

**St. Andrew's Hespeler
Presbyterian Church
October 2, 2022
Celebration of Baptism
World Communion Sunday**

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Order of Worship for Oct 2nd, 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: Friends, Venessa and Matthew have some Good News for us.

P: What's the Good News?

Parents: We have a daughter!

L: Praise God! We have another life among us. Let all the people say 'Amen'.

P: Amen!

L: What's her name?

Parents: She is called Delilah Lenore

L: Why do you bring her here?

Parents: That she may be blessed by God and included in God's community.

P: Do you know that she needs to go through the waters of baptism?

Parents: Yes we do, may we enter?

L: May they enter?

P: Yes! We rejoice with you in the gift of your child, Delilah, and we promise to provide you with a circle of belonging in which she will have a place. As friends, we will offer a home to worship God and learn the Sacred Story.

Hymn #513 Now There is No Male or Female

1. Now there is no male or female;
now there is no free or slave;
Now there is no Jew or Gentile
in the earth Christ died to save.
Christ has set us free for freedom:
we no more sing slavery's creed;
Old submissions cannot claim us:
Christ has set us free indeed.
2. Crucified with Christ the Saviour,
baptized in his holy death,
And as Christ was raised to glory

we have new life on this earth.
Power of water and God's naming
turns from darkness to the light,
Joins us to those who, before us,
ran the race and fought the fight.

3. Death has no dominion over him,
so for us death holds no power;
Life's own waters now have marked us
born to God this very hour.
From this moment and forever
dead to sin, alive in Christ,
Born of water and the Spirit,
now in Christ we find our life.

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Affirmations:

L: Please join me as we welcome this new life among us using the words printed in the bulletin.

P: Little child, welcome to this world, this amazing and scary world. Welcome to light and dark, hot and cold, good and evil. Welcome to love and hate, truth and lies, good times and bad. Welcome to the long human pilgrimage from birth to death. Anything can happen here; everything is possible. Some things must be chosen; others left behind. Welcome to the real world and this circle of friends. Here we turn to God for help in making the choices that lead to life.

L: Delilah, for you Jesus Christ came into the world; for you he passed through the waters of baptism; for you he broke bread with sinners and outcasts; for you he endured the agony of the cross; for you he triumphed over death. You, little child, know nothing of this. How will you ever know? Who will ever tell you?

Parents: We will!

L: Delilah, this is too big a job for your parents alone. Who is going to help them?

P: We will!

Witnesses: And so will we!

L: Delilah, who will protect and nourish you until that day when you turn to God and say yes to God's life of compassion, justice and peace?

Parents: We will!

L: Who is going to help them?

P: We will!

Witnesses: And so will we!

Prayer of Approach

P: God of all peace and hope, many years ago, you sent your Son, Jesus, among us to prove your love and challenge the darkness of this world. We praise you because today you have sent us this child to remind us of that gift and reignite within us that hope that that birth brought.

We know that we sometimes forget that hope and choose to live in the darkness instead of in the light of your love. As we pour out this water baptism, we pray that you would renew us all and sanctify us with your Spirit that we might know true peace. Amen.

L: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

P: And also with you.

Act of Baptism

Welcome

L: Friends, this is Delilah, a daughter of God!

P: Welcome, Delilah!

L: Delilah this is the light of Christ passed on to you by church and by family. May this light be yours!

Reading: 2 Timothy 1:1-14 Read by Joanne

Hymn #521 Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

1. Child of blessing, child of promise,
baptized with the Spirit's sign,
with this water God has sealed you
unto love and grace divine.
2. Child of love, our love's expression,
love's creation, loved indeed!
Fresh from God, refresh our spirits,
into joy and laughter lead.
3. Child of joy, our dearest treasure,
God's you are; from God you came.
Back to God we humbly give you;
live as one who bears Christ's name.
4. Child of God, your loving Parent,
learn to know whose child you are;
grow to laugh and sing and worship,
trust and love God more than all.

Family time

Life and Work of the Church

Scripture Reading: Judges 16:4-22

⁴After this [Samson] fell in love with a woman in the valley of Sorek whose name was Delilah. ⁵The lords of the Philistines came to her and said to her, "Coax him, and find out what makes his strength so great and how we may overpower him, so that we may bind him in order to subdue him, and we will each give you eleven hundred pieces of silver." ⁶So Delilah said to Samson, "Please tell me what makes your strength so great and how you could be bound, so that one could subdue you." ⁷Samson said to her, "If they bind me with seven fresh bowstrings that are not dried out, then I shall become weak and be like anyone else." ⁸Then the lords of the Philistines brought her seven fresh bowstrings that had not dried out, and she bound him with them. ⁹While men were lying in wait in an inner chamber, she said to him, "The Philistines are upon you, Samson!" But he snapped the bowstrings as a strand of fiber snaps when it touches the fire. So the secret of his strength was not known.

¹⁰Then Delilah said to Samson, "You have mocked me and told me lies; please tell me how you could be bound." ¹¹He said to her, "If they bind me with new ropes that have not been used, then I shall become weak and be like anyone else." ¹²So Delilah took new ropes and bound him with them and said to him, "The Philistines are upon you, Samson!" (The men lying in wait were in an inner chamber.) But he snapped the ropes off his arms like a thread.

