

St. Andrew's Hespeler Presbyterian Church

April 9th 2023

Easter Sunday

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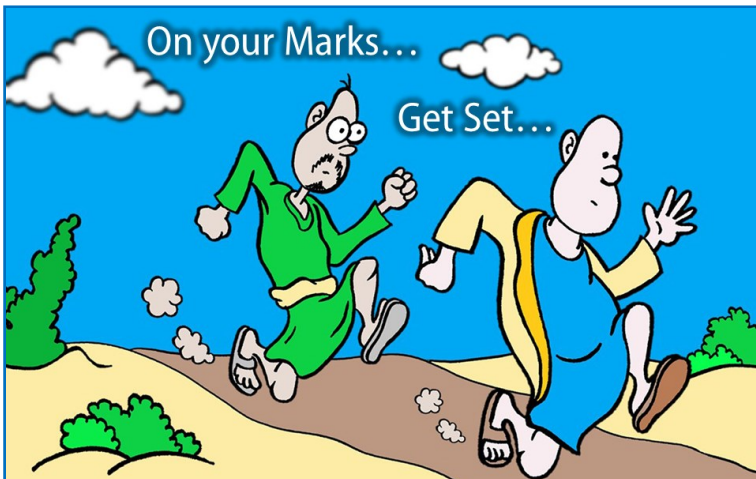
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Office Hours:

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. This will be a communion service. If you are joining us remotely, please prepare communion elements at home.



Prelude: Easter Dialogue by G. Martin Martin Bohl

Welcome

Hymn #255 Now let the vault of heaven resound

1. Now let the vault of heaven resound
in praise of love that doth abound,
"Christ hath triumphed, hallelujah"
sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear,
repeat their song of glory here,
"Christ hath triumphed, Christ hath triumphed!"
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

2. Eternal is the gift he brings;
wherefore our heart with rapture sings,
"Christ hath triumphed, Jesus liveth!"
now doth he come and give us life;
now doth his presence still all strife
through his triumph; Jesus reigneth!
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

3. Oh fill us, Lord, with dauntless love;
set heart and will on things above,
that we conquer through thy triumph;
grant grace sufficient for life's day,

that by our life we ever say,
"Christ hath triumphed, and he liveth!
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

4. Adoring praises now we bring,
and with the heavenly blessed sing,
"Christ hath triumphed, hallelujah!"
Be to the Father and our Lord,
to Spirit blest, most holy God,
thine the glory never ending!
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

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Responsive Call to Worship

L: This is the Good News – the light shines in the
darkness & the darkness will never overcome it.

P: Hallelujah! Christ is risen.

L: This is the Good News: once we were no people;
now we are God's people.

P: Hallelujah! Christ is risen.

L: This is the Good News – the grave is empty and
Christ is risen.

P: Hallelujah! Christ is risen indeed!

L: Let us worship God with Easter joy!

Prayer of Approach

L: God of resurrecting power, we are caught up in the
joy of Easter and your love fills us with expectation.
Death will never overcome the life, and the powers
of chaos will never overcome your loving intentions
for the cosmos. Just as Jesus spoke to Mary in the
garden that first Easter day, you call each of us by
name because you love us. So we praise you for the
hope you have given us, your powerful love and
your promise of new life in Christ. So may we live
our love for you gladly, today and every day, as we
sing with our hearts full of praise. Amen.

Laying Down our Burdens

Responsive Psalm 114

L: When Israel went out from Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of strange language, Judah became God's sanctuary, Israel his dominion.

P: The sea looked and fled; Jordan turned back. The mountains skipped like rams, the hills like lambs.

L: Why is it, O sea, that you flee? O Jordan, that you turn back? O mountains, that you skip like rams? O hills, like lambs?

P: Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the LORD, at the presence of the God of Jacob, who turns the rock into a pool of water, the flint into a spring of water.

