

St. Andrew's Hespeler Presbyterian Church June 25, 2023 Sacrament of Baptism

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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.



Prelude: Der Du Bist Drei in Einigkeit by J. Alberti

Welcome

Call to Worship

L: Friends, Lisa and Stephen have some Good News for us.

P: What's the Good News?

Parents: We have a son!

L: Praise God! We have another life among us. Let all the people say Amen.

People: Amen!

L: What's his name?

Parents: He is called Oliver James

L: Why do you bring him here?

Parents: That he may be blessed by God and included in God's community.

P: Do you know that he needs to go through the waters of baptism?

Parents: Yes we do, may we enter?

L: May they enter?

P: Yes! We rejoice with you in the gift of your child, Oliver, and we promise to provide you with a circle of belonging in which she will have a place. As friends, we will offer a home to worship God and learn the Sacred Story.

Hymn #517 See Israel's gentle Shepherd stand

1. See Israel's gentle Shepherd stand with all-engaging charms; hark how he calls the tender lambs, and folds them in his arms.

2. "Permit them to approach," he cries, "nor scorn their humble name, for 'twas to bless such souls as these the Lord of angels came."

3. We bring them, Lord, in thankful hands, and yield them up to thee; joyful that we ourselves are thine; thine let our children be.

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Affirmations:

L: Please join me as we welcome this new life among us.

P: Little child, welcome to this world, this amazing and scary world. Welcome to light and dark, hot and cold, good and evil. Welcome to love and hate, truth and lies, good times and bad. Welcome to the long human pilgrimage from birth to death. Anything can happen here; everything is possible. Some things must be chosen; others left behind. Welcome to the real world and this circle of friends. Here we turn to God for help in making the choices that lead to life.

L: **Oliver**, for you Jesus Christ came into the world; for you he passed through the waters of baptism; for you he broke bread with sinners and outcasts; for you he endured the agony of the cross; for you he triumphed over death. You, little child, know nothing of this. How will you ever know? Who will ever tell you?

Parents: We will!

L: Oliver, this is too big a job for your parents alone. Who is going to help them?

P: We will!

L: Oliver, who will protect and nourish you until that day when you turn to God and say yes to God's life of compassion, justice and peace?

Parents: We will!

L: Who is going to help them?

P: We will!

Prayer over the Waters

P: Father God, sometimes we don't stop and how kind and generous you have been towards us. We thank you that you have sent Oliver among us today to remind us of the promise of new beginnings and new possibilities and how you make everything new in Christ Jesus.

We pray, as we pour out these waters of baptism, that they would not only be used to bring Oliver into the family of Christ Jesus but that they would also renew us, bring us back to the promises that were made at our own baptisms and restore our hope in Jesus' name. Amen.

L: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

P: And also with you.

Act of Baptism

Welcome:

L: Friends, this is Oliver, a son of God!

P: Welcome, Oliver!

The Light of Christ

Responsive Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17

L: Incline your ear, O LORD, and answer me, for I am poor and needy. Preserve my life, for I am devoted to you; save your servant who trusts in you.

P: You are my God; be gracious to me, O Lord, for to you do I cry all day long.

L: Gladden the soul of your servant, for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

P: For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call on you.

L: Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer; listen to my cry of supplication. In the day of my trouble I call on you, for you will answer me.

P: There is none like you among the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours.

L: All the nations you have made shall come and bow down before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name.

P: For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God.

L: Turn to me and be gracious to me; give your strength to your servant; save the child of your maidservant.

P: Show me a sign of your favour, so that those who hate me may see it and be put to shame, because you, LORD, have helped me and comforted me.

Video Reading: Matthew 10:24-39

Read by Alexis

Genesis 21:8-21

⁸The child grew and was weaned, and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. ⁹But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. ¹⁰So she said to Abraham, "Cast out this slave woman with her son, for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac." ¹¹The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. ¹²But God said to Abraham, "Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named for you. ¹³As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring." ¹⁴So Abraham rose early in the morning and took bread and a skin of water and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba.

¹⁵When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. ¹⁶Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot, for she said, "Do not let me look on the death of the child." And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. ¹⁷And God heard the voice of the boy, and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven and said to her, "What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid, for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. ¹⁸Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him." ¹⁹Then God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water. She went and filled the skin with water and gave the boy a drink.

²⁰God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness and became an expert with the bow. ²¹He lived in the wilderness of Paran, and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

Hymn #373 Jesus loves me, this I know

1. Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so, little ones to him belong, they are weak, but he is strong.

Refrain: Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!

Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

2. Jesus loves me, this I know, as he loved so long ago, taking children on his knee, saying, "Let them come to me." *Refrain*

3. Jesus loves me still today, walking with me on my way,
wanting as a friend to give light and love to all who live.
Refrain

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Family Time

Life and Work of the Church

Celebration of our Generosity

Offertory: It's a Song of Praise to the Maker

Ron Klusmeier, Ruth Duck

Sermon: God's Grace and Our Mistakes

Prayers of the People

Hymn #324 Great is thy faithfulness

1. Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not; thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is thy faithfulness; great is thy faithfulness;
morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.

2. Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
join with all nature in eloquent witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. *Refrain*

3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *Refrain*

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Statement of Hope and Benediction

Choral Response

Go now in peace...never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.
Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there, watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

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Postlude: Postlude and Fugue by J. Fischer

Other Lectionary Reading: Romans 6:1-11

¹ What then are we to say? Should we continue in sin in order that grace may increase? ² By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? ³ Do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ Therefore we were buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life.

⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶ We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, so we might no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷ For whoever has died is freed from sin. ⁸ But if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹ We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰ The death he died, he died to sin once for all, but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹ So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

This Sunday we have the wonderful opportunity to celebrate the baptism of Oliver, son of Lisa and Stephen



(and grandson of Kathy and Heinz).



Congratulations to Isabella who recently graduated from Conestoga College! We wish Isabella all the best as her journey continues in the fall at Wilfrid Laurier University in the BSW program.



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

Greeter: Joanne Waugh
Organist: Martin Bohl
Tech Team: Dylan Smith

Beadle: Elaine McLean
Anthem: GraceNotes



It's time to take a pause. Family Time (during worship) and video bible readings will take a pause until September. There will be packages available at the back of the church for any children who join us during the summer.

Watch your bulletins for opportunities to record one of our bible readings for the fall!

Daily Prayers

Sunday, June 25 We pray for the safety of all those whose lives have been uprooted by the Taliban takeover in Afghanistan, and we give thanks for the emergency support that Presbyterians in Canada are helping to provide through Presbyterian World Service & Development.

Monday, June 26 We give thanks and pray for those providing pulpit supply during pulpit vacancies and when a minister is away for a weekly service.

Tuesday, June 27 We pray for the people, ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Barrie in Ontario.

Wednesday, June 28 We pray for the people who gather and serve at Mistawasis Memorial Presbyterian Church in Northern Saskatchewan, and we give thanks for their ministry.

Thursday, June 29 We pray for rest and renewal for all who have given so diligently to the work of the church in difficult times.

Friday, June 30 We give thanks for the staff and volunteers at PCC camps who share God's love with children and youth over the summer.

Saturday, July 1 (Canada Day) We pray that the nation known as Canada will be a just, equitable and welcoming country and we pray for all those who form and keep our laws, that they carry out their responsibilities with wisdom, courage and mercy.

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Prayer Partnership

Engaging in God's Mission
Through Word and Action

Sunday, June 25—Mission Moment



Orphaned as a teenager, Fouzia was adopted by her aunt and uncle, whom she came to live with in Kabul, Afghanistan. After the Taliban took control, the family fled to Pakistan, where they could scarcely find work as they

lacked the necessary legal documents. They were then selected for a food assistance project supported by Presbyterian World Service & Development. **Through the project, Fouzia's family received assistance to help ensure that they are able to meet their food needs while her uncle and aunt look for a source of income in Pakistan, providing a sense of relief in the face of great uncertainty.** "With funds received, my aunt bought food items so that we have sufficient meals every day," said Fouzia.



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Next Week's Sermon:

Did God really want to bind a child?



This Week at St. Andrew's

Tuesday:	Hope Clothing	9:00 — 11:30 am
Wednesday:	Deacon's Meeting	7:00 pm
Thursday:	Hope Clothing	Noon — 2:00 pm

We are starting to build our teams for the fall! If you would like to be a greeter, beadle, worship assistant, Family Children's Ministry leader (lots of support for this!), tech team, recording bible readings (with Joni's help) please contact Joni (jsmith@standrewshespeler.ca)

Plans are being made for a Wednesday morning group, to start in the fall. This group could be a bible study, a book study, meditation, a "hot" topic discussion, coffee/tea and puzzles, etc. Please talk with Scott or Joni if you would be interested in any of the above ideas. Or bring you own ideas to us!



We need some help. On Friday, July 14 Hope Clothing is a guest at the Hespeler Market. We need help setting up the canopy (& transporting it to the market), take down and take back to the church and a person to help greet the community. If you can help please speak with Joni.

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