

St. Andrew's Hespeler Presbyterian Church

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First Sunday after Epiphany

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Monday—Friday 9am-12pm

Order of Worship. We will meet in person at 10 am. You may also join us online. The link will be posted on the website. If you wish to attend in person, masking and social distancing are encouraged.

Welcome

Call to Worship

L: We are called to serve in the name of Jesus, God's beloved Son,

P: God calls us by name because we are beloved.

L: God calls us to be a light to the nations.

P: We wait for God's teaching and to learn justice.

L: We are witnesses to God's goodness and grace who claims and loves us.

P: God's name be praised!

Opening Prayers:

L: Creator God, you formed the heavens and stretched them over us; you spread out the earth and made it fruitful. From your glory, you came to us in Jesus, your Son, to touch the earth with healing and hope. We praise you for all the gifts you have given us in Christ and in creation. In the strength of the Spirit, we come to renew our commitment to you, to serve in the name of Christ Jesus, who is one with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and always. Amen.

P: Merciful God, in baptism you promise us forgiveness and new life. We confess that we often prefer our old ways. We resist the new opportunities you set before us. We cling to harmful habits and nurse grudges, failing to forgive one another. Have mercy upon us, O God, and guide us to live with more grace and generosity through Christ our Lord. Amen.

L: Friends, hear the good news of the gospel. Before the world was made, we were chosen in Christ to be part of God's family. God calls us to new life in Christ, so trust in God's forgiveness and grace. Turn and follow Jesus in repentance and joy.

P: Amen, let us do so!

Hymn #204 Thou didst leave thy throne

1. Thou didst leave thy throne and thy kingly crown

when thou camest to earth for me,
but in Bethlehem's home was there found no room for
thy holy nativity:

oh come to my heart, Lord Jesus; there is room in my
heart for thee.

2. Even foxes found rest, and the birds had their nest in
the shade of the forest tree,
but thy couch was the sod, O thou Son of God, in the
deserts of Galilee:

oh come to my heart, Lord Jesus; there is room in my
heart for thee.

3. When thou camest, O Lord, with the living word,
'twas to set all thy people free,
but with mocking scorn and with crown of thorn, then
we bore thee to Calvary:

oh come to my heart, Lord Jesus; now thy cross is my
only plea.

4. Heaven's arches shall ring and its choirs shall sing at
thy coming to victory;

let thy voice call me home, saying, "Yet there is room,
there is room at my side for thee!"

My heart shall rejoice, Lord Jesus, when thou comest
and callest me.

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Psalm 29

L: Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,

P: Ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

L: Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name;

P: Worship the LORD in holy splendour.

L: The voice of the LORD is over the waters;

P: The God of glory thunders, the LORD, over mighty waters.

L: The voice of the LORD is powerful;

P: The voice of the LORD is full of majesty.

L: The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars;

P: the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

L: He makes Lebanon skip like a calf

P: and Sirion like a young wild ox.

L: The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire. The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

P: The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl and strips the forest bare, and in his temple all say, "Glory!"

L: The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;

P: the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.

L: May the LORD give strength to his people!

P: May the LORD bless his people with peace!

Scripture: Philippians 2:1-15

¹ If, then, there is any comfort in Christ, any consolation from love, any partnership in the Spirit, any tender affection and sympathy, ² make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or empty conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not to your own interests but to the interests of others. ⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

⁶ who, though he existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, assuming human likeness.

And being found in appearance as a human, ⁸ he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

⁹ Therefore God exalted him even more highly and gave him the name that is above every other name,

¹⁰ so that at the name given to Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

¹¹ and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

¹² Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence but much more now in my absence, work on your own salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³ for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

¹⁴ Do all things without murmuring and arguing, ¹⁵ so that you may be blameless and innocent, children of

God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, in which you shine like stars in the world.

Hymn #644 May the mind of Christ my Saviour

1. May the mind of Christ my Saviour live in me from day to day,

Jesus' love and power controlling all I do or say.

2. May the word of God dwell richly in my heart from hour to hour, so that all may see I triumph only through God's power.

3. May the peace of God my Sovereign rule my life in everything, that I may be calm to comfort sick and sorrowing.

4. May the love of Jesus fill me, as the waters fill the sea;

Christ exalting, self denying, this is victory.

5. May I run the race before me, strong and brave to face the foe, looking only unto Jesus as I onward go.

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Family Time

Life and work of the church

Offertory: Let Us all with Gladsome Voice by Wilbur Held

Celebration of our Generosity

Sermon: "Who's gonna feed them hogs?"

