

**St. Andrew's Hespeler
Presbyterian Church
April 30th 2023
4th Sunday of Easter
Mission Awareness Sunday**

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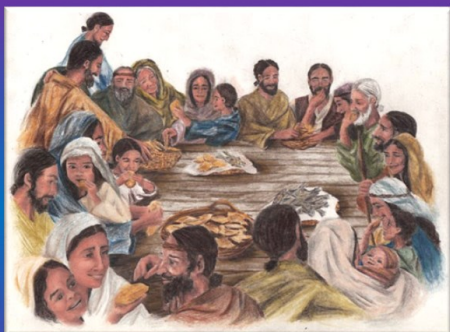
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Website: www.standrewshespeler.ca

Office Hours:

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 each
according to their need

Prelude: "Amazing Grace" by D. Hustad

Welcome

Responsive Call to Worship

L: God, our Shepherd, offers us abundant life.

P: God, you are with us!

L: God, our Shepherd, leads us by still waters.

P: God, restore our souls!

L: God, our Shepherd, walks with us through every dark valley.

P: God, we will not be afraid! God, our Shepherd, we praise for your goodness and mercy with us every day.

Hymn #251 Christ is alive

1. Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.

The cross stands empty to the sky.

Let streets and homes with praises ring.

Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

2. Christ is alive! No longer bound to distant years in Palestine, but saving, healing, here and now and touching every place and time.

3. In every insult, rift and war,

where colour, scorn or wealth divide,
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,
and lives, where even hope has died.

4. Women and men, in age and youth,
can feel the Spirit, hear the call,
and find the way, the life, the truth,
revealed in Jesus, freed for all.

5. Christ is alive, and comes to bring
good news to this and every age,
till earth and sky and ocean ring with joy,
with justice, love and praise.

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Prayer of Approach

L: God of love, we come trusting that your love has the power to defeat evil in the world. Jesus shows us that your love defeats even the power of death. You are with us through the darkest valleys so that we are not afraid. We worship you with glad hearts, praising you in the name of our Risen Lord, praying with the breath of your Spirit in us. Renew our strength and courage to face whatever each day holds, so our lives will bring you honour and glory now and always. Amen.

Laying Down Burdens

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,

P: for you are with me; 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: Acts 2:42-47 , Read by Ron Paddock

Hymn #708 When Israel was in Egypt's land

1. When Israel was in Egypt's land, let my people go, oppressed so hard they could not stand, let my people go.

Refrain: Go down, Moses, way down in Egypt's land; tell old Pharaoh: let my people go.

2. The Lord told Moses what to do, let my people go, to lead the Hebrew children through, let my people go.

Refrain

3. As Israel stood by the waterside, let my people go, at God's command it did divide, let my people go.

Refrain

4. When they had reached the other shore, let my people go, they let the song of triumph soar, let my people go.

Refrain

5. Lord, help us all from bondage flee, let my people go, and let us all in Christ be free, let my people go.

Refrain

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Family Time

Life and Work of the Church

Offertory: Amazing Grace

Jane Bennett

Celebration of our Generosity

Sermon: To each according to their need

Prayers of the People

Hymn #717 We cannot own the sunlit sky

1. We cannot own the sunlit sky, the moon, the wild-flowers growing, for we are part of all that is within life's river flowing
With open hands receive and share the gifts of God's creation, that all may have abundant life in every earthly nation.

2. When bodies shiver in the night, and, weary wait for morning, when children have no bread but tears,

and war horns sound their warning, God calls humanity to wake, to join in common labour, that all may have abundant life in oneness with their neighbour.

3. God calls humanity to join as partners in creating a future free from want or fear, life's goodness celebrating. That new world beckons from afar, invites our shared endeavour, that all may have abundant life and peace endure forever.

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Benediction

Postlude - Postlude by G. Blake

Martin Bohl

Next Week's Sermon:

In my Father's house...



Thank you for the well wishes, cake, certificate and celebration as part of our Volunteer Appreciation Sunday last week. Your kind

words and wishes are all appreciated. Sincerely, Bill Hunter.

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

Greeter: Carol Johnston Beadle: Brenda Holm
Organist: Martin Bohl Soloist: Jane Bennett
Tech Team: Dylan Smith & Laura Einwechter

Other lectionary readings this week:

1 Peter 2:19-25

¹⁹For it is a commendable thing if, being aware of God, a person endures pain while suffering unjustly. ²⁰If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do good and suffer for it, this is a commendable thing before God. ²¹For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

²²“He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

²³When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. ²⁴He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, having died to sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

John 10:1-10

¹“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ²The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

St. Andrew's Annual Dream Auction **Saturday, May 6, 2023**

Our online portion of the auction is set to begin in the next day or two. The link will be emailed to you and posted on our website and social media.

Please plan to attend our in person auction event, this Saturday, May 6. Desserts and refreshments start at 7:00 pm with the live auction starting at 7:30 pm. A silent auction will also run at the same time. Please join us for an evening of fun! Families and children are welcome to join us. Movies can be viewed in a comfortable room adjacent to the auction room.



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
Thursday:	Hope Clothing	Noon — 2:00 PM
Saturday:	Dream Auction	7:00 - 10:00 PM
Saturday:	Hope Clothing	*WILL BE OPEN NEXT SATURDAY, MAY 13*
Sunday:	Spring Fling wrap up celebration and gallery.	

Wanted: St. Andrew's Helpers Thursday, May 4 (9:30 - 10:30 am). Helpers tidy up areas in the church that are sometimes neglected. Areas such as the foyer and library, clean and polish the railings inside the church, evict dust bunnies, dust surfaces in the sanctuary, keep our bulletin boards current and tidy, etc. Please let Joni know if you are able to help with any of these light duties. A pot of tea or coffee can always be put on to enjoy while working. Thank you for prayerfully considering this way to help.

Daily Prayers

Sunday, April 30 On **Mission Awareness Sunday**, we pray for members of the Atlantic Mission Society and Women's Missionary Society who are leading worship services in their congregations.

Monday, May 1 (Asian Heritage Month) We give thanks for the rich contributions of people of Asian descent to the church.

Tuesday, May 2 We pray for the women of the Mvano Guild in Malawi who devote their lives to worship, Bible study and helping others in need.

Wednesday, May 3 We pray for the candidates for ministry and guidance counsellors as they faithfully engage in the shared process of vocational discernment during Guidance Conference this week.

Thursday, May 4 We pray for congregations going through transitions. May they be patient and open to seeing and acting on God's will when times are challenging.

Friday, May 5 We pray that members of the Atlantic Mission Society and Women's Missionary Society experience joy in all they have accomplished and find ways to continue with their missions both locally and abroad.

Saturday, May 6 We give thanks for all the many ways people generously give their time and talent to the church.

The Presbyterian Church in Canada



Prayer Partnership

Engaging in God's Mission Through Word and Action

Mission Moment – Sunday, April 30

When we give to Presbyterians Sharing, we express our faith, proclaiming God's love, hope and grace through the decisions we make and the actions we take. Together, we support congregations, theological colleges, camps, presbyteries, synods and specialized ministries as they nurture disciples and share our faith. We help leaders explore new models of ministry, and we help people experiencing barriers to traditional social engagement overcome them in innovative ways. Through mission staff and grants, we



accompany international mission partners. We live out God's call for

justice by collaborating with ecumenical and interfaith partners to speak out against injustice, advocate for human rights and care for creation around the world. God does remarkable things with the gifts we give.

