

St. Andrew's Hespeler Presbyterian Church

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20th Sunday after Pentecost

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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: From the routines of work and school, home and play,

P: we have come to worship God.

L: With the weight of the world heavy on our hearts,

P: we have come to worship God.

L: In the midst of our fears and our hopes,

P: we offer our prayer and praise in Jesus' name.

L: For we trust in God's power and presence,

P: so let us worship God with heart, mind, soul and strength.

Prayers

L: Creating God, the mountains you raised reflect your strength and majesty. Sunrise and sunset frame the day with your light and joy. Fields bursting with grain and trees coloured with autumn glory sing of your steadfast love. Pictures from the depth of space give a glimpse of your infinity, yet in Christ you have walked the humble earth. You alone are worthy of our praise. You alone give us hope. Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer of Life, we praise you, and join our voices to those of every precious thing to wonder at your mystery and majesty.

P: Merciful God, you created human beings with gifts of intelligence and imagination. Yet we confess we often use these gifts to exploit your creation and put others in their place. So often we think that we are great when we are small. Or we claim smallness when you set a challenge before us. We convince ourselves that our sin is not nearly as great as others, yet, every sin offends your purpose for us. Forgive us, we pray, and grant us a truer picture of ourselves.

L: Friends in Christ, God is gracious. Christ has promised that those who humble themselves will be exalted.

Having confessed our sin, let us trust the good news of the Gospel. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

P: Thanks be to God!

Hymn #642: O Master, let me walk with thee

1. O Master, let me walk with thee

in lowly paths of service free;

tell me thy secret; help me bear

the strain of toil, the fret of care.

2. Help me the slow of heart to move

by some clear winning word of love;

teach me the wayward feet to stay,

and guide them in the homeward way.

3. Teach me thy patience; still with thee

in closer, dearer company,

in work that keeps faith sweet and strong,

in trust that triumphs over wrong,

4. in hope that sends a shining ray

far down the future's broadening way,

in peace that only thou canst give,

with thee, O Master, let me live.

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Video Reading: Luke 18:9-14

Sharon Leamy

Psalm 65

L: Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion, and to you shall vows be performed, O you who answer prayer!

P: To you all flesh shall come. When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us, you forgive our transgressions.

L: Happy are those whom you choose and bring near to live in your courts.

P: We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, your holy temple.

L: By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance, O God of our salvation;

P: you are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of

the farthest seas.

L: By your strength you established the mountains; you are girded with might.

P: You silence the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, the tumult of the peoples.

L: Those who live at earth's farthest bounds are awed by your signs;

P: you make the gateways of the morning and the evening shout for joy.

L: You visit the earth and water it; you greatly enrich it;

P: the river of God is full of water; you provide the people with grain, for so you have prepared it.

L: You water its furrows abundantly, settling its ridges, softening it with showers, and blessing its growth. You crown the year with your bounty; your wagon tracks overflow with richness.

P: The pastures of the wilderness overflow; the hills gird themselves with joy; the meadows clothe themselves with flocks; the valleys deck themselves with grain; they shout and sing together for joy.

Hymn #662: Those who wait on the Lord

1. Those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength,
they shall rise up on wings as eagles,
they shall run and not be weary,
they shall walk and not faint:
help us, Lord; help us, Lord, in your way.
2. Those who serve the suffering world shall renew their strength;
they shall rise up on wings as eagles;
they shall run and not be weary;
they shall walk and not faint:
help us, Lord; help us, Lord, in your way.
3. Those who live the risen life shall renew their strength;
they shall rise up on wings as eagles;
they shall run and not be weary;
they shall walk and not faint:
help us, Lord; help us, Lord, in your way.
4. Those who love the Mystery shall renew their strength;
they shall rise up on wings as eagles;
they shall run and not be weary;
they shall walk and not faint:
help us, Lord; help us, Lord, in your way.
5. Those who die on the march shall renew their strength;
they shall rise up on wings as eagles;

they shall run and not be weary;
they shall walk and not faint:
help us, Lord; help us, Lord, in your way.

6. Those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength.

They shall rise up on wings as eagles;
they shall run and not be weary;
they shall walk and not faint:
help us, Lord; help us, Lord, in your way.

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Family Time

Life and work of the church

Offertory: All People That on Earth do Dwell by G.F. Kauffmann
Martin Bohl

Celebration of our Generosity

Sermon: Thank God I'm not like *them*!