Hymn #350 To God be the glory

1. To God be the glory, who great things has done!
God so loved the world!—freely sending the Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the lifegate that all may go in.

Refrain: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth
hear God's voice!

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice!
Oh come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
and give God the glory, who great things has done.

2. Oh perfect redemption, the purchase of blood
to every believer the promise of God,
that when the offender, repenting, believes,
through Jesus' atonement, full pardon receives!

Refrain

3. Great things God has taught us, great things God has done
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son,
but purer and higher and greater will be

our wonder, our gladness, when Jesus we see!

Refrain

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Prayers of the People

Benediction

Postlude: In Dulci Jubilo by Gilbert Martin

Other lectionary readings this week:

Isaiah 42:1-9

¹ Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations.² He will not cry out or lift up his voice or make it heard in the street;³ a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice.⁴ He will not grow faint or be crushed

until he has established justice in the earth, and the coastlands wait for his teaching.⁵ Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it:⁶ I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness; I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations,⁷ to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness.⁸ I am the LORD; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols.⁹ See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

Our Family Playlist is back! You can find it posted on our website; www.standrewshespeler.ca

Acts 10:34-43

³⁴ Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality,³⁵ but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him.³⁶ You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all.³⁷ That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced:³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.³⁹ We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree,⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear,⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.⁴² He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead.⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Special thanks to Steve March, our guest preacher today. As part of the reference group helping to lead our journey of discovery, he has offered to share a sermon that he had written to get us charged up for the process that we will begin next Sunday! (See below)

This week at St. Andrew's

Monday: **Breakfast on Queen** 6:30 - 8:30 AM

Tuesday: **Hope Clothing** 9:00 -11:30 AM

Thursday: **Hope Clothing and Food Bank** Noon - 2 PM

We are starting to work on updating our membership list. If you have recently changed your phone number, address, email address please let us know by calling the office, 519-659-2652.



Next Week's Sermon:

New Wineskins

The Church in a changing world

Our Journey Begins!

As outlined in our November Andrew's Voice Newsletter, we are embarking on a very exciting journey in January to re-discover God's plan for St. Andrew's Hespeler! Our team of Randy Rattansingh, Joni Smith, Sylvia Brooks, Steve Marsh, Scott McAndless and Donald Paddock has been working closely with our journey partner Cathy Stewart from Credence and Co. over the last several months to develop our journey's itinerary. Please watch your inbox or mailbox for important *Hold The Date* postcards. We look forward to you joining us on

this journey! Hold the Date cards will be available at the back of the sanctuary as well.

The Journey will begin Next Sunday when Cathy joins us as our guest preacher. She will talk about "New Wineskins."

After the service we will have a light lunch and a congregational conversation. Please plan to join us!

DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, January 8 (Baptism of the Lord) Let us remember our baptism and pray that we will live in ways that fulfil the promises made on our behalf, and may we boldly confess Jesus Christ as our Lord and Saviour.

Monday, January 9 We give thanks and pray for Presbyterian World Service & Development programs that are responding to poverty, hunger and other emergency situations around the world.

Tuesday, January 10 We pray for the people who gather and serve at Mistawasis Memorial Presbyterian Church in Northern Saskatchewan, and we give thanks for their ministry.

Wednesday, January 11 We pray for the Rev. Jeffrey Murray, serving as clerk for the Synod of the Atlantic Provinces.

Thursday, January 12 We pray for people, businesses and communities in Atlantic Canada who have suffered as a result of the damage caused by Hurricane Fiona.

Friday, January 13 We pray for the P.E.I. Presbyterial of the Atlantic Mission Society as members plan for their upcoming Presbyterial Service. May this be a time to meet and grow in relationship with God.

Saturday, January 14 We pray for people living in refugee camps and those whose homelands have been afflicted by violence and war. We pray for peace, understanding and safety.

Sunday, January 8 – Mission Moment

Adau Maduok Dut lives in South Sudan with her four children. Struggling to make ends meet after her husband left the family, **Adau's life improved after receiving assistance through a project, supported by Presbyterian World Service & Development and Canadian Foodgrains Bank, that provides food packages to struggling families in South Sudan.** "I knew immediately that my

children would not have to suffer again since we had food and were equipped with the seeds and tools to start a fresh life," Adau said.

