

St. Andrew's Hespeler Presbyterian Church

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167th Anniversary Sunday

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Monday—Friday 9am-12pm

Order of Worship. We will meet in person (and online) at 10 am. The link will be posted on the website. If you are attending in person, screening, masking and social distancing are encouraged.

Welcome

Call to Worship

L: Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength.

P: They shall mount up with wings as eagles;

L: They shall run and not be weary;

P: They shall walk and not faint.

L: In the company of all God's saints and pilgrims, come and worship.

P: We come with prayer and praise to find our strength renewed!

Prayers

L: Ancient of days, God of our everyday lives, we praise you for your guidance and care in every generation, and for the example of those who have gone before us, who taught us your name and brought us to faith. In the great mystery of your love, we know these saints gather with, to praise and adore you for your wisdom that instructs, your grace that redeems, your Spirit who guides us, and for the comfort and hope we claim in the knowledge that neither death nor life can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

P: Gracious God, you have been faithful to us in every generation. Yet we confess that we are not so faithful to you. We shrink from costly discipleship and we seek cheap grace. Forgive our fleeting enthusiasms and our shallow commitments. And guide us always with the love and mercy we witness in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

L: Dear friends, while it is true that we have all sinned, it is a greater truth that we are forgiven through God's love in Jesus Christ. Be at peace with God, with yourself and with one another.

P: We will! Thanks be to God!

Hymn #299: Holy, holy, holy

1. Holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.

Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

2. Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea,
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
who wert and art and evermore shalt be.

3. Holy, holy, holy, though the darkness hide thee,
though our eyes in sinfulness thy glory may not see
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love and purity.

4. Holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky
and sea.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.

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Video Reading: Luke 19:1-10

Psalms 119: 137-144

L: You are righteous, O LORD, and your judgments are right.

P: You have appointed your decrees in righteousness and in all faithfulness.

L: My zeal consumes me because my foes forget your words.

P: Your promise is well tried, and your servant loves it.

L: I am small and despised, yet I do not forget your precepts.

P: Your righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and your law is the truth.

L: Trouble and anguish have come upon me, but your commandments are my delight.

P: Your decrees are righteous forever; give me understanding that I may live.

Habakkuk 1:1-11; 2:1-4

¹ The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

² O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen?

Or cry to you "Violence!" and you will not save?

³ Why do you make me see wrongdoing and look at trouble?

Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise.

⁴ So the law becomes slack, and justice never prevails.

The wicked surround the righteous; therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

⁵ Look at the nations and see! Be astonished! Be astounded!

For a work is being done in your days that you would not believe if you were told.

⁶ For I am rousing the Chaldeans, that fierce and impetuous nation, who march through the breadth of the earth to seize dwellings not their own.

⁷ Dread and fearsome are they; their justice and dignity proceed from themselves.

⁸ Their horses are swifter than leopards, more menacing than wolves at dusk; their horses charge.

Their horsemen come from far away; they fly like an eagle swift to devour.

⁹ They all come for violence, with faces pressing forward; they gather captives like sand.

¹⁰ At kings they scoff, and of rulers they make sport.

They laugh at every fortress and heap up earth to take it.

¹¹ Then they sweep by like the wind; they transgress and become guilty; their own might is their god!

¹ I will stand at my watch post and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me and what he will answer concerning my complaint.

² Then the LORD answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it.

³ For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end and does not lie.

If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay.

⁴ Look at the proud!

Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faithfulness.

Hymn #624: Blest are they

1. Blest are they, the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of God.
Blest are they, full of sorrow; they shall be consoled.

Refrain: Rejoice and be glad!
Blessed are you; holy are you!
Rejoice and be glad!
Yours is the Kingdom of God!

2. Blest are they, the lowly ones; they shall inherit the earth.
Blest are they, who hunger and thirst; they shall have their fill.

Refrain

3. Blest are they who show mercy; mercy shall be theirs.
Blest are they, the pure of heart; they shall see God!

Refrain

4. Blest are they who seek peace; they are the children of God.
Blest are they who suffer in faith, the glory of God is theirs.

Refrain

5. Blest are you who suffer hate all because of me.
Rejoice and be glad – yours is the kingdom shine for all to see.

Refrain

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Family Time

Life and work of the church

Offertory: Solo by Healey Willan

Martin Bohl

Celebration of our Generosity

Sermon: That a Runner may Read it



Hymn #479 : The church's one foundation

1. The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ our Lord;
we are his new creation by water and the word;
from heaven he came and sought us that we might
ever be
his living servant people, by his own death set free.
2. Called forth from every nation, yet one o'er all the
earth,
our charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one
birth,
one holy name professing and at one table fed,
to one hope we are pressing, by Christ's own Spirit
led.
3. Though with a scornful wonder the world sees us
oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,
yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up,
"How long?"
But soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of
song.
4. 'Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of our war,
We wait the consummation of peace forevermore,
Till with the vision glorious our longing eyes are
blest,
And the great church victorious shall be the church
at rest.
5. We now on earth have union with God the Three-in-
One,
And share, through faith, communion with those
whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell
with thee.

