

# St. Andrew's Hespeler Presbyterian Church

## October 9, 2022

### Thanksgiving Day

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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

L: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

**P: We will worship the LORD with gladness and come into God's presence with song.**

L: Know that it is the LORD God who made us, and we are God's people.

**P: We will enter God's gates with praise and thanksgiving.**

L: Let us give thanks to God this day and bless God's holy name.

#### Prayer of Adoration

L: Gracious and Loving God, we gather in this season of thanksgiving, struck by the colours of the leaves, the last warm breezes, birds flying south in formation. Such beauty speaks to us of your goodness, and your desire to provide what each of your creatures needs. As we gather, renew our sense of gratitude for every good gift you offer us. Especially we praise you for the gift of Christ Jesus who teaches us how to walk in the world you love and offers us grace and compassion to share with those we meet. Receive our love and gratitude in his name, and by your Spirit, empower us to live gratefully each and every day.

**P: Living and loving God, We acknowledge we enjoy life with an abundance many nations cannot imagine. Yet we confess, we do not always recognize the blessings we share. We worry about our futures, and ignore the present needs of those around us. Forgive us our fears and narrow vision and our failure to care for creation as you intended.**

L: The mercy of our God is from everlasting to everlasting. Hear and believe the good news of the Gospel: In Christ Jesus, we are forgiven and set free to begin again.

**P: At this time of Thanksgiving, let us give special thanks for God's most generous love.**

Hymn #802 For the fruits of all creation

1. For the fruits of all creation, thanks be to God;  
for the gifts to every nation, thanks be to God;  
for the ploughing, sowing, reaping,  
silent growth while we are sleeping,  
future needs in earth's safe keeping, thanks be to God.
2. In the just reward of labour, God's will is done  
in the help we give our neighbour, God's will is done;  
in our worldwide task of caring  
for the hungry and despairing,  
in the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.
3. For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God;  
for the good we all inherit, thanks be to God;  
for the wonders that astound us,  
for the truths that still confound us,  
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

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Video Reading: Luke 17: 11-19      By Alexis

Psalm 66:1-12

L: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;

**P: sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise.**

L: Say to God, 'How awesome are your deeds!  
Because of your great power, your enemies cringe  
before you.

**P: All the earth worships you; they sing praises to you, sing praises to your name.'**

L: Come and see what God has done:

**P: he is awesome in his deeds among mortals.**

L: He turned the sea into dry land; they passed  
through the river on foot.

**P: There we rejoiced in him, who rules by his might for ever, whose eyes keep watch on the nations— let the rebellious not exalt themselves.**

L: Bless our God, O peoples, let the sound of his praise be heard,

**P: who has kept us among the living, and has not let our feet slip.**

L: For you, O God, have tested us;

**P: you have tried us as silver is tried.**

L: You brought us into the net; you laid burdens on our backs;

**P: you let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water; yet you have brought us out to a spacious place.**

Hymn #441 Can a little child like me

1. Can a little child like me thank the Father fittingly?  
Yes, oh yes! be good and true, patient, kind in all we do;  
Love the Lord and do our part; learn to say with all our heart:

*Refrain: Saviour, we thank you, Spirit, we thank you,  
Great God our Maker, we thank you!*

2. For our playing, for our rest, for the earth in beauty dressed,  
For the moon and sun so bright, for the day and for the night,  
For your patient, loving care, for your bounty everywhere:

*Refrain*

3. For the laughter, for the tear, for the love that meets us here,  
For the lessons of our youth – honour, gratitude and truth –  
For the great gift of your Son, for your work in us begun:

*Refrain*

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Family Time



Life and work of the church

Offertory: All people that on Earth do Dwell, by G. Merkel  
Martin Bohl

Celebration of our Generosity

Sermon: Tenth Man Out

Hymn #457 Now thank we all our God

1. Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things has done, in whom God's world rejoices,  
Who from our mother's arms has blessed us on our way  
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.
2. Oh may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,  
With ever-joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,  
And keep us all with grace, and guide us when perplexed,  
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.
3. All praise and thanks to God who reigns in highest heaven,  
the Father and the Son and Spirit now be given,  
the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore,  
for thus it was, is now and shall be evermore.

