

St. Andrew's Hespeler Presbyterian Church

August 20 2023

12th Sunday after Pentecost

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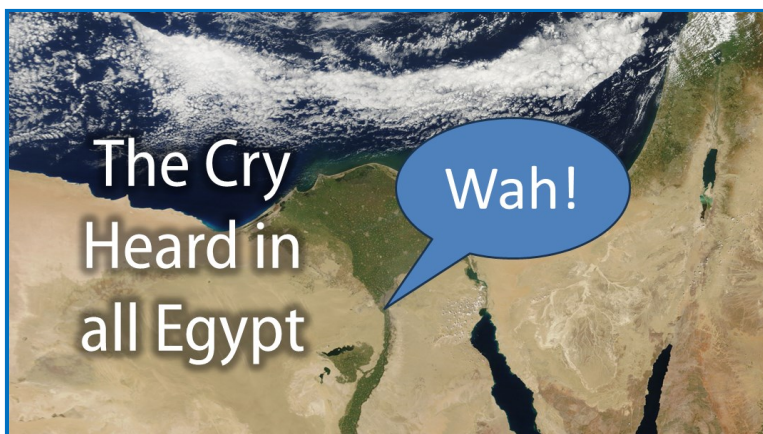
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Office Hours:

Monday—Friday 9am-12pm

Order of Worship. We will meet in person at 10 am. You may also join us on Zoom or Facebook Live. The Zoom link will be posted on the website.



Prelude: Herr Jesu Christ dich zu uns wend by G. Boehm

Welcome

Call to Worship

L: Give thanks to the Lord! Let the people praise God;

P: Let all the peoples praise the Lord!

L: Let the nations be glad and sing with joy,

P: Or God guide us all with justice and equity.

L: Let the people praise God, for how we have been blessed;

P: Come let us worship and offer all honour and praise.

Hymn #39 God of mercy, God of grace

1. God of mercy, God of grace,
show the brightness of your face.
Shine upon us, Saviour, shine;
fill your world with light divine,
and your saving health extend
unto earth's remotest end.

2. Let the people praise you, Lord;
be by all that live adored.
Let the nations shout and sing
glory to their gracious King;
at your feet their tribute pay,
and your holy will obey.

3. Let the people praise you, Lord;
earth shall then its fruits afford.
Unto us your blessing give;
we to you devoted live,
all below and all above,
one in joy and light and love.

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Prayer of Approach

L: Welcoming God, you make all things new. You invite all people to receive your blessing. Justice and right relations have their source in you. We are filled with joy to be counted among your children. As we gather, make us one in witness and worship. Together, we lift our voices to proclaim your all-encompassing love. May our praise join with the praise of all your people, and reach the ends of the earth, for you are our Maker and the hope of the world you love. Amen!

Laying down our burdens

Responsive Psalm 133

L: How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

P: It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes.

L: It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion.

P: For there the LORD ordained his blessing, life forevermore.

Genesis 45:1-15

¹ Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Send everyone away from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. ² And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. ³ Joseph said to his

brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

⁴ Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt." ⁵ And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶ For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. ⁷ God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸ So it was not you who sent me here but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. ⁹ Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me; do not delay. ¹⁰ You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹ I will provide for you there, since there are five more years of famine to come, so that you and your household and all that you have will not come to poverty.' ¹² And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. ¹³ You must tell my father how greatly I am honoured in Egypt and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." ¹⁴ Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. ¹⁵ And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them, and after that his brothers talked with him.

Hymn #700 Praise our Maker, peoples of one family

1. Praise our Maker, peoples of one family:

God is love, God is love!

Praise our Maker, peoples of one family:

God is love, God is love!

2. Love our Saviour, followers of Jesus:

God is love, God is love!

Love our Saviour, followers of Jesus:

God is love, God is love!

3. Care for others, children of the Spirit:

God is love, God is love!

Care for others, children of the Spirit:

God is love, God is love!

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Life and Work of the Church

Celebration of our Generosity

Offertory: Rock of Ages by D. Hustad

Sermon: The Cry Heard in all Egypt

Prayers of the People

Hymn #321 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, who rules all creation.

