

# St. Andrew's Hespeler Presbyterian Church

January 22nd, 2023

Third Sunday after Epiphany

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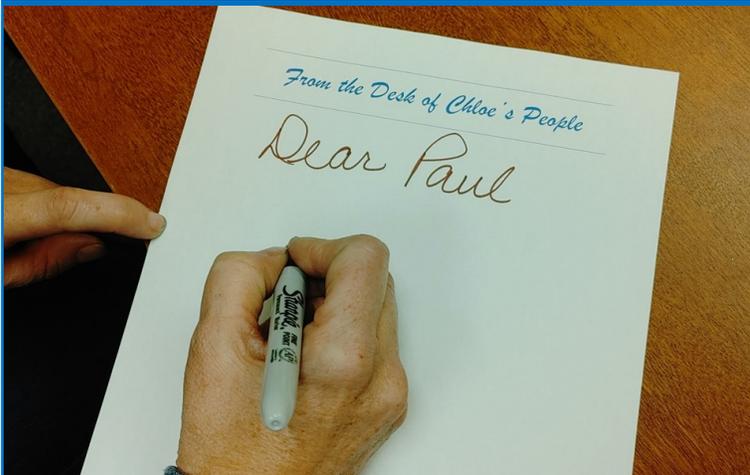
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Office Hours:

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: The Lord is our light and salvation.

**P: We will not be afraid.**

L: Behold the beauty of the Lord!

**P: God will shelter us on any day of trouble and set us high upon a rock.**

L: Let God's people shout for joy!

**P: For Christ calls us and claims us as his own.**

L: Come and worship in unity and love; let us rejoice together!

Opening Prayers:

L: Gracious God, You shepherd us by still waters and guide us along paths of justice and peace. You send your comfort and courage to relieve our tears and fears in the shadows of death. We offer our praise in love and loyalty for you are always with us.

**P: Merciful God, you call us to follow your way of compassion but too often we criticize each other. You call us to follow your way of peace but too often we remain divided. You call us to trust you but too often our fears and doubts overwhelm us. Forgive us, O God, and strengthen our commitment to**

**follow your ways. Amen.**

L: God calls to us in love and forgiveness, and welcomes us in with a warm embrace. Hear the good news of the Gospel. Rejoice that in Christ we are forgiven, and be at peace with God, yourself and with each other.

**P: Amen, let us do so!**

Hymn #472: We are God's people

1. We are God's people, the chosen of the Lord, born of the Spirit, established by the word; our cornerstone is Christ alone, and strong in him we stand:  
oh let us live transparently,  
and walk heart to heart and hand in hand.
2. We are God's loved ones, the bride of Christ our Lord, for we have known it, the love of God outpoured; now let us learn how to return the gift of love once given:  
oh let us share each joy and care  
and live with a zeal that pleases heaven.
3. We are the body of which the Lord is head, called to obey him, now risen from the dead; he wills us be a family, diverse yet truly one:  
oh let us freely give our gifts,  
and so shall God's work on earth be done.
4. We are a temple, the Spirit's dwelling place, formed in great weakness, a cup to hold God's grace; alone, we die, for on its own each ember loses fire: yet joined in one the flame burns on  
to give warmth and light, and to inspire.

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Psalm 27: 1, 4-9

L: The LORD is my light and my salvation;

**P: whom shall I fear?**

L: The LORD is the stronghold of my life;

**P: of whom shall I be afraid?**

L: One thing I asked of the LORD; this I seek:

**P: to live in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in his temple.**

L: For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock.

**P: Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the LORD.**

L: Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me!

**P: "Come," my heart says, "seek his face!" Your face, LORD, do I seek. Do not hide your face from me.**

L: Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my help.

**P: Do not cast me off; do not forsake me, O God of my salvation!**

Video Reading: Matthew 4: 12-23 Read by: Allison Cann

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

<sup>10</sup> Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you but that you be knit together in the same mind and the same purpose. <sup>11</sup> For it has been made clear to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. <sup>12</sup> What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." <sup>13</sup> Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? <sup>14</sup> I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, <sup>15</sup> so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. <sup>16</sup> I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else. <sup>17</sup> For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel—and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

<sup>18</sup> For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Hymn #634: Will you come and follow me

1. Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known;

will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

2. Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?
3. Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?  
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,  
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?
4. Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,  
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?
5. Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.  
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show,  
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

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Family Time

Life and work of the church

Offertory: Prayer by C. Franck

Martin Bohl

Celebration of our Generosity

Sermon: Dear Paul

Hymn #474: The love of God comes close

1. The love of God comes close where stands an open door,  
to let the stranger in, to mingle rich and poor.  
The love of God is here to stay,  
embracing those who walk the Way; the love of God is here to stay.
2. The peace of God comes close to those caught in the storm,  
forgoing lives of ease to ease the lives forlorn.  
The peace of God is here to stay,  
embracing those who walk the Way; the peace of God is here to stay.

