

# St. Andrew's Hespeler Presbyterian Church

January 15th, 2023

Second Sunday after Epiphany

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Office Hours:  
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

### Responsive Call to Worship

L: O Lord, open our lips,

**P: And our mouths shall declare your praise.**

L: O Lord, open our eyes,

**P: So that we may behold your presence.**

L: O Lord, open our ears,

**P: So that we may hear your call to follow.**

L: O Lord, open our hearts,

**P: So that we may offer you worship in love and joy.**

### Opening Prayers:

L: God, our Creator and Redeemer, your faithfulness endures forever. You offer us new life in Christ Jesus and call us to follow him. You challenge us to bring life and hope to the world you love. In you we find strength and courage to face every challenge, until the day of our Lord Jesus Christ arrives. And so we offer our praise and gratitude to you, O God, with Christ and the Spirit, one God, now and always. Amen.

**P: Faithful God, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost yet it's hard to recognize we have lost our way. We seek the next new thing instead of your gift**

**of new life. We follow the trends of our culture rather than Jesus' example. Wash over us with your cleansing Spirit, and renew our commitment to follow your purposes revealed in Christ Jesus.**

L: Let us rejoice, for God has put a new song in our mouths! Trust in God's enduring love and mercy, washing over us every day. Know that forgiveness is yours through the grace of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**P: Amen! Thanks be to God!**

Hymn #290 Immortal, invisible, God only wise

1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

2. Unresting, unchanging and silent as light,  
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;  
thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

3. To all life thou givest, to both great and small;  
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;  
we blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,  
and wither, and perish, but naught changeth thee.

4. Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,  
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;  
all laud we would render: oh help us to see  
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.

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Psalm 40:1-11

L: I waited patiently for the LORD;

**P: he inclined to me and heard my cry. He drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.**

L: He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.

**P: Many will see and fear and put their trust in the LORD.**

L: Happy are those who make the LORD their trust,

**P: who do not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after false gods.**

L: You have multiplied, O LORD my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you.

**P: Were I to proclaim and tell of them, they would be more than can be counted.**

L: Sacrifice and offering you do not desire, but you have given me an open ear. Burnt offering and sin offering you have not required.

**P: Then I said, "Here I am; in the scroll of the book it is written of me. I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart."**

L: I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation;

**P: see, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O LORD.**

L: I have not hidden your saving help within my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation;

**P: I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness from the great congregation.**

L: Do not, O LORD, withhold your mercy from me;

**P: let your steadfast love and your faithfulness keep me safe forever.**

Video Reading: Isaiah 49:1-7 read by Sharon Leamy

Scripture: Matthew 9:9-17

<sup>9</sup>As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax-collection station, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him.

<sup>10</sup>And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with Jesus and his disciples. <sup>11</sup>When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" <sup>12</sup>But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. <sup>13</sup>Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous but sinners."

<sup>14</sup>Then the disciples of John came to him, saying, "Why do we and the Pharisees fast often, but your disciples do not fast?" <sup>15</sup>And Jesus said to them, "The wedding attendants cannot mourn as long as the bridegroom is with them, can they? The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast. <sup>16</sup>No one sews a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old cloak, for the patch pulls away from the

cloak, and a worse tear is made. <sup>17</sup>Neither is new wine put into old wineskins; otherwise, the skins burst, and the wine is spilled, and the skins are ruined, but new wine is put into fresh wineskins, and so both are preserved."

Hymn #635 Brother, sister, let me serve you

1. Brother, sister, let me serve you;

let me be as Christ to you;

pray that I may have the grace

to let you be my servant too.

2. We are pilgrims on a journey,

and companions on the road;

we are here to help each other

walk the mile and bear the load.

3. I will hold the Christ-light for you

in the night-time of your fear;

I will hold my hand out to you,

speaking the peace you long to hear.

4. I will weep when you are weeping;

when you laugh I'll laugh with you;

I will share your joy and sorrow,

till we've seen this journey through.

5. When we sing to God in heaven,

we shall find such harmony,

born of all we've known together

of Christ's love and agony.

6. Brother, sister, let me serve you;

let me be as Christ to you;

pray that I may have the grace

to let you be my servant too.

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Family Time

Life and work of the church

Offertory Fughetta by J.E. Rembt

Celebration of our Generosity

Sermon: New Wineskins: The Church in a changing world

Hymn #177 Christ, whose glory fills the skies

*(Sung to the tune of #172)*

1. Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Christ, the true, the only Light,

Sun of righteousness, arise, triumph o'er the shades of night.

Dayspring from on high, be near; Daystar, in my heart appear.

2. Dark and cheerless is the morn unaccompanied by thee;  
joyless is the day's return, till thy mercy's beams I see,  
till thy inward light impart, glad my eyes and warm my heart.

