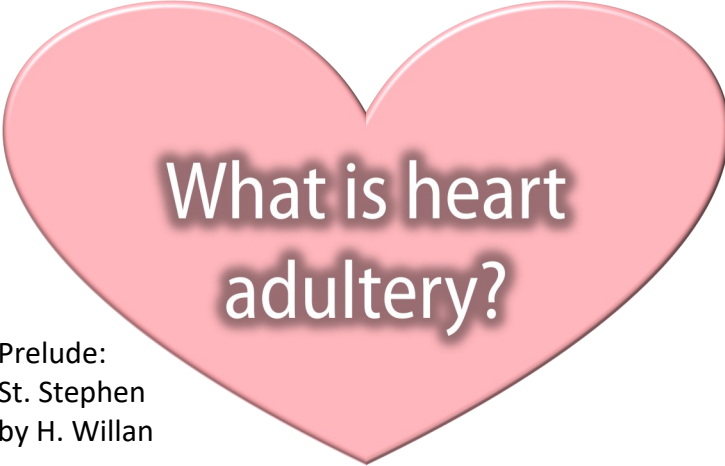


**St. Andrew's Hespeler
Presbyterian Church
February 12th, 2023
Fifth Sunday After Epiphany**

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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.



**What is heart
adultery?**

Prelude:

St. Stephen
by H. Willan

Welcome

Call to Worship

L: How blessed are we when we meditate on God's teachings;

P: and when we desire God with our whole hearts.

L: Let us praise God with attentive minds and eager spirits,

P: for we are God's servants, working and praying together.

L: So let us worship God and praise God's holy name.

P: Let us seek God's path and listen for God's call.

Prayer of Adoration

L: God of all life and each life, you are the light of minds that seek to know you. You are strength for those who seek to serve you. You reveal truth to those who search for you. In worship, we pause in your presence, resting from our work and responsibilities, from our worries and distractions. We come to enjoy your presence and praise you for the gift of life in Christ and in creation. Receive our prayers and praise this day, for we open our hearts in love and loyalty to you, O God, our All in All. Amen.

Laying down Burdens

Hymn #321 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, who rules all creation.

My soul, praise God who alone is your health and salvation.

Come, all who hear, sisters and brothers draw near, joining in glad adoration.

2. Praise to the Lord, who in all things so wondrously reigning

hides you with sheltering wings, ever gently sustaining. Have you not seen how your heart's wishes have been granted through God's kind ordaining?

3. Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work, who defends you; surely God's merciful goodness here daily attends you; ponder anew what the Almighty can do, when in great love God befriends you.

4. Praise to the Lord, and with all that is in me adoring, all who have life and breath, come with glad praises outpouring!

Let the Amen sound from God's people again: now and forever adoring!

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Responsive Psalm 119:1-8

L: Happy are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the LORD.

P: Happy are those who keep his decrees, who seek him with their whole heart, who also do no wrong but walk in his ways.

L: You have commanded your precepts to be kept diligently.

P: O that my ways may be steadfast in keeping your statutes! Then I shall not be put to shame, having my eyes fixed on all your commandments.

L: I will praise you with an upright heart, when I learn

your righteous ordinances.

P: I will observe your statutes; do not utterly forsake me.

Video Reading: Matthew 5:21-37

Read by Joni

Matthew 5:21-37

²¹ "You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not murder,' and 'whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.' ²² But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment, and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council, and if you say, 'You fool,' you will be liable to the hell of fire. ²³ So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, ²⁴ leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. ²⁵ Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. ²⁶ Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

²⁷ "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' ²⁸ But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. ²⁹ If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. ³⁰ And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell.

³¹ "It was also said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.' ³² But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of sexual immorality, causes her to commit adultery, and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

³³ "Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.' ³⁴ But I say to you: Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, ³⁵ or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. ³⁶ And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. ³⁷ Let your word be 'Yes, Yes' or 'No, No'; anything more than this comes from the evil one.

Hymn #641 One more step along the world I go

1. One more step along the world I go.

One more step along the world I go.

From the old things to the new
keep me traveling along with you.