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Prayers of the People

Benediction

Postlude: Trumpet March by J. Clarke

M. Bohl



Other lectionary readings this week:

2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12

¹ Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ:

² Grace to you and peace from God the Father and the
Lord Jesus Christ.

³ We must always give thanks to God for you, brothers
and sisters, as is right, because your faith is growing
abundantly and the love of every one of you for one
another is increasing. ⁴ Therefore we ourselves boast
of you among the churches of God for your
steadfastness and faith during all your persecutions
and the afflictions that you are enduring.

¹¹ To this end we always pray for you, asking that our
God will make you worthy of his call and will fulfill by
his power every good resolve and work of faith, ¹² so
that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in
you and you in him, according to the grace of our God



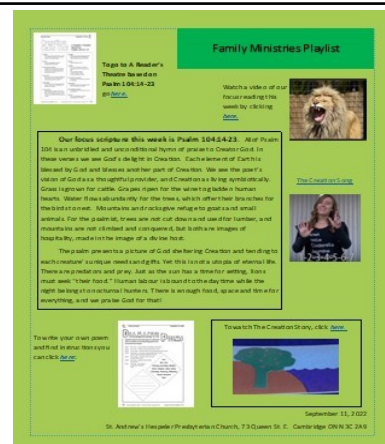
It's that time of year again! The Hespeler
Santa Claus parade is on **Saturday, Decem-
ber 3rd @ noon.**

We have the hay wagon and driver ar-
ranged for this year. Now we need some
riders and walkers! If you are interested in
participating in the parade in this way,
please speak with Joni.

Decorating the float is going to be simple
and will happen on the morning of the pa-

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.



Dream Auction Update

Due to some unforeseen circumstances we will be postponing our annual Dream Auction until the spring. We look forward to an evening of fun and fellowship at that time. Dates and times will be announced later on. Thank you for your understanding.

While we wait for the Dream Auction please think about how you might contribute. Do you have a talent or service that you could share? Do you knit, sew, create?

Award winning batch of scones



Help needed!

We are going to retire our greeters at the end of this month. 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.



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
- **November 13** — Celebration of Baptism!
- **November 27** — First Sunday in Advent
- **December 4** — Communion and very special musical guest

Stay tuned for more details.

Daily Prayers

The Presbyterian Church in Canada

Sunday, October 30 We pray for peace, and we give thanks for the life-saving support Presbyterian World Service & Development partners are providing to families suffering the terrifying consequences of war in Ukraine.

Monday, October 31 (Reformation Day) Strengthen our hearts, O God; make them eager to serve you and your purposes. Trouble us with the smallness of our vision and awaken us to the greatness of your glory and the breadth of your grace.

Tuesday, November 1 (All Saints Day) We thank God for knitting us into one fellowship; for the people who have gone ahead of us in the faith and who loved us, formed our faith and served God with joy and grace.

Wednesday, November 2 We pray for the people of the Vindhya-Satpura region in India—known as the Bhil Field—who will be celebrating a 125-year relationship with the PCC, and we ask for God's blessing on Pauline Brown as she continues to live in India and serve the people she calls her family in Christ.

Thursday, November 3 We pray for the members of the Committee on Education and Reception as they meet this week with candidates and ministers who have applied to be received into The Presbyterian Church in Canada.

Friday, November 4 As the days grow shorter and colder, we pray for the homeless and underhoused and give thanks for those who provide shelter, food and friendship.

Saturday, November 5 We pray for the people who gather and serve at Winnipeg Inner City Missions in Manitoba, and we give thanks for their ministry.



**Prayer
Partnership**
Engaging in God's Mission
Through Word and Action

Mission Moment — October 30, 2022

When the war in Ukraine started, Irina's family was torn apart. Her husband joined the territorial defence force to serve his country, while Irina and their two children sought refuge at her parents' house. The sound of bombs exploding nearby made it clear that the situation was still unsafe, and Irina determined to find a safer place for her family. On their way to the evacuation point, bombs started falling on the settlement. Irina was fortunate to see a convoy of cars passing by, which her family hastily joined. Eventually, they were able to catch a train to western Lviv, where they found safe shelter at a refugee centre run by



Hungarian Interchurch Aid through the ACT Alliance, supported by Presbyterian World Service & Development.

We are working on a newsletter to come out in November. If any groups, committees or individuals have things to add, please forward to Scott or Joni.

There are many exciting things scheduled, so please watch out for when the newsletter is published. You won't want to miss some special services and groups.