3. Visit, then, this soul of mine; pierce the gloom of sin and grief;  
fill me, radiancy divine; scatter all my unbelief;  
more and more thyself display, shining to the perfect day.

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Prayers of the People

Benediction

Postlude: Allein Gott in Der Hoeh' Sei Ehr' by G. Merkel

### Other lectionary readings this week:

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

<sup>1</sup> Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

<sup>2</sup> To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

<sup>3</sup> Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup> I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup> for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— <sup>6</sup> just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— <sup>7</sup> so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup> He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup> God is faithful, by whom you were called into the partnership of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

John 1:29-42

<sup>29</sup> The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" <sup>30</sup> This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' <sup>31</sup> I myself did not know him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." <sup>32</sup> And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. <sup>33</sup> I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' <sup>34</sup> And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One."

<sup>35</sup> The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, <sup>36</sup> and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" <sup>37</sup> The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup> When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" <sup>39</sup> He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. <sup>40</sup> One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. <sup>41</sup> He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). <sup>42</sup> He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

### We are grateful to those who were involved in worship this morning:

Greeter: Lynn Platt

Beadle: Vern Platt

Organist: Martin Bohl

Tech Team: Dylan Smith & Laura Einwechter

Child care (after worship): Sarah English, Lauren Rowland

### This week at St. Andrew's

Monday:	<b>Breakfast on Queen</b>	6:30 — 8:30 am
Tuesday:	<b>Hope Clothing</b>	9:00 — 11:30 am
Tuesday:	<b>Focus Group</b>	7:00 pm
Wednesday:	<b>Focus Group</b>	10:00 am
Thursday:	<b>Hope Clothing</b>	Noon — 2:00 pm
Thursday:	<b>Deacon Meeting</b>	7:00 pm (Zoom)



**We welcome our very special guest preacher and conversation leader this morning!**

Cathy Stewart is a Consultant with Credence & co, as well as a Presbyterian Minister. She has been guiding congregations for over 30 years, helping them to discern their sense of purpose and calling, and encouraging them to listen for how to be faithful to God. Cathy sees listening skills to be at the heart of spirituality, in addition to being crucial for the transformation of conflict and congregational life. Cathy is a Qualified Mediator, trained Interim Minister, and holds Certificates in Conflict Management and Mediation/Congregational Leadership from Conrad Grebel University College. She lives in Hamilton.

**Join us on our Journey**

**January Itinerary**

**The Journey Begins Today!**

### Important January Dates

**January 15, 10:00 am:** The beginning of our Journey, join us as we welcome guest preacher, Rev. Cathy Stewart at 10:00 am. At 11:00 am we will enter into a special presentation, have lunch and then an important congregational conversation.

**January 17, 7:00 pm:** In person Focus group; all are welcome to join us in the foyer. St. Andrew's needs everyone's input on this journey.

**January 18, 10:00 am:** In person Focus group, in the foyer.

**January 19, 7:00 pm:** Deacons' Interview with Credence, on Zoom. (Session was interviewed last

week)

**January 22, 11:00 am,** following worship: Focus groups with snacks/drinks available.

**January 24, 7:00 pm:** Focus group on Zoom.

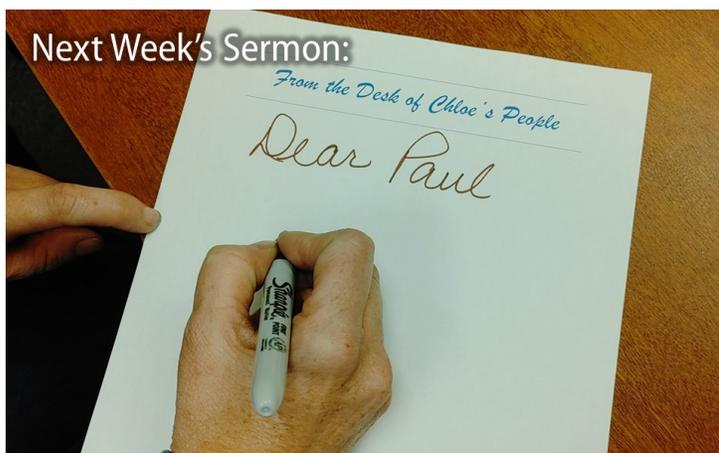
\*Please note that you can just "show up" for any or all of the focus groups. This is your chance to share your thoughts and opinions as we navigate through our Journey.

**January 31, 7:00 pm:** Session Meeting

**The Annual General Meeting** will be held on Sunday, March 5, 2023 after worship. An Annual Report is now being compiled and we would ask all of those who have a report to submit to do so as soon as possible — by the end of the month at the latest.