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Prayers of the People

Benediction

Postlude: Now Thank we all Our God, by Max Reger  
Martin Bohl

**Rev Scott will be taking a week of vacation time starting this coming Friday. If you are in need of pastoral care during that week, please contact Reverend Mark Gaskin. Mark's contact info:**

**Cellphone: 519/504-5270**

**Email: mgaskin@rogers.com**

**We will be very pleased to welcome the Rev. Mark Godin as our very special guest preacher next Sunday.**

**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 post poning 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



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](mailto:jsmith@standrewshespeler.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.





## Prayer Partnership

Engaging in God's Mission  
Through Word and Action

### Daily Prayers

**Sunday, October 9 (Harvest Sunday)** We give thanks to God for the earth and all its beauty and resources, and we pray for a more just care of the earth and its resources.

**Monday, October 10 (Thanksgiving Day)** We give thanks and pray for ministries that operate food banks and community pantries, providing food, toiletries and other essential items to those in need.

**Tuesday, October 11** We give thanks to God for challenging us to discover and participate in God's mission each day with neighbours through our words and deeds.

**Wednesday, October 12** We pray for the staff and volunteers of Living Waters Mission in Peterborough, Ontario, who share God's love and acceptance for people who struggle with isolation, addiction and mental health.

**Thursday, October 13** The church has confessed to the harm caused when we exclude and ostracize LGBTQI people. We pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance as we work to repair damaged relationships and contribute to healing.

**Friday, October 14** We pray for the Rev. Dr. Ernest van Eck, the new principal of Knox College in Toronto, Ontario.

**Saturday, October 15** As we mark **World Food Day** tomorrow, we pray for the millions of people suffering the effects of climate change and conflict-induced hunger, and give thanks for Presbyterian World Service & Development partners who are striving to end hunger.

### Mission Moment – Sunday, October 9

While God's message of love, hope and faith stays the same, ways of engaging in ministry are continually changing. Recognizing that God was calling them to do something new, Erskine Presbyterian Church in Hamilton, Ontario, engaged in a process of discernment where they revealed a vision of being "a healthy, loving family for each and every neighbour." This vision was put into action by rallying together with community groups to provide care and support in practical ways, such as creating a food pantry to provide food and essential items to their community. Presbyterians Sharing helps congregations engage in intentional renewal.



### Support Relief Efforts Following Hurricane Fiona

Recovery efforts in Eastern Canada following the devastation of Hurricane Fiona are now underway. The road to recovery will be lengthy, and funds are needed to support those who have been impacted.

For those who would like to donate to relief efforts, the Government of Canada has announced that it will match all funds donated to the Canadian Red Cross up to October 23, 2022. Visit the [Canadian Red Cross website](#) to donate to support relief, recovery, resiliency and risk reduction activities.

Presbyterian World Service & Development is also accepting funds online [here](#) (not matched by government funds).

## Other lectionary readings this week:

### Jeremiah 29: 1, 4-7

These are the words of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the exiles, and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people, whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

<sup>4</sup> Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: <sup>5</sup> Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. <sup>6</sup> Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. <sup>7</sup> But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare .

### 2 Timothy 2: 8—15

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, <sup>9</sup> for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. <sup>10</sup> Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. <sup>11</sup> The saying is sure: if we have died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him; <sup>14</sup> Remind them of this, and warn them before God [a] that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. <sup>15</sup> Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

## Some upcoming events to keep in mind:

- **October 13 Thursday Night Supper and Social (starts at 5:00 pm)**
- **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 27 — First Sunday in Advent**
- **December 4 — Communion and very special musical guest**

**Stay tuned for more details**

## Addison Women's Choir



PRESENTS

### THE DIANNE WINKLER MEMORIAL CONCERT!

SUNDAY, OCT 16, 2022, 3PM

Preston Mennonite Church  
791 Concession Road  
Cambridge ON

Free-will Offering  
Reception to follow

