

St. Andrew's Hespeler
Presbyterian Church
March 19, 2022
Fourth Sunday in Lent

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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.



Prelude: Agnus Dei by J.S. Bach

Martin Bohl

Welcome

Responsive Call to Worship

L: The Lord is our Shepherd.

P: God leads us by still waters.

L: Christ restores our souls.

P: The Spirit leads us in right paths.

L: Let us worship God who is always with us.

P: We will praise our God, trusting in God's goodness and mercy!

Prayer of Approach

L: Gracious and loving God, you are the Source of all that sustains us. You are compassion, embracing us when we call for mercy. You are mercy guiding us through anxious times. You are wisdom, revealing truth to challenge and renew us. Holy One, you bless us with your presence day by day, so we turn to you in worship, to seek your blessing once again. We offer you our love and loyalty, our prayers and our praise, for you are Love, Light and Life for us, and we belong to you. Amen.

Laying down Burdens

Hymn #500 Open my eyes, that I may see

1. Open my eyes, that I may see
glimpses of truth thou hast for me;
place in my hands the wonderful key
that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see;
open my eyes: illumine me, Spirit divine!

2. Open my ears, that I may hear
voices of truth thou sendest clear,
and while the wave-notes fall on my ear,
everything false will disappear.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready my God, thy will to see;
open my ears: illumine me, Spirit divine!

3. Open my mouth, and let me bear
gladly the warm truth everywhere;
open my heart, and let me prepare
love with thy children thus to share.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see;
open my heart: illumine me, Spirit divine!

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Responsive Psalm 23

L: The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

P: He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;

L: he restores my soul.

P: He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

L: Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil, for you are with me;

P: your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

L: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

P: you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

L: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

P: and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

Video Reading: John 9:1-12

Hymn #203 When Jesus the healer

1. When Jesus the healer passed through Galilee,
Heal us, heal us today!

The deaf came to hear and the blind came to see.
Heal us, Lord Jesus!

2. A paralyzed man was let down through a roof.
Heal us, heal us today!

His sins were forgiven, his walking the proof.
Heal us, Lord Jesus!

3. The death of his daughter caused Jairus to weep.
Heal us, heal us today!
The Lord took her hand, and he raised her from sleep.
Heal us, Lord Jesus!

4. When blind Bartimaeus cried out to the Lord,
Heal us, heal us today!
His faith made him whole and his sight was restored.
Heal us, Lord Jesus!

5. The lepers were healed and the demons cast out.
Heal us, heal us today!
A bent woman straightened to laugh and to shout.
Heal us, Lord Jesus!

6. The twelve were commissioned and sent out in twos
Heal us, heal us today!
to make the sick whole and to spread the good news.
Heal us, Lord Jesus!

7. There's still so much sickness and suffering today.
Heal us, heal us today!

We gather together for healing, and pray:
Heal us, Lord Jesus!

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Family Time

Life and work of the church

Offertory: Abide with Me

Celebration of our Generosity

Sermon: Blind Assumptions

Hymn #374 Oh for a thousand tongues to sing

1. Oh for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,

the triumphs of God's grace.

2. Jesus, the name that charms our fears,
and bids our sorrows cease—
'tis music in the sinner's ears;
'tis life and health and peace.

3. He speaks, and listening to his voice
new life the dead receive;
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice;
the humble poor believe.

4. Hear him, you deaf; you voiceless ones,
your tongues again employ;
you blind, behold your Saviour comes,
and leap, you lame, for joy!

5. My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
and spread through all the earth abroad
the honours of thy name.

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Prayers of the People

Benediction

Postlude: Fugue by D. Buxtehude

Martin Bohl

Next Week's Sermon:

The most
beautiful
baby in
the world!



Next Sunday we will celebrate a very special event —
the baptism of Rosalynn, daughter of Brittany and Ian.
Don't miss the chance to be part of it!

Do you like to sing?



On Easter Sunday some of our choir members and others who enjoy singing will be sitting in the choir loft and will be helping to lead the singing of our hymns. If you would like to join this group on Easter Sunday, please speak with Joni.

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

Greeters: Bill & Marg Hunter

Beadle: Bill Hunter

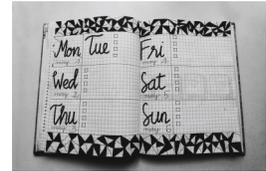
Organist: Martin Bohl

Guest Soloist: Jane Bennett

Tech Team: Dylan Smith and Laura Einwechter

This Week at St. St. Andrew's

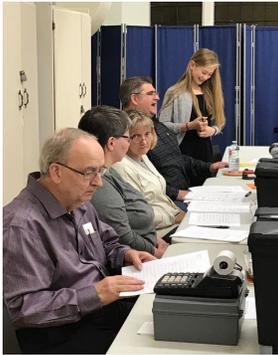
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| Tuesday: | Hope Clothing | 9:00 — 11:30 am |
| Wednesday: | Meditative Prayer | 9:00 am |
| Thursday: | Hope Clothing | Noon — 2:00 pm |
| Thursday: | Food Bank | Noon — 2:00 pm |
| Thursday: | Reference Group Meeting | 7:00 pm |



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.



