

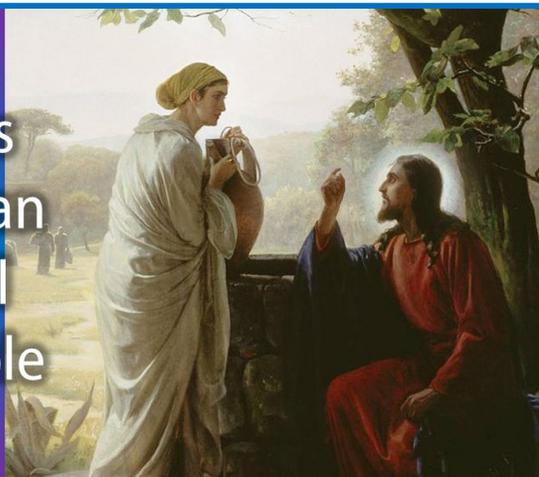
St. Andrew's Hespeler
Presbyterian Church
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Third Sunday in Lent

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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.

Jesus
finds an
Ideal
Disciple



Prelude: "Ach Gott, Erhoer Mein Seufzen und Wehklagen" by T. Volckmar

Welcome

Responsive Call to Worship

L: God's Truth opens our eyes on the world.

P: God's Spirit shatters our prejudice.

L: God's Truth nourishes our hearts.

P: God's Spirit encourages us in the face of fear.

L: God's Truth frees us from past mistakes and misunderstanding.

P: God's Spirit moves us to find new purpose in life.

L: So let us worship God in Spirit and in Truth.

Prayer of Approach

L: Creator, Christ and Spirit you provide what we need to live, from the bounty of creation. God of mercy, you know us through and through and you love us. God of hope, you have an everlasting purpose for us. God of wisdom, you open our minds and teach and guide us. So we come to worship you, Source of Wisdom, Son of Mercy, Spirit of Hope, offering you our prayers and our praise, trusting you to offer us the gifts we need to thrive and to serve you in the

world you love. Amen

Laying down Burdens

Hymn #671 I heard the voice of Jesus say

1. I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest;

lay down, thou weary one, lay down thy head upon my breast!"

I came to Jesus as I was, weary and worn and sad;
I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad.

2. I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give the living water; thirsty one, stoop down, and drink and live!"

I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived and now I live in him.

3. I heard the voice of Jesus say, I am this dark worlds light;

look unto me, thy morn shall rise, and all thy day be bright."

I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my star, my sun,
and in that light of life I'll walk till traveling days are done.

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Responsive Psalm 95

L: O come, let us sing to the LORD;

P: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

L: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

P: let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

L: For the LORD is a great God and a great King above all gods.

P: In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also. The sea is his, for he

made it, and the dry land, which his hands have formed.

L: O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

P: For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

L: O that today you would listen to his voice! Do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah, as on the day at Massah in the wilderness, when your ancestors tested me and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work.

P: For forty years I loathed that generation and said, "They are a people whose hearts go astray, and they do not regard my ways." Therefore in my anger I swore, "They shall not enter my rest."

Video Reading: John 4:5-27

Sylvia Brooks

John 4:28-42

²⁸ Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, ²⁹ "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" ³⁰ They left the city and were on their way to him.

³¹ Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." ³² But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." ³³ So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" ³⁴ Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. ³⁵ Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. ³⁶ The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. ³⁷ For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' ³⁸ I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour."

³⁹ Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." ⁴⁰ So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. ⁴¹ And many more believed because of his word. ⁴² They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world."

Hymn #27 As the deer

1. As the deer pants for the water,
so my soul longs after you;

you alone are my heart's desire,
and I long to worship you.

*Refrain: You alone are my strength, my shield;
to you alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire,
and I long to worship you.*

2. I want you more than gold or silver
Only you can satisfy
You alone are the real joy giver
And the apple of my eye (*Refrain*)

3. You are my friend and you are my brother
Even though you are my king
I love you more than any other
So much more than anything. (*Refrain*)

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Family Time

Life and work of the church

Offertory: With You (G. Ballard, D. Stewart, B. Rubin)

Celebration of our Generosity

Sermon: Jesus finds an Ideal Disciple

Hymn #632 Help us accept each other (to tune of #218)

1. Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us;
teach us as sister, brother, each person to embrace.
Be present, Lord, among us and bring us to believe
we are ourselves accepted and meant to love and live.
2. Teach us, O Lord, your lessons, as in our daily life
we struggle to be human and search for hope and faith.
Teach us to care for people, for all—not just for some,
to love them as we find them or as they may become.
3. Let your acceptance change us, so that we may be
moved
in living situations to do the truth in love;
to practice your acceptance until we know by heart
the table of forgiveness and laughter's healing art.
4. Lord, for today's encounters with all who are in need,
who hunger for acceptance, for righteousness and
bread,
we need new eyes for seeing, new hands for holding on:
renew us with your Spirit; Lord, free us, make us one!

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Prayers of the People

Benediction

Postlude: "We Bless Thee, Jesus Christ" by J. S. Bach

Other lectionary readings this week:

Exodus 17:1-7

¹ From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ² The people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" ³ But the people thirsted there for water, and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" ⁴ So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do for this people? They are almost ready to stone me." ⁵ The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile and go. ⁶ I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷ He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

Romans 5:1-11

¹ Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³ And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, ⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵ and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. ⁶ For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸ But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. ⁹ Much more surely, therefore, since we have now been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰ For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. ¹¹ But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Meditative Prayer Series

The season of Lent began on Ash Wednesday, February 22. Throughout Lent we will be introducing a practice of **Meditative Prayer**. You are encouraged to participate and you can do so in various ways.