Hymn #581: Pour out your Spirit from on high

1. Pour out your Spirit from on high;
Lord, your assembled servants bless;
graces and gifts to each supply,
and clothe your priests with righteousness.
2. All wisdom, zeal and faith impart,
and strength, with meekness from above,
to bear your people in our heart,
and love each soul with faithful love.
3. To watch and pray and never faint;
by day and night strict guard to keep;
to warn and cheer both sinner, saint,
nourish your lambs and feed your sheep.
4. Then, when our work is finished here,
in humble hope our charge resign:
when the good Shepherd shall appear,
in you we rest, O Love divine.

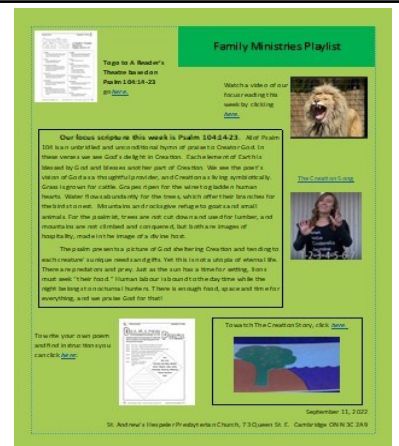
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Prayers of the People

Benediction

Postlude: Postlude - St. Denio by Wilbur Held M. Bohl

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.



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.

Award winning batch of scones



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.



- 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.

Daily Prayers

The Presbyterian Church in Canada

Sunday, October 23 We remember Chanie Wenjack, who died of hunger and exposure on this day in 1966 after running away from Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School, which was operated by the Presbyterian Church in Canada. We pray for survivors and all those who carry deep pain and trauma from Residential Schools.

Monday, October 24 We pray for the people who gather and serve at the house churches in the Cariboo region of British Columbia, and we give thanks for their ministry.

Tuesday, October 25 We pray that the Holy Spirit guides the National Indigenous Ministry Council in their work to develop a statement of faith.

Wednesday, October 26 We give thanks for those who have been working hard to help the Presbyterian Church Heritage Centre complete the move into its new home in Carlisle, Ontario, where the rich history and accomplishments of the PCC will be proudly displayed.

Thursday, October 27 We pray for the people, ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Western Han-Ca.

Friday, October 28 We give thanks and pray for those seeking clarity in God's will as we discern ways to bring together different theological views in the denomination.

Saturday, October 29 We pray for the members of the Canadian Ecumenical Anti-Racism Network of the Canadian Council of Churches as they collaborate to end racism in churches across Canada.



Prayer Partnership

Engaging in God's Mission
Through Word and Action

Mission Moment – Sunday October 23rd

The importance of elders who serve in congregational leadership is often understated. But the Bible describes elders as playing a very important role—they are leaders that Christ has appointed to oversee the church. Elders are at the heart of Cariboo Presbyterian House Church Mission in British Columbia, continually providing prayer, comfort and support to the congregation and community. The authentic and humble ways in which the elders live out their faith is a compelling testimony and example for other members. Their wisdom teaches them about God's deep love and purpose for their lives. Presbyterians Sharing supports congregations serving remote communities.



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.

Other lectionary readings this week:

Joel 2:23-32

²³ O children of Zion, be glad,
and rejoice in the LORD your God,
for he has given the early rain^[a] for your vindication;
he has poured down for you abundant rain,
the early and the later rain, as before.

²⁴ The threshing floors shall be full of grain;
the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.

²⁵ I will repay you for the years
that the swarming locust has eaten,
the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter,
my great army that I sent against you.

²⁶ You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied
and praise the name of the LORD your God,
who has dealt wondrously with you.

And my people shall never again be put to shame.

²⁷ You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel
and that I, the LORD, am your God and there is no
other.

And my people shall never again be put to shame.

God's Spirit Poured Out

²⁸ Then afterward

I will pour out my spirit on all flesh;
your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
your old men shall dream dreams,
and your young men shall see visions.

²⁹ Even on the male and female slaves, in those days I will pour
out my spirit.

³⁰ I will show portents in the heavens and on the earth,
blood and fire and columns of smoke. ³¹ The sun shall be
turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the great
and terrible day of the LORD comes. ³² Then everyone who
calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved, for in Mount
Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as
the LORD has said, and among the survivors shall be those
whom the LORD calls.

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

⁶ As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation,
and the time of my departure has come. ⁷ I have fought the
good fight; I have finished the race; I have kept the
faith. ⁸ From now on there is reserved for me the crown of
righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give
me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have
longed for his appearing.

¹⁶ At my first defense no one came to my support, but
all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! ¹⁷ But
the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that
through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all
the gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's
mouth. ¹⁸ The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and
save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory
forever and ever. Amen..

