

St. Andrew's Hespeler Presbyterian Church November 20, 2022 Christ the King Sunday

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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. When you attend in person, masking and social distancing are encouraged.



Welcome

Responsive Call to Worship

L: Say among the nations, The Lord reigns.

P: Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice!

L: The Lord is coming to judge the earth.

P: God will judge the world with righteousness and the people with truth.

L: Come let us worship God in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

P: Blessing and honour, glory and power be to our God now and always.

Prayer of Adoration

L: God of majesty and mercy, we give you thanks and praise for your commitment to your creation. In Christ, you have turned the world upside down, revealing your strength through weakness, and your power through compassion. In the cross of Christ you taught us that no hopeless situation or frightening possibility is beyond your reach. We praise you for your love at work around us and within us, always able to do more than we can ask or even imagine. Receive our love and our loyalty this day, our Sovereign and our Saviour. Amen.

P: God of wisdom and warning, we confess that we often prefer our own plans to your purposes. We shrink from acts of service that seem too demanding. Forgive us when our commitment wavers and we think someone else will take up the challenges we face. Inspire us with the example of Jesus, and energize us with your Spirit to follow him as our Shepherd. wherever he leads.

L: Christ embodied God's love and mercy so powerfully that he offered forgiveness to his tormentors from the cross. In grace he reaches out to us, too. Receive his forgiveness this day, and offer it to others for his sake.

P: We will, as Christ makes us able, Amen!

Hymn #267 Rejoice, the Lord is King

1. Rejoice, the Lord is King; your sovereign Lord adore;
give thanks, O mortals, sing and triumph evermore.
Lift up your heart; lift up your voice; rejoice, again I say, rejoice.
2. For Christ the Saviour reigns, the God of truth and love;
when Jesus purged our stains, he took his seat above.
Lift up your heart; lift up your voice; rejoice, again I say, rejoice.
3. His reign can never fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven:
the keys of death and hell are to our Saviour given.
Lift up your heart; lift up your voice; rejoice, again I say, rejoice.
4. He sits at God's right hand till all his foes submit
and bow to his command and fall beneath his feet.
Lift up your heart; lift up your voice, rejoice, again I say, rejoice.

5. Rejoice in glorious hope, for Christ the Judge shall come
and take the faithful up to their eternal home.
We soon shall hear the archangel's voice; the
trump of God shall sound: rejoice.

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Responsive Reading Luke 1:68-79

L: Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,

P: for he has looked favourably on his people and redeemed them.

L: He has raised up a mighty saviour for us in the house of his child David,

P: as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,

L: that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us.

P: Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors and has remembered his holy covenant, the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham, to grant us

L: that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies, might serve him without fear,

P: in holiness and righteousness in his presence all our days.

L: And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High,

P: for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,

L: to give his people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins.

P: Because of the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us,

L: to shine upon those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,

P: to guide our feet into the way of peace."

Hymn #206 Jesus, remember me

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

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Video Reading Colossians 1:11-20

Joni Smith

Jeremiah 23:1-6

¹ Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. ² Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. ³ Then I myself will

gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴ I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall no longer fear longer or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

⁵ The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶ In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

Luke 23:33-43

³³ When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴ Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵ And the people stood by watching, but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" ³⁶ The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine ³⁷ and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" ³⁸ There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

³⁹ One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" ⁴⁰ But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?" ⁴¹ And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴² Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingdom." ⁴³ He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."

Family Time

Life and work of the church

Offertory: Adagio by A. Corelli

Martin Bohl

Celebration of our Generosity

Sermon: Jesus, King

Hymn #691 My shepherd is the King of love

1. My shepherd is the King of love
whose goodness fails me never;
for all things good from God above
restore my soul forever.

2. Where streams of living water flow
my ransomed soul is guided,
and where the verdant pastures grow,
with heavenly food provided.

3. Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
but yet in love you sought me,
and on your shoulder gently laid,
and home, rejoicing, brought me.

4. In death's dark vale I fear no ill,
with you, dear Lord, beside me;
your rod and staff my comfort still,
your cross before to guide me.

5. You spread a table in my sight,
anointing grace bestowing,

and, oh, what rapture of delight:
your cup is overflowing.

6. And so through all the length of days
your goodness fails me never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing your praise
within your house forever!

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Prayers of the People

Benediction

Postlude: Voluntary by W. Boyce

Martin Bohl

We give thanks to those who helped with worship
today:

Organist: Martin Bohl

Tech Team: Laura Einwechter

Greeter: Carol Johnston

Beadle: Bill Hunter

Next Week's Sermon:

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Ready
or
not!



We extend the sympathy of the congregation to Lynn Craig and her family on the death of her mother, Phyllis Pelley, this week. Please keep this family in your prayers at this time.

Some upcoming events to keep in mind:

- **November 27 — First Sunday in Advent**
- **November 29— the start of our annual *Giving Tuesday* campaign**
- **December 3 - Hespeler Santa Claus parade, come out and cheer on the people with our float**
- **December 4 — The Sacrament of Holy Communion. We will also be welcoming Corey Linforth back as our special musical guest. After worship we will have a farewell celebration for Corey. Plan to join us with cake & coffee!**

Special guest musicians next Sunday: Marsha Laur and Anastasios Tarpos

Daily Prayers

The Presbyterian Church in Canada

Sunday, November 20 (Reign of Christ) Almighty and everlasting God, wrapped in glory; as you are compassionate, make us like you; as you are just, make us doers of justice; as you are one, unite us in the name of Christ who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Monday, November 21 We give thanks and pray for the members of the Assembly Council who are meeting at Crieff Hills Retreat and Conference Centre in Puslinch, Ontario, from November 20–22.

Tuesday, November 22 (National Housing Day) We give thanks and pray for those who work to provide food, shelter and housing for people in need.

Wednesday, November 23 We give thanks and pray for congregations as they continue to faithfully support the ministry of The Presbyterian Church in Canada through generous gifts to Presbyterians Sharing.

Thursday, November 24 We pray for the people who gather and serve at Mistawasis Memorial Presbyterian Church in Northern Saskatchewan, and we give thanks for their ministry.

Friday, November 25 On the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women, we pray for all women who are survivors of violence and for those who have lost loved ones to gender-based violence. We pray that we, as a society, commit to working toward achieving safety for all women and an end to misogyny.

Saturday, November 26 We pray for the members and work of the Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee.



Prayer Partnership

Engaging in God's Mission
Through Word and Action

Mission Moment – Sunday, November 27th

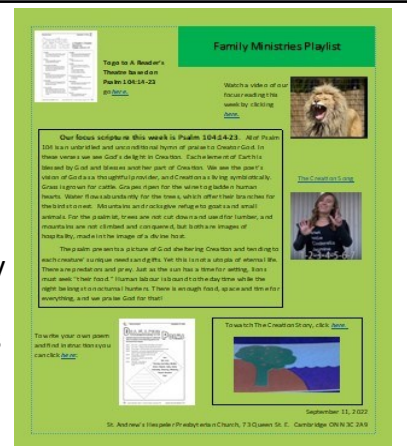
Through Presbyterians Sharing, many people share their gifts to support the mission and ministry of the PCC. Congregations and individuals use their time and skills to develop educational resources, lead conferences and webinars, and provide coaching and mentoring. Teachers are preparing leaders to serve the church, leaders are helping renew and grow ministries, and mission staff are accompanying and encouraging international partners.

Volunteers are ensuring that programs run smoothly by guiding study groups, sharing their experiences and insights and much more! **Generous gifts of time, talent and treasure allow us to continue Christ's ministry, in Canada and around the world.**



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.



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@standreshespeler.ca).

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. 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.