*Refrain: And it's from the old I travel to the new
Keep me traveling along with you.*

2. Round the corners of the world I turn.
More and more about the world I learn.
All the new things that I see
you'll be looking at along with me. *Refrain*

3. As I travel through the bad and good
keep me traveling the way I should.
Where I see no way to go,
you'll be telling me the way, I know. *Refrain*

4. Give me courage when the world is rough.
Keep me loving though the world is tough.
Leap and sing in all I do.
Keep me traveling along with you. *Refrain*

5. You are older than the world can be.
You are younger than the life in me.
Ever old and ever new,
keep me traveling along with you. *Refrain*

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Family Time

Life and work of the church

Offertory: Bring Him Home

A. Boubilil, C.M. Schonberg, H. Kretzmer

Celebration of our Generosity

Sermon: What is Heart Adultery?

Hymn #626 Lord of all power

1. Lord of all power, I give you my will,
in joyful obedience your tasks to fulfil.
Your bondage is freedom, your service is song,
and, held in your keeping, my weakness is strong.

2. Lord of all wisdom, I give you my mind,
rich truth that surpasses our knowledge to find.
What eye has not seen and what ear has not heard
is taught by your Spirit and shines from your word.

3. Lord of all bounty, I give you my heart,
I praise and adore you for all you impart:
your love to inspire me, your counsel to guide,
your presence to cheer me, whatever betide.

4. Lord of all being, I give you my all.
If e'er I disown you, I stumble and fall;
but, sworn in glad service your word to obey,
I walk in your freedom to the end of the way.

Prayers of the People

Benediction

Postlude by J. Krieger

Martin Bohl

Other lectionary readings this week:

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

¹⁵ "See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. ¹⁶ If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. ¹⁷ But if your heart turns away and you do not hear but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, ¹⁸ I declare to you today that you shall certainly perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹ I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, ²⁰ loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him, for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob."

1 Corinthians 3:1-9

¹ And so, brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people but rather as fleshly, as infants in Christ. ² I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, ³ for you are still fleshly. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not fleshly and behaving according to human inclinations? ⁴ For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not all too human?

⁵ What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. ⁶ I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. ⁷ So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. ⁸ The one who plants and the one who waters have one purpose, and each will receive wages according to their own labor. ⁹ For we are God's coworkers, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

Next Week's Sermon:

Why I'm Still Here



Important February Dates

Wednesday, February 22

Introduction of our Meditative Prayer series

Sunday, February 26 10:00 am

Worship with Cathy Stewart; lunch and "Conversations that matter" with Credence follow worship

Sunday, February 26 10:00 am

First Sunday in Lent; entering into 6 weeks of a "Time to open our hearts to God's word"



On Thursday, March 2, a group of women will be meeting at the church. They will meeting at 7 pm in the Foyer to discuss the idea of forming a group for mutual support and growth. Everyone is welcome to come and participate in the discussion. If you have any questions or thoughts, feel free to contact Sylvia Brooks: 519 260 0834.

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

Greeter: Sylvia Brooks
Beadle: Joanne Waugh, Cash and Lailah
Organist: Martin Bohl
Soloist: Jane Bennett
Tech Team: Dylan Smith, and Laura Einwechter

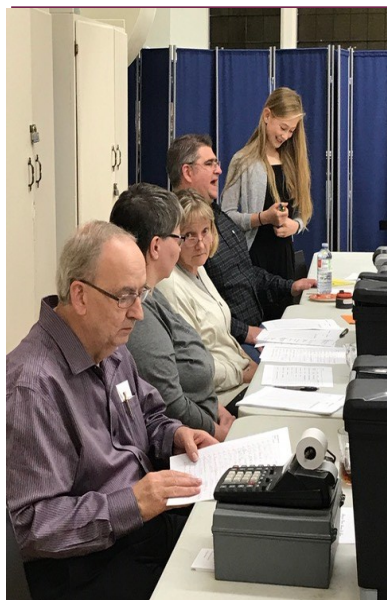
This Week at St. St. Andrew's

Monday: **Breakfast on Queen** 6:30 — 8:30 am
Tuesday: **Hope Clothing** 9:00 — 11:30 am
Thursday: **Hope Clothing** Noon — 2:00 pm



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.

There will also be a meeting to go over the **budget and financial information** in detail on **Wednesday, March 1** at 7 pm. All are welcome to that as well.