My soul, praise God who alone is your health and salvation.

Come, all who hear, sisters and brothers draw near,
Joining in glad adoration.

2. Praise to the Lord, who in all things so wondrously reigning

hides you with sheltering wings, ever gently sustaining.
Have you not seen how your heart's wishes have been granted through God's kind ordaining?

3. Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work, who defends you;

surely God's merciful goodness here daily attends you;
ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
when in great love God befriends you.

4. Praise to the Lord, and with all that is in me adoring,
all who have life and breath, come with glad praises
outpouring!

Let the Amen sound from God's people again:
now and forever adoring!

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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: Gavotte by G. F. Handel

Other Lectionary readings this week:

Romans 11:1-2, 29-32

¹ I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ² God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. Do you not know what the scripture says of Elijah, how he pleads with God against Israel?

²⁹ for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰ Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹ so also they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they also may now receive mercy. ³² For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

Matthew 15:21-28

²¹ Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²² Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy

on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." ²³ But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." ²⁴ He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵ But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." ²⁶ He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." ²⁷ She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." ²⁸ Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed from that moment.



Comedy in Motion
with Bob Cates

COMEDY IN MOTION

Will be at St. Andrew's Hespeler Presbyterian Church on September 16th at 7 pm

Tickets:
ADULTS \$20.00 YOUTH \$10.00

Please call or stop by the church for tickets

Or call Sylvia at 519 250-0834

Help us to get lots of tickets out to your friends and neighbours. They will have a fantastic time!

Both **Today** and **Our Daily Bread** devotional booklets for the fall are now available and you can pick them up at the back of the church or the communication centre outside the office.

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

Greeter:

Carol Johnston

Beadle:

Allison Cann

Organist:

Martin Bohl

This Week at St. Andrew's

Tuesday:	Hope Clothing	9:00 — 11:30AM
Thursday:	Food Bank	Noon — 2:00 PM
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Rev. Scott will be away for a week of vacation starting next Sunday

Rev. Mark Gaskin will be available for emergency pastoral assistance during the week. Mobile: (519) 504-5270

Email: mgaskin@rogers.com)

Our guest preacher next Sunday will be **Rev. Darrell Clarke**.

Save the Date

New Hope Friends Group are would like to hold a retreat Nov 10-12 at Crieff Hills. Call Sylvia for more information.

DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, August 20 We give thanks for all who give their time and talent to the church throughout the year in big and small ways.

Monday, August 21 We thank God for the warmth and beauty and wonder of August.

Tuesday, August 22 We pray for the Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee as they encourage Presbyterians to acknowledge, understand and appreciate other faith traditions, and to live in good relationship with people who belong to other religions.

Wednesday, August 23 We pray for the Rev. Stewart Folster and the people at Mistawasis Memorial Presbyterian Church on Mistawasis Nehiyawak First Nation.

Thursday, August 24 We pray for persons with disabilities at the Garu Centre in Ghana who, with support from PWS&D, have found a supportive community that provides them with vocational training to become self-sufficient.

Friday, August 25 We pray for Samuel House, supported by Presbyterians Sharing, helping those in need in very difficult circumstances in Misca, Romania.

Saturday, August 26 We pray for the Rev. Mary Fontaine as she meets with people in her role as Moderator of the General Assembly.

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Engaging in God's Mission
Through Word and Action

Mission Moment – Sunday, August 20

On World Humanitarian Day, we honour countless individuals who have dedicated themselves to making a difference in the lives of others. Humanitarian work is often challenging, and those undertaking it face many risks, yet they continue to work tirelessly, motivated to help others and improve the world. From PWS&D partners who deliver food, water, and other essential supplies to those who work without respite to rebuild communities after disasters, humanitarian workers play a crucial role in ensuring the well-being of those in need. We also recognize the need for sustained support and investment in humanitarian efforts to address the root causes of human-made crises and provide lasting solutions for those in need. On World Humanitarian Day, let us recognize humanitarian workers and renew our commitment to supporting their vital work.



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