

St. Andrew's Hespeler Presbyterian Church November 13th, 2022 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

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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, masking and social distancing are encouraged.



Please stand, as you are able, when the Beadle enters with the bible.

Welcome

Call to Worship:

L: Friends, David and Bryce have some Good News for us.

P: What's the Good News?

Parents: We have a daughter!

Rylie: And I have a sister!

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 Blake Elizabeth Thea Twigg

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, Blake, 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 #520 Servants of the Saviour

1. Servants of the Saviour, marked as Jesus' own,
over sin victorious, by a new name known.
Crucified and risen, chosen of the Lamb,
blessed and washed with water, raise triumphant psalms.

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over sin victorious, by a new name known.

2. Servants of the Saviour, captive hearts released,
children of creation, come and keep the feast!
Grafted firm together, branches of the Vine,
loaf and cup are given as redemption's sign.
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children of creation, come and keep the feast!

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Affirmations:

L: Please join me as we welcome this new life among us.

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: Blake, 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 only a little of this. But are you willing to believe in Jesus for what you

know?

Blake: Yes!

L: Ah Blake How will you ever know about the rest? Who will ever tell you?

Parents: We will!

L: Blake, 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: Blake, 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 over the Water

P: Creator of Earth and Heaven, thank you for doing a new thing among us today. Thank you for this opportunity to celebrate with joy and delight. And thank you especially for this child, Blake, who comes among us as a sign of your renewing power.

We pour out this water now as a sign of that power. We ask that it be a blessing to Blake and to all of us. We pray that you would renew us all and sanctify us with your Spirit that we might know true joy and renewal. Amen.

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

P: And also with you.

Act of Baptism

Presentation:

Friends, this is Blake, a daughter of God!

Welcome, Blake!

The Light of Christ

Responsive Reading: Isaiah 12

L: You will say on that day: "I will give thanks to you, O LORD,

P: for though you were angry with me, your anger turned away, and you comforted me.

L: Surely God is my salvation;

P: I will trust and will not be afraid,

L: for the LORD is my strength and my might;

P: he has become my salvation."

L: With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

And you will say on that day:

P: "Give thanks to the LORD; call on his name; make known his deeds among the nations; proclaim that his name is exalted.

L: Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let this be known in all the earth.

P: Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel."

Video Reading: Isaiah 65:17-25

Joan Lacey

Hymn #422: Sing a new song unto the Lord

Refrain: *Sing a new song unto the Lord;*

let your song be sung from mountains' height.

Sing a new song unto the Lord,

singing hallelujah!

1. For God's people dance for joy.

Oh come before the Lord,

play for the Lord on glad tambourines,

and let your trumpet sound.

Refrain

2. Rise, O children, from your sleep;

your Saviour now has come.

He has turned your sorrow to joy,

and filled your soul with song.

Refrain

3. Glad my soul for I have seen

the glory of the Lord.

The trumpet sounds; the dead shall be raised.

I know my Saviour lives.

Refrain

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Family Time

Life and work of the church

Offertory: Musette by G.F. Handel

M. Bohl

Celebration of our Generosity

Sermon: Jerusalem as a Joy and its People as a Delight

Hymn #435: All things bright and beautiful

Refrain: All things bright and beautiful,

all creatures great and small,

all things wise and wonderful,

in love God made them all.

1. Each little flower that opens,

each little bird that sings,

God made their glowing colours;

God made their tiny wings.

Refrain

2. The cold wind in the winter,

the pleasant summer sun,

the ripe fruits in the garden,

God made them, every one.

Refrain

3. The rocky mountain splendour,

the haunting curlew's call,

the great lakes and the prairies,

the forests in the fall. *Refrain*

4. God gave us eyes to see them,
and lips that we might tell
how great is God almighty
who has made all things well. *Refrain*

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Prayers of the People

Statement of Hope and Benediction

Postlude: Postlude and Fughetta by J. K. Fischer M. Bohl

**We give thanks today to those who helped with our
worship service:**

Beadle: Joanne Waugh

Greeters: Carol Johnston

Tech Team: Laura Einwechter & Dylan Smith

Other lectionary readings this week:

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

⁶ Now we command you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from every brother or sister living irresponsibly and not according to the tradition that they received from us. ⁷ For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not irresponsible when we were with you, ⁸ and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day so that we might not burden any of you. ⁹ This was not because we do not have that right but in order to give you an example to imitate. ¹⁰ For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: anyone unwilling to work should not eat. ¹¹ For we hear that some of you are living irresponsibly, mere busybodies, not doing any work. ¹² Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

