

St. Andrew's Hespeler Presbyterian Church

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Volunteer Appreciation Sunday

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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.



To Those Walking Away

Prelude - In God's Holy Presence by Roger Wilson

Welcome

Call to Worship

L: We have come from many places, following different roads.

P: We come hungering for greater understanding.

L: We have come to hear the wisdom of Scripture.

P: We come seeking companions in the faith.

L: We have come to discover the One revealed in the breaking of the bread.

P: We come to grow as disciples of Christ.

L: Come, let us worship God, made known in Christ Jesus.

Hymn #262 Come to us, beloved Stranger

1. Come to us, beloved Stranger,
as you came that Easter day.

Walk with us to our Emmaus,
for we need you still today.

Come to us when we are broken,
when our dearest hopes are lost,
speak to us the prophets' message
you fulfilled upon the cross.

2. Stay with us and give us blessing,
that our hopes again may rise
Offer us your broken body;
open our unseeing eyes.
Come to us, God's love embodied;
touch our hearts with burning flame.
Risen Christ, once dead, now living,
come to us through joy, through pain.

3. We would never fail to see you
as you walk with us each day.
As a friend and not a stranger
you would join us on our way.
Help us trust that through your mercy
we can doubt and fear transcend,
and to others be a blessing.
Keep us faithful till life's end!

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Prayer of Approach

L: Loving God, we gather in your Son's name this day,
united by your Spirit to your followers throughout all
time and space. It is amazing to remember that the
stories we hear about you today have transformed
so many other lives for so many centuries. It is
amazing to consider how lives not so very different
from our own carried your love from one generation
to another, from one church to another, from one
part of the world to another. As we join together in
worship, open our eyes to new opportunities to
express our love for you, and share your love in the
lives we touch; for we are your people and we praise
God in your holy name. Amen.

Laying Down Burdens Miles Lane by Healey Willan

Responsive Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

L: I love the LORD because he has heard my voice and my
supplications.

P: Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

L: The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish.

P: Then I called on the name of the LORD, "O LORD, I pray, save my life!"

L: What shall I return to the LORD for all his bounty to me?

P: I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD; I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people.

L: Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his faithful ones. O LORD, I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your serving girl. You have loosed my bonds.

P: I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the LORD. I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people, in the courts of the house of the LORD, in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the LORD!

Video Reading: Luke 24:13-35, Read by **Donald Paddock**

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: I the Lord of Sea and Sky

Celebration of our Generosity

Sermon: To Those Walking Away

Prayers of the People

Hymn #263 They set out on their homeward road
(to the tune of #325 Eternal Father, strong to save)

1. They set out on their homeward road, the two disciples lost and sad,
re-living still the episode when all was lost and life made bad:

an ugly cross had been the end of Christ, the perfect man and friend.

2. A stranger joined them as they walked that he their company might share;
he listened to them as they talked of broken hope and great despair,

and then the stranger made reply that Christ the Lord was bound to die.

3. He spoke of Moses and his days, of Egypt and the promised land,
recalled the prophets and their ways, God's leading with a loving hand.

At journey's end, to food and rest, they made him feel a welcome guest.

4. Invited in and honoured most to take his place at table's head,
the stranger-guest became the host by saying grace and taking bread.

Then suddenly they knew that Christ had made their common meal a feast.

5. O Jesus, come again, we pray, and share with us the things we do.

Be our companion on our way; let Easter in our homes come true,

and let our life and work proclaim the power of your living name.

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Benediction

Postlude - Laudes Domini by Chester Nordman

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

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Greeter: Lynn Platt

Beadle: Elaine McLean

Organist: Martin Bohl

Soloist: Jane Bennett

Tech Team: Dylan Smith & Laura Einwechter

Other lectionary readings this week:

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them,

³⁶ "Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified."