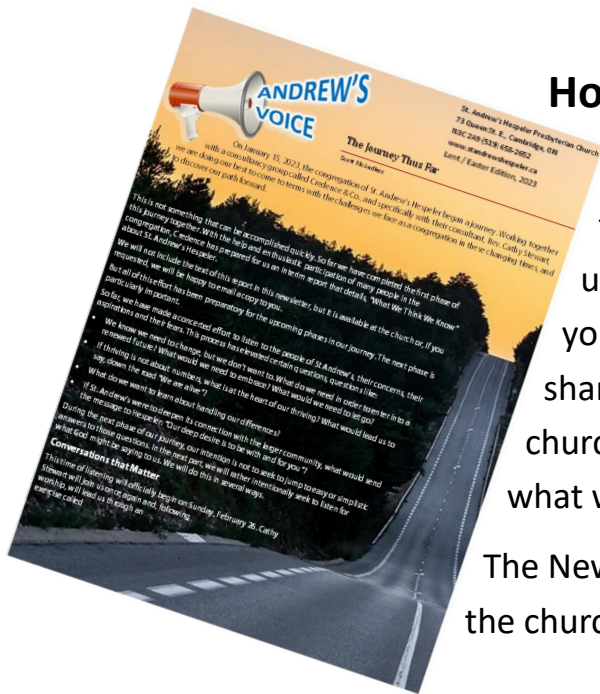
St. Andrew's Annual Dream Auction

Saturday, May 6, 2023, in person! with a small portion online.

Do you have a talent or gift that you would like to share? Please prayerfully consider how you can be a part of this exciting event. Do you have items to donate, a service/time to donate. All donations are much appreciated. Please contact Donald Paddock or Joni Smith if you have items to donate or would like more information.



Pssst! ... Mark your calendars for a **Spring Fling at St. Andrew's**. Beginning on April 15 and moving into May we will have many opportunities to get together and be creative! We will have several different workshops for adults and children; Debbie Ellis Watercolors, Crafty Creatures, Hespeler Horticultural Society, My Sister's Ideas (sign making) and more. And we will end the Spring Fling on **Saturday, May 6th, with our Dream Auction!**



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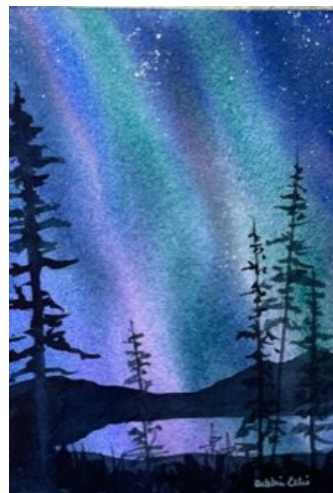
Our new 2023 Spring Newsletter is out today. It details a number of very exciting upcoming events and plans. Please pick up your copy today and take an extra one to share with someone who couldn't be at church today or who might be interested in what we have got going on!

The Newsletter is also available to download from the church's web site.

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Here's a sneak peek at the workshops that might be offered:

- Watercolour painting workshops: multiple dates and times
- Bath Bomb making workshop for families (children participants in one room and parents' social adjacent room)
- Sign painting/making workshop
- Bee garden talk with a hands on component
- A teacup floral arrangement
- Mediation and mindfulness



Daily Prayers

Sunday, February 12 We pray for wisdom and strength for lay leaders of the Presbyterian Church of Ghana who provide spiritual leadership in small rural communities.

Monday, February 13 We pray for congregations exploring ways to better support and include LGBTQI2+ people and their loved ones within their communities.

Tuesday, February 14 We pray for the people who gather and serve at Winnipeg Inner City Missions in Manitoba, and we give thanks for their ministry.

Wednesday, February 15 (Black History Month) We pray for systemic change that eradicates anti-Black racism and builds a society that prioritizes the well-being and advancement of Black Canadians.

Thursday, February 16 We pray for congregations that may be experiencing conflict and give thanks for the presbyteries assisting and guiding them.

Friday, February 17 We pray for the people, ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Pictou in Nova Scotia.

Saturday, February 18 We pray for people around the world who are facing severe hunger, and we give thanks for the food assistance provided by Presbyterian World Service & Development and their partners, with support from the PCC.

The Presbyterian Church in Canada



Prayer Partnership

Engaging in God's Mission
Through Word and Action

Mission Moment – Sunday, February 12th

In many small rural communities in Ghana, lay preachers, evangelists and catechists play a crucial role. Under the direction of a district minister, who has many congregations under their care, lay leaders provide much-needed spiritual leadership. While they share a deep commitment to their call to ministry and service in the church, many have not received formal theological training. **To equip these lay leaders with**

helpful tools for effective ministry, the Presbyterian Church of Ghana established three Lay Training Centres (Tamale, Ramseyer and Nsaba), which receive support through Presbyterians Sharing.