Please make sure to pick up the guide to our prayers this week this morning.

- Every Wednesday and Sunday morning at 7 am, a new **Lectio Divina Prayer** will be posted on the Youtube channel. (<https://www.youtube.com/@standrewshespeler73>). Subscribe to this channel and follow the instructions at a time convenient to you at any time during the week. Videos will be about 10 minutes long.
- Every Wednesday morning, you can join us **in the sanctuary at 9 am** to do the Lectio Divina of the day together in person.
- Every Monday morning at 7 am, a **meditative prayer** will be posted on the same YouTube channel. You can do this approximately five minute Meditative prayer exercise at a time that works for you during the week. Do not worry if you are unfamiliar with these practices. We will teach you and walk you through them in a simple to follow way. Meditative practices are learned through repetition, so please be patient with yourself as you learn. Do as many or as few of the prayer practices as fit into your week!

This Week's Prayer Guide

Question to ponder this week:

We know we need to change, but we don't want to. What do we need in order to enter into a renewed future? What would we need to embrace? What would we need to let go of?

To find the prayers that are posted this week, follow a link from the church website or go to Youtube and search for St Andrews Hespeler Presbyterian Church (the url is <https://www.youtube.com/@standrewshespeler73>). Subscribe to this channel and you will receive automatic updates.

To prepare for your prayers, find a comfortable and quiet spot. Set aside 10 to 15 minutes during which you will not be interrupted. Follow the instructions on the video.

Meditative Prayer for Monday, March 6, 2023

Hebrews 3:1-6 (Good News Translation)

Jesus Is Greater than Moses

¹ My Christian friends, who also have been called by God! Think of Jesus, whom God sent to be the High Priest of the faith we profess. ² He was faithful to God, who chose him to do this work, just as Moses was faithful in his work in God's house. ³ A man who builds a house receives more honor than the house itself. In the same way Jesus is worthy of much greater honor than Moses. ⁴ Every house, of course, is built by someone—and God is the one who has built all things. ⁵ Moses was faithful in God's house as a servant, and he spoke of the things that God would say in the future. ⁶ But Christ is faithful as the Son in charge of God's house. We are His house if we keep up our courage and our confidence in what we hope for.

Next Week's Sermon:



Blind Assumptions

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

Greeter: Carol Johnston

Beadle: Linda Inglis

Coffee/Tea: Brenda Holm

Worship Assistant: Allison Cann

Organist: Martin Bohl

Guest Musician: Jane Bennett

Tech Team: Dylan Smith and Laura Einwechter

This Week at St. St. Andrew's

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| Tuesday: | Hope Clothing | 9:00 — 11:30 am |
| Wednesday: | Meditative Prayer | 9:00 am |
| Thursday: | Hope Clothing | Noon — 2:00 pm |
| Thursday: | Food Bank | Noon — 2:00 pm |



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.

News from Session

At its regular meeting this week, the session discussed a number of matters.

- We are entering into a formal agreement with a group of students from Conestoga College. They will assess our Harassment Policy and make all the necessary recommendations. As this is a part of their educational requirements it will be provided to us at no charge.
- The Session discussed a number of recommendations we have received from Credence & Co. to start to plan for how we can follow up on them.
- A possible special fundraiser for the Fall was discussed.



Would you like to help place spring flowers in the sanctuary for Easter? You would order flowers and they would be delivered to the church and placed in the church. On Easter Sunday morning, after worship, you would take your flowers home.

Flowers can be placed in memory of or in honour of a loved one. Forms are available online and at the back of the sanctuary. Orders and payments need to be made by no later than March 26, 2023. If you have any questions please speak with Joni.

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!**

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

- Watercolour painting workshops: multiple dates and times: *Book now to avoid disappointment.*
- 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
- Meditation and mindfulness



Something very special is happening in two weeks!

Daily Prayers

Sunday, March 12 (Third Sunday in Lent) We pray for those who are keeping a Lenten devotion and discipline.

Monday, March 13 We thank God for the staff and volunteers of Tyndale St-Georges Community Centre, who create a safe, loving and empowering space for the community of Little Burgundy in Montreal, Quebec.

Tuesday, March 14 We pray for Donna McIlveen, serving as clerk for the Synod of Quebec and Eastern Ontario.

Wednesday, March 15 We pray for the members and work of the Committee on Church Doctrine.

Thursday, March 16 We pray for those in the Order of Diaconal Ministries who are called to serve the church in the areas of Christian education, pastoral care and social ministries.

Friday, March 17 We pray for the people who gather and serve at Hummingbird Ministries in Vancouver, British Columbia, and we give thanks for their ministry.

Saturday, March 18 We pray for the people, ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Lanark and Renfrew.

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Engaging in God's Mission
Through Word and Action

Sunday, March 12 – Mission Moment

When Sieglinde—a single mother living in the Little Burgundy area of Montreal, Quebec—first arrived in Canada, she wasn't sure where to turn for help to integrate her son into their new surroundings. Tyndale St-Georges Community Centre provided a safe space where she and her son received the assistance they needed. "My son learned so much from his experience at Tyndale: how to be independent and play with other children, how to be confident and learn to regulate his emotions. But most importantly, he was happy." Gifts to Presbyterians Sharing are helping Tyndale St-Georges have a positive impact in the lives of people in the community of Little Burgundy .



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