³⁷ Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles,

"Brothers, what should we do?" ³⁸ Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to

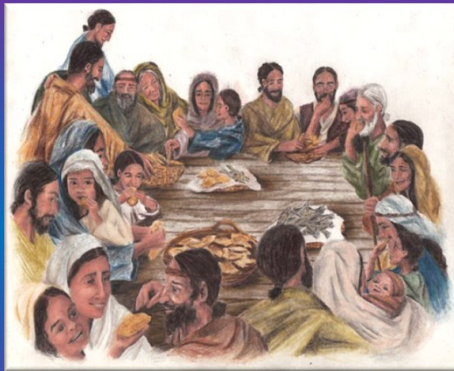
him." ⁴⁰ And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." ⁴¹ So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

1 Peter 1:17-23

¹⁷ If you invoke as Father the one who judges impartially according to each person's work, live in fear during the time of your exile. ¹⁸ You know that you were ransomed from the futile conduct inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. ²⁰ He was destined before the foundation of the world but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. ²¹ Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your trust and hope are in God.

²² Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual affection, love one another deeply from the heart. ²³ You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

Next Week's Sermon:



To each according to their need

Today, as part of National Volunteer Appreciation week, we are celebrating all of our amazing volunteers - and there are many. Please plan to stay after church for some refreshments and goodies.

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.

Check out the display of items after worship today!

Here we grow again! And we need your help. We are in need of at least 8 people to be on a team, 2 per team, on a rotational basis, who will provide nursery care or Sunday School care. We want to be ready to provide this care for children and families, to make St. Andrew's a welcoming place of worship, for everyone, every Sunday. Some weeks there may not be any children in need of care, other weeks there will be. We want to be able to offer these programs whenever children and families come to worship with us. On weeks when there is no care needed then you will be able to join our worship service. Nursery, toddler and Sunday School care will be very informal, easy to do with minimal prep work and minimal training. You will however, be supported in your efforts by Joni and our soon to be rolled out "Sunday Concierge." If you would like to help with our Children & Family Ministries please speak with Joni (jsmith@standrewshespeler.ca).

This Week at St. Andrew's

Tuesday:	Hope Clothing	9:00 — 11:30 AM
Tuesday:	Mindfulness, Meditation & YOU	9:30 — 11:30 AM
		7:00 — 8:30 PM
Tuesday:	Native Plants & Bees workshop	7:00 — 8:30 PM
Wednesday:	New Hope Friends group	7:00 PM
Thursday:	Hope Clothing	Noon — 2:00 PM
Thursday:	Food Bank	Noon—2:00 PM
Saturday:	Watercolour Workshop	9:00 — 11:30 AM
		1:00 — 3:30 PM
Saturday:	Sign making workshop	9:00 — 11:30 AM



Sunday, May 7: Spring Fling wrap up celebration and gallery. Stay tuned for details.

Daily Prayers

Sunday, April 23 We give thanks for Presbyterian World Service & Development-supported farming projects that help farmers and communities in Malawi achieve better food security.

Monday, April 24 We pray for the people, ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Ottawa in Ontario.

Tuesday, April 25 We pray for Women's Missionary Society synodicals as members prepare and gather for their annual meetings.

Wednesday, April 26 We pray for the people, ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Kingston in Ontario.

Thursday, April 27 We pray for the people who gather and serve at Edmonton Urban Native Ministry in Alberta, and we give thanks for their ministry.

Friday, April 28 We give thanks for the Rev. Watan Yawi, the Rev. Dr. Paul McLean and the Tayal translation team of the Bible Society in Taiwan as they celebrate the publication of the Tayal Bible.

Saturday, April 29 We pray for the Rev. Jim Biggs, clerk for the Synod of Central, Northeastern Ontario and Bermuda.

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Prayer Partnership

Engaging in God's Mission
Through Word and Action

Mission Moment – Sunday, April 23

In Malawi, poor, overused soil and low rainfall have made it difficult for Elena to farm her fields. As a single mother, Elena is the breadwinner of her family. A healthy crop yield is essential to her livelihood and being able to provide for them, so Elena decided to participate in a Presbyterian World Service & Development-supported project, which taught farmers conservation agriculture techniques to conserve and improve their



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soil and better retain moisture. “My yields improved immediately in the second season. I plan to extend the cultivation area with the manure application and hope to have a good crop stand. This will increase access to food for my family and to financial resources to cater to other basic household needs,” said Elena. Today, she teaches fellow farmers in her community about the benefits of conservation agriculture.