3. The joy of God comes close where faith encounters fears,  
where heights and depths of life are found through smiles and tears.

The joy of God is here to stay,  
embracing those who walk the Way; the joy of God is here to stay.

4. The grace of God comes close to those whose grace is spent,  
when hearts are tired or sore and hope is bruised and bent.

The grace of God is here to stay,  
embracing those who walk the Way; the grace of God is here to stay.

5. The Son of God comes close where people praise his name,  
where bread and wine are blest and shared as when he came.

The Son of God is here to stay,  
embracing those who walk the Way; the Son of God is here to stay.

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### Other lectionary readings this week:

Isaiah 9:1-4

<sup>9</sup> But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

<sup>2</sup> The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—  
on them light has shined.

<sup>3</sup> You have multiplied exultation;  
you have increased its joy;  
they rejoice before you  
as with joy at the harvest,  
as people exult when dividing plunder.

<sup>4</sup> For the yoke of their burden  
and the bar across their shoulders,

the rod of their oppressor,  
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

Matthew 4:12-23

<sup>12</sup> Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. <sup>13</sup> He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, <sup>14</sup> so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

<sup>15</sup> “Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,  
on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the gentiles—

<sup>16</sup> the people who sat in darkness  
have seen a great light,  
and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death

light has dawned.”

<sup>17</sup> From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

<sup>18</sup> As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishers. <sup>19</sup> And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people.” <sup>20</sup> Immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>21</sup> As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. <sup>22</sup> Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

<sup>23</sup> Jesus went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

Next Week's Sermon:

*Congratulations!*

### This Week at St. St. Andrew's

Monday:	<b>Breakfast on Queen</b>	6:30 — 8:30 am
Tuesday:	<b>Hope Clothing</b>	9:00 — 11:30 am
Thursday:	<b>Hope Clothing</b>	Noon — 2:00 pm
Thursday:	<b>Food Bank</b>	Noon—2:00 pm



## Important January Dates

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

**January 24, 7:00 pm:** Focus group on Zoom. (Link will be posted on website)

\*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!

### How can you help?

There are many ways you could help on a Sunday morning. To be able to get a little more back to normal we need you to take on some fun, meaningful and important roles. Next week there will be a sign up board at the back of the sanctuary where you can sign up for some roles and ministries that need help. Please prayerfully consider how you can share your gifts with St. Andrew's.

- We have some younger children who would very much like to attend Sunday School. Can you lead or help? To begin with the goal is to provide Sunday School once per month, after Family Time, during to remainder of worship.
- We need greeters and beadles.
- It would be nice to add some more voices and faces to our worship. Can you be a worship leader for a part of the service?
- Do you have any musical ability that you could share with us? Instrumental or singing - more music would be loved and appreciated.
- Do you miss coffee time following worship? Would you be able to help with preparing coffee/tea and juice for after worship?

All of these roles would come with training and lots of support if you have never tried them before (well maybe not the music - Joni can't carry a tune in a cup, so she's not going to train anyone!)

St. Andrew's Healed 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 1:22-42

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.

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

Greeter: Carol Johnston  
 Beadle: Bill Hunter  
 Organist: Martin Bohl  
 Tech Team: Dylan Smith & Laura Einwechter  
 Child care (after worship): Sarah English, Alexis Smith

### Daily Prayers

**Sunday, January 22** We pray for the medical staff at the Shining Hospital in Nepal as they treat illnesses with support from the church through Presbyterian World Service & Development.

**Monday, January 23** Eternal God, wake us up to your glory in the world; stir in us delight and help us overcome despair through your assurance that it is not all up to us.

**Tuesday, January 24** We pray for interim moderators and search committees as they work to assist congregations in calling a new minister.

**Wednesday, January 25** We pray for the members and work of the Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee.

**Thursday, January 26** We give thanks for the many gifts that LGBTQI2+ people bring to the church's mission and ministry.

**Friday, January 27** We pray for congregations as they prepare and gather for their annual meetings.

**Saturday, January 28** We pray for people in rural and remote congregations and communities across the country.

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

## Mission Moment – Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>

In Nepal, 51-year-old Lahia Tharu was suffering from a numb left foot. Lahia first sought help from a traditional healer—a practice common in rural Nepal. When the condition of her foot did not improve, she went to a nearby hospital. Tests confirmed that Lahia had leprosy and referred her to the Presbyterian World Service & Development-supported Shining Hospital. There, she received medication and treatment and was sent home to recover. Reflecting upon her experience, Lahia said that she is



“thankful and happy for the treatment that was provided at Shining Hospital”.