Email submissions to [office@standrewshespeler.ca](mailto:office@standrewshespeler.ca) are best as that will save retyping.

Thank you for your help!



St. Andrew's Hamilton Presbyterian Church January 15, 2022

# Called Together

Isaiah 49:1-7

**All That I Am**  
Click here

**Meditative Prayer**  
Click here

**Interviewing Questions**  
Click here

**Today's Bible Reading**  
Click here

**Additional Bible Readings**  
Psalm 40:1-11  
1 Corinthians 1:1-9  
John 1:29-42

Faithful God, you call, claim, and send believers into the world with your radiant love.

Help us to live as ones who are called, claimed, and sent with your blessing, journeying to the places and spaces we are called to share our light and your love. Amen.

The prophet of Isaiah 49:1-7 grabs our attention with the summons, "listen to me...pay attention." Written following the defeat of the Southern Kingdom, Judah, by the Babylonians in 587 BCE, Isaiah 40-50 is commonly referred to as Second Isaiah. This section of the book of Isaiah has four passages identified as Servant Songs. They tell about the call of God's servant and chosen one.

The servant here is the prophet, or perhaps Israel itself, called to spend their strength for the important task of doing God's will. God calls the prophet to proclaim to a people in exile in Babylon that God is faithful and will restore them. The Hebrew people begin to see a glimmer of hope after long years away from Judah and Jerusalem.

The prophet describes his vocation - God knew him before his birth and has given him powerful words to proclaim God's message. The story follows a pattern common to Hebrew prophets: there is a strong sense of a task God wants the prophet to fulfill, and there is a point when the prophet feels vulnerable. Brené Brown explains how vulnerability is at the core of emotions such as fear, self-doubt, comparison, anxiety, uncertainty, grief, disappointment. Still, vulnerability is also the birthplace of love, belonging, joy, trust, empathy, creativity, innovation. So it is for this prophet and Israel.

The call is repeated as God promises to do even greater works. This is a story of a call - being called and known, experiencing failure to live up to the call, hope remaining strong, and being called with a greater purpose. God's light is to shine on all. Regardless of the people's early success or failure, God is faithful. The servant maintains hope in God.

Our weekly Family Playlist is posted on our website, Facebook and Twitter every Friday. Everyone is welcome to download it to work on through out the week.

Allergy Alert: today's lunch contains gluten, ham, roast beef, cheese. No nuts, peanuts, fish or shellfish has been ordered. Juice is available for the children.



## Daily Prayers

**Sunday, January 15** As geopolitical tensions over Taiwan grow, we pray for justice and peace for Taiwan and its people who are living with the threat of invasion and the possibility of war.

**Monday, January 16 (Martin Luther King Jr. Day)** Give us the strength and courage, O God, to live out the dream that one day freedom will ring for all your beloved children.

**Tuesday, January 17** We pray for the members and work of the Atlantic Mission Society.

**Wednesday, January 18** We pray for the Francisco Coll School in Guatemala, supported by the PCC through Presbyterian World Service & Development, and we give thanks for the dedicated teachers who work hard to ensure a quality education and a better future for underprivileged children in Guatemala.

**Thursday, January 19** We pray for the people, ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Prince Edward Island.

**Friday, January 20** We pray for the ministry of St. Matthew's Presbyterian Church in Grand Falls-Windsor, Newfoundland, as the congregation grows in outreach to their neighbours with the love of Christ.

**Saturday, January 21** We pray for the people who gather and serve at Cedar Tree Ministries on Vancouver Island, British Columbia, and we give thanks for their ministry.

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**Prayer Partnership**  
Engaging in God's Mission  
Through Word and Action

## Mission Moment—Sunday, January 15th

Although Taiwan has been governed independently since 1949, China views the island as a renegade province and has exercised political and military powers to isolate it internationally. In 2018, due to the rising geopolitical tensions, the Presbyterian Church in Taiwan established the Taiwan Ecumenical Forum (TEF) and invited ecumenical and church partners to journey with them in pursuit of justice and peace for the people of Taiwan and the Asia-Pacific.



The Rev. Linda Patton-Cowie, PCC representative on the TEF Steering Group, encourages members of the church to pray, learn and advocate for justice for Taiwan. Through Presbyterians Sharing, the PCC stands in solidarity with Taiwan.



If you have prayer requests to share, please make use of the prayer cards at the back of the sanctuary. They will be brought up to the minister to be included in our “Prayers of the People.” Online worshippers can also share prayer requests through the chat.

# Prayer Card

Please write your prayer on this card and place in the collection plate. Your prayers will be included in the Prayers of the People.

*“Therefore I tell you,  
whatever you ask in  
prayer, believe that you  
have received it, and  
it will be yours.”*

**- Mark 11:24**