Video Reading John 20:1-10 Read by Carol

Hymn #250 Lord of the Dance

1. I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth;
at Bethlehem I had my birth.

*Refrain: Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,
and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.*

2. I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,
but they would not dance and they wouldn't follow me;
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John;
they came with me and the dance went on. *(Refrain)*

3. I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame:
the holy people said it was a shame.
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me high,
and they left me there on a cross to die. *(Refrain)*

4. I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black;
it's hard to dance with the devil on your back.
They buried my body, and they thought I'd gone,
but I am the dance, and I still go on. *(Refrain)*

5. They cut me down and I leap up high;
I am the life that'll never, never die;
I'll live in you if you'll live in me;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. *(Refrain)*

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Family Time

We cannot measure how you heal GraceNotes

Words by John Bell and Graham Maule. Music: Traditional

Life and work of the church

Offertory: " Joyful, joyful we adore you" Jane Bennett

Celebration of our Generosity

Sermon: On your marks... Get Set...

Communion Hymn #254 Jesus is risen from the grave

1. Jesus is risen from the grave; Jesus is risen from the grave;

Jesus is risen from the grave. Hallelujah!

2. Jesus was seen by Mary; Jesus was seen by Mary;
Jesus was seen by Mary Hallelujah!

3. Peter will soon be smiling; Peter will soon be smiling;
Peter will soon be smiling. Hallelujah!

4. Thomas will stop his doubting; Thomas will stop his doubting;

Thomas will stop his doubting. Hallelujah!

5. Jesus will meet his people; Jesus will meet his people;
Jesus will meet his people. Hallelujah!

6. Jesus is here in bread and wine; Jesus is here in bread and wine;

Jesus is here in bread and wine. Hallelujah!

7. Jesus will live forever; Jesus will live forever;
Jesus will live forever. Hallelujah!

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Celebration of Communion

Prayers of the People

Hymn #258 Thine be the glory

1. Thine be the glory, risen, conquering son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won;
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave clothes, where thy body lay.

*Refrain: Thine be the glory, risen, conquering son;
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.*

2. Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
let the church with gladness
hymns of triumph sing,
for her Lord now liveth;
death hath lost its sting. *(Refrain)*

3. No more we doubt thee, glorious prince of life;
life is nought without thee: aid us in our strife;
make us more than conquerors,
through thy deathless love:
bring us safe through Jordan
to thy home above. *(Refrain)*

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Benediction

Postlude: Postlude by Healey Willan

Martin Bohl

Other lectionary readings this week:

Jeremiah 31:1-6

¹ At that time, says the LORD, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people.

² Thus says the LORD:

The people who survived the sword
found grace in the wilderness;

when Israel sought for rest,

³ the LORD appeared to him from far away.

I have loved you with an everlasting love;

therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.

⁴ Again I will build you, and you shall be built,
O virgin Israel!

Again you shall adorn yourself with your tambourines
and go forth in the dance of the merrymakers.

⁵ Again you shall plant vineyards
on the mountains of Samaria;

the planters shall plant
and shall enjoy the fruit.

⁶ For there shall be a day when sentinels will call
in the hill country of Ephraim:

“Come, let us go up to Zion,
to the LORD our God.”

Colossians 3:1-4

¹ So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, ³ for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

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On Sunday, April 16th we will welcome Rev. Cathy Stewart back to St. Andrew's. There will be a time of conversation again following worship, in the hall. We would like to serve lunch, so if you are able please bring a finger food to share with others (no peanuts, peanut products or shellfish, please).



Next Week's
Sermon:



Trusting in the Breath



St. Andrew's Spring Fling starts this Tuesday! Please see the website, under events (our calendar) for specific dates and times!

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

Greeter: Mary Vincent

Worship Assistant: Joanne Waugh

Organist: Martin Bohl

Tech Team: Dylan Smith & Laura Einwechter

Beadle: Carol Johnston

Guest Singers: The GraceNotes and Jane Bennett

Our beautiful Easter flowers have been placed in our sanctuary in memory of and in honour of loved ones.

