

# St. Andrew's Hespeler Presbyterian Church October 29th, 2023 168<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Sunday

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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: The Church's One Foundation by Don Hustad

Welcome

Call to Worship

L: The Lord has been our dwelling place in all generations.

**P: From everlasting to everlasting God is God, and so we come to worship.**

L: God satisfies us every morning with steadfast love;

**P: Let us rejoice and be glad all our days.**

L: Tell of God's glorious power and praise God's holy name.

**P: We will offer God the work of our hands and praise from the depths of our hearts.**

Hymn #479 The church's one foundation

1. The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ our Lord;  
we are his new creation by water and the word;  
from heaven he came and sought us that we might ever be  
his living servant people, by his own death set free.
2. Called forth from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,  
our charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth,

one holy name professing and at one table fed,  
to one hope we are pressing, by Christ's own Spirit led.

3. Though with a scornful wonder the world sees us oppressed,  
by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,  
yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up,  
"How long?"

But soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

4. 'Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of our war,  
we wait the consummation of peace forevermore,  
till with the vision glorious our longing eyes are blest,  
and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

5. We now on earth have union with God the Three-in-One,  
and share, through faith, communion with those whose rest is won

O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,  
like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

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Prayer of Approach

L: God, our God, you are gracious and loving, holy and eternal; your love is steadfast, your presence ever near. Your wisdom is older than time and as fresh as the morning dew. Your name has come to us through the centuries, yet you can always do a new thing to draw us back to you. God, Creator, Christ and Spirit, we offer you our prayers and praise this day in humble expectation; surprise us in this time of worship and refresh our readiness to serve you in the way of Jesus Christ, your Son and our Saviour. Amen.

## Laying our Burdens Down

Responsive Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17

L: Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

**P: Before the mountains were brought forth or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.**

L: You turn us back to dust and say, "Turn back, you mortals."

**P: For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past or like a watch in the night.**

L: You sweep them away; they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning;

**P: in the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades and withers.**

L: Turn, O LORD! How long? Have compassion on your servants!

**P: Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days. Make us glad as many days as you have afflicted us and as many years as we have seen evil.**

L: Let your work be manifest to your servants and your glorious power to their children.

**P: Let the favour of the Lord our God be upon us and prosper for us the work of our hands—O prosper the work of our hands!**

Video Reading: Deuteronomy: 34:1-12 Read by Alexis

Acts 12:1-17

<sup>1</sup> About that time King Herod laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. <sup>2</sup> He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword. <sup>3</sup> After he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. (This was during the Festival of Unleavened Bread.) <sup>4</sup> When he had seized him, he put him in prison and handed him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending to bring him out to the people after the Passover. <sup>5</sup> While Peter was kept in prison, the church prayed fervently to God for him.

<sup>6</sup> The very night before Herod was going to bring him out, Peter, bound with two chains, was sleeping between two soldiers, while guards in front of the door were keeping watch over the prison. <sup>7</sup> Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared, and a light shone in the cell. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him, saying, "Get up quickly." And the chains fell off his wrists. <sup>8</sup> The angel said to him, "Fasten your belt and put on your sandals." He did so. Then he said to him, "Wrap your cloak around you and follow me." <sup>9</sup> Peter went out and followed him; he did not realize that what was happening with the

angel's help was real; he thought he was seeing a vision. <sup>10</sup> After they had passed the first and the second guard, they came before the iron gate leading into the city. It opened for them of its own accord, and they went outside and walked along a lane, when suddenly the angel left him. <sup>11</sup> Then Peter came to himself and said, "Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hands of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting."

<sup>12</sup> As soon as he realized this, he went to the house of Mary, the mother of John whose other name was Mark, where many had gathered and were praying. <sup>13</sup> When he knocked at the outer gate, a maid named Rhoda came to answer. <sup>14</sup> On recognizing Peter's voice, she was so overjoyed that, instead of opening the gate, she ran in and announced that Peter was standing at the gate. <sup>15</sup> They said to her, "You are out of your mind!" But she insisted that it was so. They said, "It is his angel." <sup>16</sup> Meanwhile Peter continued knocking, and when they opened the gate they saw him and were amazed. <sup>17</sup> He motioned to them with his hand to be silent and described for them how the Lord had brought him out of the prison. And he added, "Tell this to James and to the brothers and sisters." Then he left and went to another place.

Hymn: #474 The love of God comes close

1. The love of God comes close  
where stands an open door,  
to let the stranger in,  
to mingle rich and poor.

The love of God is here to stay,  
embracing those who walk the Way;  
the love of God is here to stay.

2. The peace of God comes close  
to those caught in the storm,  
forgoing lives of ease  
to ease the lives forlorn.

The peace of God is here to stay,  
embracing those who walk the Way;  
the peace of God is here to stay.

3. The joy of God comes close  
where faith encounters fears,  
where heights and depths of life  
are found through smiles and tears.

The joy of God is here to stay,  
embracing those who walk the Way;  
the joy of God is here to stay.

4. The grace of God comes close

to those whose grace is spent,  
when hearts are tired or sore  
and hope is bruised and bent.  
The grace of God is here to stay,  
embracing those who walk the Way;  
the grace of God is here to stay.

5. The Son of God comes close  
where people praise his name,  
where bread and wine are blest  
and shared as when he came.  
The Son of God is here to stay,  
embracing those who walk the Way;  
the Son of God is here to stay.