Luke 21:5-19

⁵ When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, ⁶ "As for these things that you see, the days

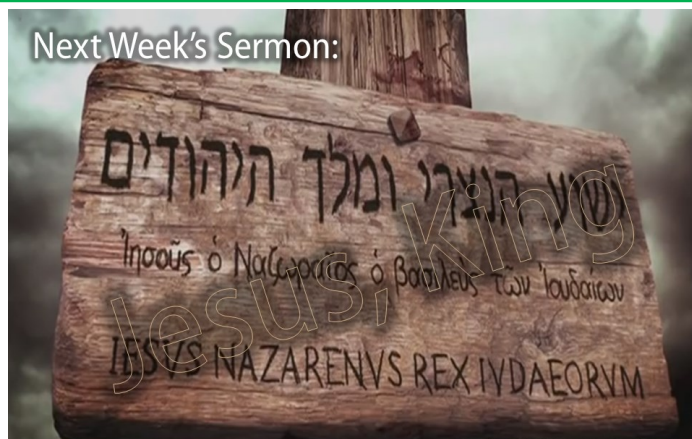
will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

⁷ They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" ⁸ And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray, for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them.

⁹ "When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified, for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." ¹⁰ Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom; ¹¹ there will be great earthquakes and in various places famines and plagues, and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

¹² "But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. ¹³ This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴ So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance, ¹⁵ for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶ You will be betrayed even by parents and siblings, by relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷ You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸ But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹ By your endurance you will gain your souls.

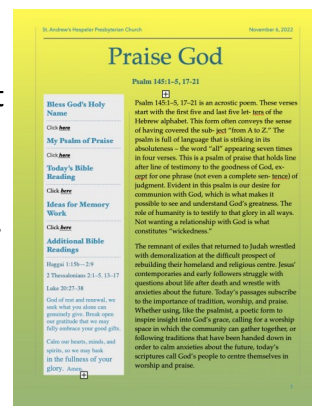
Next Week's Sermon:



Today we are thrilled to celebrate the
baptism of Blake, daughter of David and
Bryce and Rylie's little sister!

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.



Help needed!

We 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. We will begin to make schedules for these ministries, watch your emails and mail slots for your schedule!



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

We need walkers and riders! 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 parade. Riders must be 5+ years old.

Come out and have some fun with us!

Some upcoming events to keep in mind:

- **November 20** — Christ the King Sunday
- **November 27** — First Sunday in Advent & kick off of our Annual Giving Tuesday campaign
- **December 4** — Communion and very special musical guest

Stay tuned for more details.

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to May Cholerton and her family on the death of her husband, Frank, last week. Please keep this family in your prayers at this difficult time. The funeral service was postponed and it will be held this Thursday, November 17 at 1:00 pm at Lounsbury Funeral Home.

Daily Prayers

Sunday, November 13 We give thanks and pray for caregivers in Malawi who work to ensure that children have a safe environment to live, play and learn, as well as access to vital health-care services.

Monday, November 14 We pray for the members and work of the Committee on Church Doctrine.

Tuesday, November 15 We pray for the people who gather and serve at Place of Hope Indigenous Presbyterian Church in Winnipeg, Manitoba, and we give thanks for their ministry.

Wednesday, November 16 We pray for members of the church who work to preserve the history of their congregations.

Thursday, November 17 We pray for the house church ministry of Two Rivers Church in Guelph, Ontario, as the congregation grows in outreach to their neighbours with the transforming love of Christ.

Friday, November 18 We give thanks for the Rev. Martin Kalimbe, outgoing Executive Director of Theological Education by Extension in Malawi, and we pray for his successor.

Saturday, November 19 We remember those who have died because of transphobic violence. We lament the church's role in contributing to prejudice and hatred of transgender people; and we commit to working for a future where transgender people can flourish.

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Engaging in God's Mission
Through Word and Action

Mission Moment – Sunday, October 13

Village Safe Motherhood Committees are a vital part of Presbyterian World Service & Development's maternal, newborn and child health programming in Malawi. The people who run the committees work tirelessly to ensure that pregnant women and their partners are informed about the community services available to them before, during and after the birth of their child—and why these services are so important. Committee staff advise women to attend check-ups and deliver at a health-care facility, as well as encourage partner participation. They also educate parents about the importance of vaccination and proper nutrition. This is life-saving work for many pregnant women and infants in Malawi.



