jean Godin, grew up attending and being shaped by St. Andrew's Hespeler. He followed a call into ministry in The Presbyterian Church in Canada, serving at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Melbourne, Québec, before going to Glasgow for doctoral studies in theology. There he also met his spouse, Dr. Alana Vincent, with whom he has adventured ever since, in Glasgow, Jerusalem, Chester, Liverpool, and beyond. He has sought to serve God in congregations of the Church of Scotland and the United Reformed Church, in teaching and writing theology, and other pastoral work.

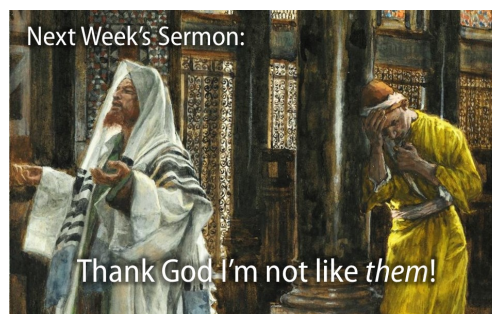
Rev. Scott will be on vacation until Friday. If you are in need of pastoral care during the rest of this week, please contact Reverend Mark Gaskin.

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We will be pleased to welcome Rev. Gaskin as our guest preacher next week.



Next Week's Sermon:

Thank God I'm not like *them*!

Prayer Card

Please write your prayer on this card and place in the collection plate. Your prayers will be included in the Prayers of the People.

*"Therefore I tell you,
whatever you ask in
prayer, believe that you
have received it, and
it will be yours."*

- Mark 11:24

Prayer Cards are available at the back of the sanctuary. If you have a prayer request that you would like to have included in the Prayers of the People please fill the card out and leave on the offering plate at the back of the sanctuary. The prayers will be brought forward at the beginning of the Prayers for the People.

Check out our 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 Friday 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.



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@standreshespele.ca).

Help needed!

We are going to retire our greeters. Sebastian and Lincoln have been at the back of the sanctuary for quite some time and we are thankful for their contribution to our worship services. But the time has come to have real people (even though we love these artistic renditions!) greet on Sundays. We also need Beadles (to bring in the Word of God, the Bible at the beginning of worship and take it out into the world at the end). Starting at the beginning of November we will also need Elders and Deacons to serve The Sacrament of Holy Communion (self serve communion will still be available for those who would be uncomfortable with being served. If you can help with any of these service opportunities please speak with Scott or Joni.



Daily Prayers

The Presbyterian Church in Canada



**Prayer
Partnership**

Engaging in God's Mission
Through Word and Action

Sunday, October 16 (Students and Colleges Sunday) We give thanks to God for our three theological colleges—The Presbyterian College (Montreal, Quebec), Knox College (Toronto, Ontario) and St. Andrew's Hall/Vancouver School of Theology (British Columbia)—and we pray for the students as they prepare for ministry.

Monday, October 17 (International Day for the Eradication of Poverty) We pray for an end to poverty, as well as for guidance and strength for those who are working to eliminate poverty and helping meet the needs of all who are experiencing it.

Tuesday, October 18 We pray for guidance and creativity for the Women's Missionary Society Council Executive and the 2024 Planning Team as they meet at the national office of the PCC from October 17–19.

Wednesday, October 19 We pray for the members and work of the Life and Mission Agency Committee.

Thursday, October 20 We pray for the Presbyterian Church in Taiwan and for Nancy Lin, Ecumenical Relations Program Secretary, as she recovers from a medical condition.

Friday, October 21 We give thanks and pray for those working in nursing and long-term care homes and hospitals as they provide care to people, often in understaffed facilities.

Saturday, October 22 We pray for the people who gather and serve at Edmonton Urban Native Ministry in Alberta, and we give thanks for their ministry.

Mission Moment – Sunday, October 16

In Pakistan, after repeated and prolonged droughts, Rano and her husband, Jeevo, were left with land that was unable to produce a harvest. As they were contending with worries about how they would feed their family, the situation turned worse when Jeevo's mother died, and they had to take on significant debt in order to pay for the funeral expenses. Jeevo went to Karachi to work, while Rano purchased food and necessities for the family on credit. Unfortunately, Jeevo's earnings were only enough to pay their debt and nothing else. Things finally improved when Rano and Jeevo's family were selected to be part of a Presbyterian World Service & Development (PWS&D) food assistance project, where they received food packages of oil, wheat, rice,



Some upcoming events to keep in mind:

- **October 31 — first new community breakfast**
- **November 6 — Communion and Remembrance Sunday service with the participation of the local Legion Branch and Colour Guard. Please join us in the sanctuary for this special service at 10:00 am.**
- **November 27 — First Sunday in Advent**
- **December 4 — Communion and very special musical guest: Stay tuned for more details!**

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, wrigglers 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. As we have noticed the absence of children and families for in person worship we have come to realize that we miss the sounds of giggling, singing, questioning, squirming. Intergenerational Worship gives us a chance to connect with the children and their families, to find out what is going on in their worlds. It also gives our families a chance to connect with others in the congregation. By including children and families in our worship service we have a chance to help families teach our faith to their children. Intergenerational worship is a perfect opportunity to help establish the relationships with children that will help them stay connected to our church well into the future.

Did you know that you can worship with us in person? Some of us still wear masks, others do not; this is a personal choice. Some people sit well-distanced from each other and others sit with friends. A sense of community is important to many people as we worship. Please consider joining us in the sanctuary on Sunday mornings.

The flowers on the communion table are in memory of Norris Clayton, who passed away 9 years ago.