¹³Then Delilah said to Samson, "Until now you have mocked me and told me lies; tell me how you could be bound." He said to her, "If you weave the seven locks of my head with the web and make it tight with the pin, then I shall become weak and be like anyone else." ¹⁴So while he slept, Delilah took the seven locks of his head and wove them into the web and made them tight with the pin. Then she said to him, "The Philistines are upon you, Samson!" But he awoke from his sleep and pulled away the pin, the loom, and the web.

¹⁵Then she said to him, "How can you say, 'I love you,' when your heart is not with me? You have mocked me three times now and have not told me what makes your strength so great." ¹⁶Finally, after she had nagged him with her words day after day and pestered him, he was tired to death. ¹⁷So he told her his whole secret and said to her, "A razor has never come upon my head, for I have been a nazirite to God from my mother's womb. If

my head were shaved, then my strength would leave me; I would become weak and be like anyone else.”

¹⁸ When Delilah realized that he had told her his whole secret, she sent and called the lords of the Philistines, saying, “This time come up, for he has told his whole secret to me.” Then the lords of the Philistines came up to her and brought the money in their hands. ¹⁹ She let him fall asleep on her lap, and she called a man and had him shave off the seven locks of his head. He began to weaken, and his strength left him. ²⁰ Then she said, “The Philistines are upon you, Samson!” When he awoke from his sleep, he thought, “I will go out as at other times and shake myself free.” But he did not know that the LORD had left him. ²¹ So the Philistines seized him and gouged out his eyes. They brought him down to Gaza and bound him with bronze shackles, and he ground at the mill in the prison. ²² But the hair of his head began to grow again after it had been shaved.

Celebration of our Generosity

Offertory: Dearest Jesus We Are Here, by J.S. Bach

Martin Bohl

Sermon: Hey There Delilah

Next Week's Sermon:

Hey
there
Delilah



Hymn #534 All who hunger, gather gladly

1. All who hunger, gather gladly;
holy manna is our bread.
Come from wilderness and wandering.
Here, in truth, we will be fed.
You that yearn for days of fullness,
all around us is our food.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.
2. All who hunger, never strangers,
seeker, be a welcome guest.
Come from restlessness and roaming.
Here, in joy, we keep the feast.
We that once were lost and scattered
in communion's love have stood.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.

3. All who hunger, sing together;
Jesus Christ is living bread.
Come from loneliness and longing.
Here, in peace, we have been led.
Blest are those who from this table
live their days in gratitude.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.

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Celebration of Communion

- Invitation
- Prayer of Great Thanksgiving
- Epiclesis
- Sharing the Bread and Wine

Prayers of the People

Statement of Hope and Benediction

Postlude: Prelude and Fugue by Johann Kuhnau

Martin Bohl

Other Lectionary Reading: Luke 17: 5-10

⁵ The apostles said to the Lord, ‘Increase our faith!’ ⁶ The Lord replied, ‘If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, “Be uprooted and planted in the sea”, and it would obey you.’ ⁷ ‘Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from ploughing or tending sheep in the field, “Come here at once and take your place at the table”? ⁸ Would you not rather say to him, “Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink”? ⁹ Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? ¹⁰ So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, “We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!”’

Next Week's Sermon:





Mission Moment - Sunday, October 2nd

After Mikabens's first birthday in Haiti, his health began to deteriorate rapidly, showing signs of severe malnutrition. His parents brought him to the hospital, where he was diagnosed with severe acute malnutrition and consequently admitted for therapeutic nutrition treatment. Mikabens has since gained close to two kilograms and will shortly be able to return home. Presbyterian World Service & Development's partnership with Zanmi Lasante (Partners in Health) and Canadian Foodgrains Bank is helping many young children in Haiti overcome critical malnutrition.



Daily Prayers

Monday, October 3 We pray for dedicated health-care workers in Haiti who are helping malnourished children regain their strength with support from the church through Presbyterian World Service & Development.

Tuesday, October 4 On the **National Day of Action for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls**, we pray that those missing will be found, families and communities will find comfort and healing, and that society will recognize and challenge structures and practices that have enabled violence against Indigenous women, girls and gender-diverse people.

Wednesday, October 5 We pray for our Jewish neighbours observing **Yom Kippur**.

Thursday, October 6 We give thanks and pray for the Reformed Church in Transcarpathia and Bishop Sándor Zán-Fábián as the church provides physical and spiritual support to internally displaced people in Ukraine.

Friday, October 7 We pray for the members of the Special Committee on Petitions 1 and 2, 2021, as they continue to listen to stories of marginalization and discrimination in the church and work to design a statement of apology.

Saturday, October 8 We pray for the people who gather and serve at Cedar Tree Ministries on Vancouver Island, British Columbia, and we give thanks for their ministry.

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Through Word and Action



We are so pleased to be able to celebrate the baptism of Delilah Lenore Brown this morning.

We congratulate her parents Matt and Venessa and her brother, Gabriel on this day.

Welcome to all of Delilah's extended family who are with us today. May God bless you as you celebrate.

A special welcome to the Rev. Calvin Brown, Delilah's grandfather, who is also participating in the sacraments this morning.

Thank you all for sharing this blessing with us.