

St. Andrew's Hespeler
Presbyterian Church
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2nd Sunday of Easter

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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.



Welcome

Responsive Call to Worship

L: All things of God, all the heavens,

P: Worship and praise your Maker.

L: Sun, moon and stars; wind, rain and thunder,

P: Worship and praise your Maker.

L: Mountains and forests, streams and waterfalls,

P: Worship and praise your Maker.

L: Creatures beneath the seas, birds throughout the
skies, all that leaps or crawls, all who walk or worry or
wonder,

P: Let us worship and praise our Maker together.

Hymn #249 The day of resurrection

1. The day of resurrection – earth, tell it out abroad,
the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God!
From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky,
our Christ hath brought us over with hymns of victory.

2. Our hearts be pure from evil, that we may see
aright
the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light,
and, listening to his accents, may hear, so calm and
plain,

his own "All hail!" and, hearing, may raise the victor
strain.

3. Now let the heavens be joyful, let earth its song
begin,

let the round world keep triumph, and all that is
therein;

invisible and visible, their notes together blend,
for Christ the Lord hath risen, our joy that hath no
end.

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Prayer of Approach

L: God our Maker, we come giving thanks for all the
wonder in your creation, the great theatre of your
glory. We praise you for the detailed perfection
revealed in a baby's tiny fingers, for the wisdom and
growth that comes with age, for the strength to
serve you, for your glory seen in pussy willows
greeting the spring, and in each rock face worn by
wind and water. These details lift our hearts to
praise you. So let the details of the story the Risen
Christ lift our hearts this day, that we too may
discover him in our midst, making all things new
with the springtime of your Spirit. Amen

Laying Down our Burdens

Responsive Psalm 16

L: Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

**P: I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord; I have no good
apart from you."**

L: As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble
ones in whom is all my delight.

**P: Those who choose another god multiply their
sorrows; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour
out or take their names upon my lips.**

L: The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold
my lot.

P: The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; I have a goodly heritage.

L: I bless the LORD, who gives me counsel;

P: in the night also my heart instructs me.

L: I keep the LORD always before me;

P: because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved. Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure.

L: For you do not give me up to Sheol or let your faithful one see the Pit.

P: You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Video Reading John 20:19-31 Read by Joni

Hymn #260 Alleluia, alleluia

Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord; alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.

1. Jesus is Lord of all the earth;
he is the King of creation: *Refrain*

2. Spread the good news o'er all the earth;
Jesus has died and has risen: *Refrain*

3. We have been crucified with Christ;
now we shall live forever: *Refrain*

4. Come, let us praise the living God,
joyfully sing to our Saviour: *Refrain*

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Family Time

Life and work of the church

Offertory: Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

Celebration of our Generosity

Sermon: "Trusting in the Breath"

Prayers of the People

Hymn #384 O Breath of life, come sweeping through us

1. O Breath of life, come sweeping through us;
revive your church with life and power.

O Breath of life, come cleanse, renew us,
and fit your church to meet this hour.

2. O Wind of God, come bend us, break us,
till humbly we confess our need;
then in your tenderness remake us,
revive, restore, for this we plead.

3. O Breath of love, come breathe within us,
renewing thought and will and heart:
come, Love of Christ, afresh to win us,

revive your church in every part.

4. O Tongues of fire, come rest upon us,
so we may speak your word aright;
kindle the flame of love among us;
equip your church to spread the light.

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Benediction



Next Week's
Sermon:

To Those
Walking
Away

Other lectionary readings this week:

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.

²² "Fellow Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know—²³ this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. ²⁴ But God raised him up, having released him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. ²⁵ For David says concerning him,

'I saw the Lord always before me,
for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;

²⁶ therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;

moreover, my flesh will live in hope.

²⁷ For you will not abandon my soul to Hades
or let your Holy One experience corruption.

²⁸ You have made known to me the ways of life;
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

²⁹ "Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰ Since he was a

prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne.³¹ Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

‘He was not abandoned to Hades,
nor did his flesh experience corruption.’

³² “This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

1 Peter 1:3-9

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead⁴ and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you,⁵ who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.⁶ In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials,⁷ so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.⁸ Although you have not seen him, you love him, and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy,⁹ for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Mark your Calendars

Please join us for a National Volunteer celebration on next **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, second offering in honour of our volunteers and the time and energy they give to the life of St. Andrew’s!



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. There is a sign up sheet at the back of the

sanctuary for you to indicate your intention of donating items or services.

Here’s a look at some of the items coming in for auction:



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

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Greeter: Joanne Waugh

Beadle: Elaine McLean

Guest Organist: Alexis Smith

Soloist: Jane Bennett

Tech Team: Dylan Smith & Laura Einwechter

This Week at St. Andrew's

Tuesday:	Hope Clothing	9:00 — 11:30 AM
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		7:00 — 8:30 PM
Wednesday:	New Hope Friends group	7:00 pm
Thursday:	Hope Clothing	Noon — 2:00 PM
Saturday:	Watercolour Workshop	9:00 — 11:30 AM
		1:00 — 3:30 PM



Daily Prayers

Sunday, April 16 (Earth Week) We lift up in prayer the voices of Indigenous and racialized people, as well as the voices of people in the global south, all of whom are disproportionately impacted by the climate crisis.

Monday, April 17 We pray for the Presbyterian Church in Taiwan as its first in-person General Assembly since the beginning of the pandemic commences in the face of the country's uncertain future.

Tuesday, April 18 We pray for Zomba Theological University in Malawi and for Vice Chancellor, the Rev. Dr. Takuze Chitsulo, as the university hosts a research conference and stakeholders consultative meeting this week.

Wednesday, April 19 (Earth Week) We give thanks for the work of For the Love of Creation, a national faith-based coalition for climate justice.

Thursday, April 20 (Earth Week) We pray for God's wisdom to guide decision makers to respond to the climate crisis in ways that reflect justice, equity and sustainability.

Friday, April 21 (Earth Week) We pray for healing for the Earth's biodiverse ecosystems that are under threat of habitat destruction, pollution and overexploitation.

Saturday, April 22 (Earth Day) Creator, we pray for the Earth our home, and for all life on Earth. Help us to be good stewards of the gifts you have entrusted to us.

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Prayer Partnership

Engaging in God's Mission
Through Word and Action

Mission Moment – Sunday, April 16

Supported by gifts to Presbyterians Sharing, the PCC's New Beginnings program facilitates a renewal process that helps congregations discern God's call for their future and create a plan to move forward. With the help of the program, the rural congregation of St. James Presbyterian Church, North Yarmouth, in southwestern Ontario successfully brought their church community closer together and found new ways to reach out to their neighbours, such as through a partnership with a local charity called Harvest Bowl, which collects vegetables that would otherwise be thrown away and repurposes the ingredients to create dry soup mixes for distribution to food banks and shelters.

