

St. Andrew's Hespeler Presbyterian Church September 10th, 2023 15th Sunday after Pentecost

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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.



It just isn't church
for me if...

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

L: Sing to the Lord a new song.

P: We will worship God, our Maker!

L: Let us praise God with song and dance,

P: For God is gracious and loving!

L: Let us bring God glory and honour,

P: For God deserves our praise.

Hymn #472 We are God's people

1. We are God's people, the chosen of the Lord,
born of the Spirit, established by the word;
our cornerstone is Christ alone, and strong in him
we stand:

oh let us live transparently,
and walk heart to heart and hand in hand.

2. We are God's loved ones, the bride of Christ our
Lord,
for we have known it, the love of God outpoured;
now let us learn how to return the gift of love once
given:

oh let us share each joy and care
and live with a zeal that pleases heaven.

3. We are the body of which the Lord is head,
called to obey him, now risen from the dead;
he wills us be a family, diverse yet truly one:
oh let us freely give our gifts,
and so shall God's work on earth be done.

4. We are a temple, the Spirit's dwelling place,
formed in great weakness, a cup to hold God's
grace;
alone, we die, for on its own each ember loses fire:
yet joined in one the flame burns on
to give warmth and light, and to inspire.

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Prayer of Approach

L: God of grace and glory, Your creative power is
beyond imagining. Your love is wider than the whole
universe; your mercy reached beyond the highest
heavens; your wisdom lies deeper than the fathoms
of the sea. Maker of all things, you became one of
us in Jesus Christ, walking the roads we take each
day. Through your Spirit, you are present with us in
every time and place, to comfort and challenge us.
We worship you, Creator, Christ, and Spirit, and will
live to bring you glory, now and always, Amen.

Laying our Burdens Down

Responsive Psalm 119:33-40

L: Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, and I will
observe it to the end.

**P: Give me understanding, that I may keep your law
and observe it with my whole heart.**

L: Lead me in the path of your commandments, for I
delight in it.

**P: Turn my heart to your decrees and not to selfish
gain. Turn my eyes from looking at vanities; be
gracious to me according to your word.**

L: Confirm to your servant your promise, which is for

those who fear you. Turn away the disgrace that I dread, for your ordinances are good.

P: See, I have longed for your precepts; in your righteousness be gracious to me.

Matthew 18:15-20

¹⁵ "If your brother or sister sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If you are listened to, you have regained that one. ¹⁶ But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷ If that person refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church, and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸ Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹ Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

Hymn #475 I am the church! You are the church!

Refrain: I am the church! You are the church!

We are the church together!

All who follow Jesus, all around the world!

Yes, we're the church together!

1. The church is not a building; the church is not a steeple;
the church is not a resting place; the church is a people.

Refrain

2. We're many kinds of people, with many kinds of faces,
all colours and all ages, too, from all times and places.

Refrain

3. Sometimes the church is marching; sometimes it's bravely burning;
sometimes it's riding, sometimes hiding; always it's learning.

Refrain

4. And when the people gather, there's singing and there's praying;
there's laughing and there's crying sometimes, all of it saying:

Refrain

5. At Pentecost some people received the Holy Spirit and told the Good News
through the world to all who would hear it. *Refrain*

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Life and Work of the Church

Celebration of our Generosity

Offertory

Sermon: It just isn't church for me if...

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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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.

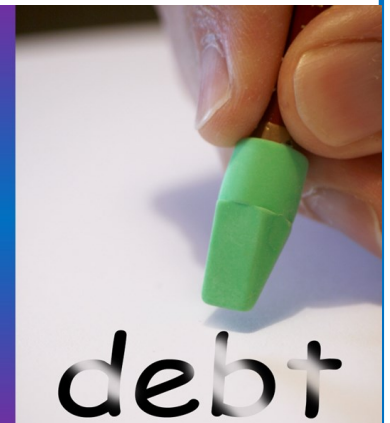
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Postlude

Next Week's Sermon:

Too Big
to Fail

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Other Lectionary Readings this Week:

Ezekiel 33:7-11

⁷ So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸ If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. ⁹ But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

¹⁰ Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel: Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" ¹¹ Say to them: As I live, says the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?

Romans 13:8-14

⁸ Owe no one anything, except to love one another, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹ The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; you shall not murder; you shall not steal; you shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." ¹⁰ Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹ Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹² the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; ¹³ let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴ Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.



Comedy in Motion
with Bob Cates

TICKETS ARE STILL AVAILABLE

COMEDY IN MOTION
Bob will be at St. Andrew's
Hespeler Presbyterian Church on
September 16th at 7:00 PM
Tickets:
ADULTS \$20.00 YOUTH \$10.00
Please call or stop by the church for tickets
Or call **Sylvia** at **519/260-0834**
**Help us to get lots of tickets out to your friends
and neighbours. They will have a fantastic time!**

Thank you to
Margaret McKenzie-Leighton for
presiding on the piano today. We
appreciate you sharing your talents with
us to help us worship.



This Week at St. Andrew's

Tuesday: Hope Clothing	9:00 — 11:30
Thursday: Food Bank	noon—2:00 pm
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Saturday: Doors Open	10:00 am—4:00 pm
Saturday: Comedy in Motion	7:00 pm

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

Worship Assistant:	Allison Cann
Greeter :	Jean McMurtrie
Beadle:	Brenda Holm
Guest Musician:	Margaret McKenzie-Leighton
Tech Team:	Laura Einwechter & Dylan Smith

DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, September 10 We give thanks for the professors and staff at our three theological colleges. May they teach with wisdom, enthusiasm and love for the students.

Monday, September 11 We pray for musicians as they help lead the church in praise.

Tuesday, September 12 We pray for all those who are struggling with addiction and related mental health issues, and for their families and loved ones. May they find the support, care and resources they need to heal and recover.

Wednesday, September 13 We pray for the people, ministries and mission of the Presbytery of East Toronto.

Thursday, September 14 We pray for the congregation of St. Andrew's (Ancaster) as they work through the PCC's New Beginnings Renewal Program to discern their next steps in ministry.

Friday, September 15 We pray for all of the students attending the church's theological colleges. May God grant them strength, clarity of mind and the ability to balance all aspects of their busy lives.

Saturday, September 16 We pray for Edmonton Urban Native Ministries, which runs a drop-in centre out of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, and the people it serves.

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**Prayer
Partnership**

Engaging in God's Mission
Through Word and Action

MISSION MOMENT: Sunday, September 10

Pakistan is the world's third-largest refugee host country, accommodating over a million Afghans who fled their homes due to war, internal conflict, insecurity and persecution. The poorest refugees lack sufficient access to necessities such as food, shelter, clothing and health care. Another need expressed by Afghan refugees is for their children to be able to access schooling. PWS&D is responding to this need by providing a digital learning facility where Afghan refugee children and young women can access virtual education in place of traditional schools. The Digital Learning Center is one way of supporting those who have already lost so much. It is planting the seeds for current and future success for children and young women who would otherwise be entirely out of school.