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.

Mark your Calendars

Please join us for a National Volunteer celebration on Sunday, April 23rd when we will celebrate our volunteers. St. Andrew's has been blessed with many wonderful volunteers, both from the congregation and from the community. We will celebrate with cake and coffee after worship. We will also have a special, 2nd offering in honour of our volunteers and the time and energy they give to the life of St. Andrew's!



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. Please check out the individual workshop posters on the bulletin boards and on facebook/twitter and will soon be posted on our website. Each poster will tell you how to sign up or register for the different days/time and will include any costs. We will end the Spring Fling on **Saturday, May 6th with our Dream Auction!**

REGISTER NOW to avoid disappointment! Some workshops are filling up quickly.

- 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
- Mediation and mindfulness



Sat April 15



Northern Lights

Sat April 22



Summertime Blues

Sat April 29



Birch Grove

Spring Fling Watercolour Workshops

at St Andrew's Hespeler Presbyterian Church
73 Queen St East, Cambridge
9-11:30 am OR 1-3:30
Cost: \$35 (inc hst)

No Experience necessary!
No Drawing Skills Required!
All materials provided
Masks recommended

For more information and to register, visit
www.DebbieEllisWatercolours.ca

Other lectionary readings this week:

1 Samuel 16:1-13

¹ The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." ² Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.'" ³ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do, and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." ⁴ Samuel did what the LORD commanded and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling and said, "Do you come peaceably?" ⁵ He said, "Peaceably. I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and

come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

⁶ When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely his anointed is now before the LORD." ⁷ But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him, for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." ⁸ Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." ⁹ Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." ¹⁰ Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any of these." ¹¹ Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There

remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him, for we will not sit down until he comes here.”¹² He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. The LORD said, “Rise and anoint him, for this is the one.”¹³ Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Ephesians 5:8-14

⁸ for once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Walk as children of light, ⁹ for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. ¹⁰ Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹ Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness; rather, expose them. ¹² For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly, ¹³ but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, ¹⁴ for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,
“Sleeper, awake!
Rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.”

John 9:13-41

¹³ They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. ¹⁴ Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. ¹⁵ Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, “He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.” ¹⁶ Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not observe the Sabbath.” Others said, “How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?” And they were divided. ¹⁷ So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.” He said, “He is a prophet.”

¹⁸ The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight ¹⁹ and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” ²⁰ His parents answered, “We know that this is our son and that he was born blind, ²¹ but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.” ²² His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the

synagogue. ²³ Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.”

²⁴ So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, “Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.” ²⁵ He answered, “I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.” ²⁶ They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” ²⁷ He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?” ²⁸ Then they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. ²⁹ We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.” ³⁰ The man answered, “Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, yet he opened my eyes. ³¹ We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. ³² Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. ³³ If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” ³⁴ They answered him, “You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?” And they drove him out.

³⁵ Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” ³⁶ He answered, “And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.” ³⁷ Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.” ³⁸ He said, “Lord, I believe.” And he worshiped him. ³⁹ Jesus said, “I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see may see and those who do see may become blind.” ⁴⁰ Some of the Pharisees who were with him heard this and said to him, “Surely we are not blind, are we?” ⁴¹ Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.”

Daily Prayers

The Presbyterian Church in Canada



Prayer Partnership

Engaging in God's Mission
Through Word and Action

Sunday, March 19 (Fourth Sunday in Lent) We pray for the members of the Special Committee on Petitions 1 and 2, 2021, as they prepare a statement of apology to people who have been harmed by racism and xenophobia in the church.

Monday, March 20 We pray for people living with disabilities in Ghana and give thanks for the many ways they are being empowered to lead productive and fulfilling lives with support from the Garu Community Based Rehabilitation program.

Tuesday, March 21 (International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination) We pray for courage and wisdom to recognize racism and discrimination in society and in the church so that we may grow to become communities of justice for all.

Wednesday, March 22 (World Water Day) We give thanks for the clean water that families in Sudan, Yemen and other conflict-affected countries can access as a result of Presbyterian World Service & Development's water, sanitation and health projects that help repair wells.

Thursday, March 23 We pray for Muslims throughout the world observing the holy month of Ramadan.

Friday, March 24 We pray for Pun Narayan and the staff of the New Life Psychiatric Rehabilitation Centre in Nepal as they welcome and care for people living with mental health issues.

Saturday, March 25 We pray for the people who gather and serve at the Anamiewigummig Fellowship Centre in Kenora, Ontario, and we give thanks for their ministry.

Mission Moment – Sunday, March 19th

Hawa Issifu lives in Ghana with her husband. Hawa became ill with a disease that caused damage to her spinal cord. Her husband explored every option available to them in search of a remedy but found none. One day, Hawa was registered for assistance at the Garu Community Based Rehabilitation (CBR) Centre by the Centre's field staff during a community survey. With the support of Presbyterian World Service & Development, the CBR program provided Hawa with a tricycle and wheelchair, as well as business training and access to start-up capital for a small business. This assistance helped Hawa get around independently, and her business is gradually expanding and creating new opportunities for her family.



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