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Life and Work of the Church

Celebration of our Generosity

Offertory: Now Thank We All Our God by Lynn Arthur Koch

Sermon: Get the door, Rhoda!

Prayers of the People

Hymn #315 A mighty fortress is our God

1. A mighty fortress is our God, a refuge never failing,  
our helper sure amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.  
For still our ancient foe yet seeks to work us woe  
with craft and power great, and, armed with cruel  
hate,  
on earth has not an equal.

2. Did we in our own strength confide, our striving  
would be losing,  
were not a Saviour on our side, the One of God's own  
choosing.

Who is this Saviour, who? Christ Jesus, living, true.  
Lord Sabaoth by name, from age to age the same,  
already wins the battle.

3. And though this world, with evil filled, should  
threaten to undo us,  
we will not fear, for God has willed the truth to  
triumph through us:  
the powers of death and hell our God will surely quell;  
their rage we can endure, for look! Their doom is sure:  
one little word will fell them.

4. That Word above all earthly powers—no thanks to  
them!—abiding,  
ensures that all God's gifts are ours, through Christ in  
us residing,  
whose summons rings above all goods, all earthly love.

Earth's powers waste away; God's word endures always,  
whose reign will last forever.

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Benediction

Choral Response

755 Go ye, go ye into the world

1. Go ye, go ye into the world, and make disciples of all  
the nations.

Go ye, go ye into the world, and I will be with you  
there!

2. Go ye, go ye into the world, and take the gospel to all  
the people.

Go ye, go ye into the world, and I will be with you  
there!

3. Go ye, go ye into the world, and tell the story to all  
believers.

Go ye, go ye into the world, and I will be with you  
there!

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Postlude: Postlude - Cwm Rhondda by Wilbur Held

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

Worship Assistant: Joanne Waugh

Organist: Martin Bohl

Greeter: Lynn Platt

Beadle: Vern Platt

Tech Team: Laura Einwechter & Dylan Smith

Sunday School: Dean Davidson

Next week's sermon:



**Next Sunday**, November 5, is remembrance Sunday and we will welcome members of the Hespeler Legion and their Colour Party for our worship.

Please join us after lunch for a barbecue prepared by our Session members. Help us celebrate St. Andrew's anniversary. This is a wonderful time to connect with each other. Today we are celebrating 168 years! Take a moment to view our display boards. What does St. Andrew's mean to you? How did you come to St. Andrew's? How long have you been a part of the community of St. Andrew's? Let's celebrate!



**JOURNEY WITH JANE**  
*Mindfulness,  
Meditation & YOU*

**Saturday, November 18, 2023**

**10:00 am to 12:00 noon – Meditation session**  
**Lunch noon - 12:55 pm: bring your own**  
**1:00 pm to 3:30 pm – Mindfulness session**



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### **This Week at St. Andrew's Hespeler**

Tuesday: Hope Clothing 9:00—11:30 am

Wednesday: New Hope Friends 10:00 am

Thursday: Hope Clothing Noon—2:00 pm

Thursday: St. Andrew's Pantry Noon—2:00 pm

Thursday: New Hope Friends 7:00—9:00 pm



ZONDAG, Joan

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to the family of Joan Zondag. Joan passed away this week. She was a long time member of St. Andrew's and celebrated her 101st birthday this past spring. Her family will plan a memorial service for later, when her son John can be present.



The sympathy of the congregation is also extended to the family of Shirley Brent who has just passed. She also was a long time member of St. Andrew's and loved to sing in the choir and has warmed many hearts with her amazing paintings of Hespeler. Her funeral will take place on November 10th, 2023 here at 2pm at St. Andrews Hespeler. Visitation at the church from 12 noon - 2 pm



## DAILY PRAYERS

The Presbyterian Church in Canada



## Prayer Partnership

Engaging in God's Mission  
Through Word and Action

**Sunday, October 29** We pray for students attending theological colleges this fall and give thanks for their willingness to follow God's call into ministry.

**Monday, October 30** As the days grow shorter and colder, we pray for the homeless and underhoused and give thanks for those who provide shelter, food and friendship.

**Tuesday, October 31 (Reformation Sunday)** Strengthen our hearts, O God; make them eager to serve you and your purposes. Trouble us with the smallness of our vision and awaken us to the greatness of your glory and the breadth of your grace.

**Wednesday, November 1** We thank God for knitting us into one fellowship; for the people who have gone ahead of us in the faith and who loved us, formed our faith and served God with joy and grace.

**Thursday, November 2** We pray for the work of the Committee on Education and Reception that will be meeting this week.

**Friday, November 3** We pray for healing for ministers who are incapacitated by long COVID.

**Saturday, November 4** We pray for Saskatoon Native Circle Ministry, which provides a sense of belonging, care, and inclusion for people of all nations, through activities that uphold Indigenous cultural practices.

## Mission Moment: October 29

Cyclone Freddy—one of the most powerful storms ever recorded in the southern hemisphere—made landfall in Malawi in March 2023. Thousands in Malawi were left homeless, and with severe crop losses, over 345,000 people were affected by the heavy rains, floods and landslides. Through its partners, PWS&D responded to this devastating disaster by providing maize flour and soya to enable families to meet their immediate food requirements. Additionally, because of critical food insecurity due to droughts and floods in the area, PWS&D implemented a three-month food assistance project for 2,500 households. This project provided food assistance in the form of cash transfers, as well as seeds to produce high-value crops.