In loving memory of:

Loved ones, by Brenda Holm
John Douglas & Don Gildea by Shari Pus
Marion & Wallace Sloan and Gardner & Helen Einwechter by Laura, Glen & Gail Einwechter
Gregory Twigg by Christopher, David & Katherine Twigg
Our parents: Judy Millar, Anna & Jim Cann by Allison & Andy Cann
Family & Friends by Ray & Jean Godin
Bop, by Tracey Rowland
David, beloved brother; Barry, beloved brother-in-law, by Kathy Bott & family
Sam & Verna Johnston, William & Margaret Drake and Norris Clayton by The Johnston family
Herbert Cordes, Gerhard Martens, Anne Liese Martens by Bill & Marg Hunter
Pat Aitchison by Mary Vincent

In Honour of:

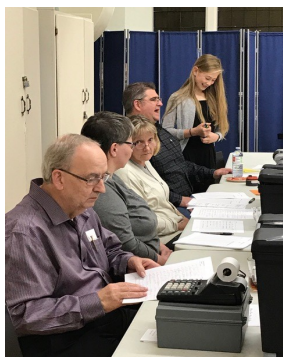
Barbara Challacombe by Shari Pus
Of Loved Ones by Bill & Marg Hunter
Jesus Christ by Sylvia Brooks

Please remember to take home your flower(s). Each flower has a name on it, please only take the flower with your name.



This Week at St. Andrew's

Tuesday:	Hope Clothing	9:00 — 11:30 AM
Tuesday:	Mindfulness, Meditation & YOU	10:00 — 11:30 AM
		7:00 — 8:30 PM
Wednesday:	Meditative Prayer	9:00
Thursday:	Food Bank	Noon — 2:00 PM
Thursday:	Lunch on Queen	Noon — 1:45 PM
Thursday:	Hope Clothing	Noon — 2:00 PM
Saturday:	Watercolour Workshop	9:00 — 11:30 AM
		1:00 — 3:30 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. There is a sign up sheet at the back of the sanctuary for you to indicate your intention of donating items or services.



Prayer Partnership

Engaging in God's Mission
Through Word and Action

Daily Prayers

Sunday, April 9 (Easter Sunday) God of new life and hope, fill us with joy and a desire to live in new ways guided by hope and reconciliation that reflect the good news of the gospel.

Monday, April 10 We pray for Somalia as the country faces famine. We give thanks for Presbyterian World Service & Development partners who are providing emergency food assistance to those in need.

Tuesday, April 11 We pray for students at Knox College during exam week (April 10–13). May they feel reassured by God's presence.

Wednesday, April 12 We pray for the people, ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Seaway-Glengarry in Ontario.

Thursday, April 13 We give thanks and pray for our mission partners as they serve and care for those in need during difficult times.

Friday, April 14 We pray for presbytery and synod clerks gathering in Mississauga, Ontario, today for a consultation that will help equip and encourage them for the important service they provide to the denomination.

Saturday, April 15 We give thanks and pray for the faculty and staff at The Presbyterian College in Montreal, Quebec, Knox College in Toronto, Ontario, and St. Andrew's Hall in Vancouver, B.C. May God grant them wisdom to guide theological students.

Mission Moment – Sunday, April 9

Like many in Somalia, Farhan, his parents and younger sibling live in a camp for internally displaced people, having been forced from their home due to ongoing drought. At eight months old, Farhan became severely dehydrated and his life was seriously threatened. He was admitted to a hospital and received urgent treatment. After two weeks of monitoring and treatment, **Farhan was discharged from the hospital and admitted to an outpatient clinic supported by Presbyterian World Service & Development, where he receives weekly health assessments and therapeutic and supplementary food he makes his way to a full recovery.**



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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, second offering in honour of our volunteers and the time and energy they give to the life of St. Andrew's!

