

# St. Andrew's Hespeler Presbyterian Church October 8th, 2023 Thanksgiving 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: Prelude - Now  
Thank we All Our God,  
by Max Reger

Welcome

Call to Worship

L: Give thanks to the LORD,  
for God is good;

**P: God's steadfast love  
endures for ever.**

L: God crowns the year  
with bounty;

**P: Pastures of the  
wilderness overflow, the hills gird themselves with  
joy.**

L: Valleys deck themselves with grain, and sing together  
for joy.

**P: So let us all praise God for all God's goodness to us.**

Hymn #803 Come, ye thankful people, come

1. Come, ye thankful people, come, raise the song  
of harvest home;

all is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin:  
God, our Maker, doth provide for our wants to be  
supplied.

Come to God's own temple, come: raise the song of  
harvest home.

2. All the world is God's own field, fruit unto God's  
praise to yield;

wheat and tares together sown, unto joy or sorrow  
grown;

first the blade and then the ear, then the full corn  
shall appear.

Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and  
pure may be.

3. For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take  
the harvest home;  
from the field shall in that day all offences purge  
away;  
give the angels charge at last in the fire the tares to  
cast,  
but the fruitful ears to store in God's storehouse  
evermore.

4. Even so, Lord, quickly come to thy final harvest  
home:  
gather thou thy people in, free from sorrow, free  
from sin;  
there, forever purified, in thy presence to abide.  
Come, with all thine angels, come: raise the glorious  
harvest home.

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Prayer of Approach

L: God of abundant love, when we hunger for fulfillment,  
you offer us the Bread of Life. When we thirst for your  
presence, you fill our cup to overflowing. You draw  
near to us in every place, at any time. Holy One, in  
you our deepest desires are fulfilled. So to you, O  
God, Creator, Christ and Spirit, we offer thanksgiving,  
honour and praise with all your people, here and  
everywhere, now and always.

Laying our Burdens Down

Responsive Psalm 19

L: The heavens are telling the glory of God, and the  
firmament proclaims his handiwork.

**P: Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night  
declares knowledge.**

L: There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is  
not heard;

**P: yet their voice goes out through all the earth and  
their words to the end of the world.**

L: In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun, which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and like a strong man runs its course with joy.

**P: Its rising is from the end of the heavens and its circuit to the end of them, and nothing is hid from its heat.**

L: The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple;

**P: the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eyes;**

L: the fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

**P: More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.**

L: Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward. But who can detect one's own errors?

**P: Clear me from hidden faults. Keep back your servant also from the insolent;**

L: do not let them have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless and innocent of great transgression.

**P: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.**

Video Reading: Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20 Read by Alexis

Isaiah 49:8-13

<sup>8</sup>Thus says the LORD:

In a time of favour I have answered you;  
on a day of salvation I have helped you;

I have kept you and given you  
as a covenant to the people,

to establish the land,  
to apportion the desolate heritages,

<sup>9</sup>saying to the prisoners, "Come out,"  
to those who are in darkness, "Show yourselves."

They shall feed along the ways;  
on all the bare heights shall be their pasture;

<sup>10</sup>they shall not hunger or thirst,  
neither scorching wind nor sun shall strike them

down,  
for he who has pity on them will lead them  
and by springs of water will guide them.

<sup>11</sup>And I will turn all my mountains into a road,  
and my highways shall be raised up.

<sup>12</sup>Look, some shall come from far away,

some from the north and from the west,  
and some from the land of Syene.

<sup>13</sup>Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth;  
break forth, O mountains, into singing!

For the LORD has comforted his people  
and will have compassion on his suffering ones.

Hymn #802 For the fruits of all creation

1. For the fruits of all creation, thanks be to God;  
for the gifts to every nation, thanks be to God;  
for the ploughing, sowing, reaping,  
silent growth while we are sleeping,  
future needs in earth's safe keeping, thanks be to  
God.

2. In the just reward of labour, God's will is done  
in the help we give our neighbour, God's will is  
done;

in our worldwide task of caring  
for the hungry and despairing,  
in the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.

3. For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God;  
for the good we all inherit, thanks be to God;  
for the wonders that astound us,  
for the truths that still confound us,  
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to  
God.

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Life and Work of the Church

Celebration of our Generosity

Offertory: Praise and Thanksgiving, by T. Gieschen

Sermon: ...and will have compassion on his suffering  
ones

Prayers of the People

Hymn #457 Now thank we all our God

1. Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and  
voices,

who wondrous things has done, in whom God's world  
rejoices,  
who from our mother's arms has blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

2. Oh may this bounteous God through all our life be  
near us,  
with ever-joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,  
and keep us all with grace, and guide us when  
perplexed,  
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.

3. All praise and thanks to God who reigns in highest heaven,  
the Father and the Son and Spirit now be given,  
the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore,  
for thus it was, is now and shall be evermore.

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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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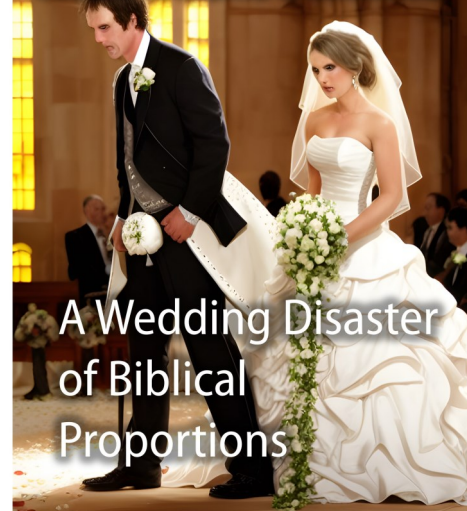
Postlude: Now Thank we All Our God, by G.F.  
Kaufmann

become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it  
is amazing in our eyes'?

<sup>43</sup> "Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be  
taken away from you and given to a people that produces  
its fruits. <sup>44</sup> The one who falls on this stone will be broken  
to pieces, and it will crush anyone on whom it falls."

<sup>45</sup> When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his  
parables, they realized that he was speaking about  
them. <sup>46</sup> They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the  
crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

Next Week's Sermon:



Other Lectionary Readings this Week:

Matthew 21:33-46

<sup>33</sup> "Listen to another parable. There was a  
landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence  
around it, dug a winepress in it, and built a  
watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went  
away. <sup>34</sup> When the harvest time had come, he sent his  
slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. <sup>35</sup> But the  
tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another,  
and stoned another. <sup>36</sup> Again he sent other slaves,  
more than the first, and they treated them in the  
same way. <sup>37</sup> Then he sent his son to them, saying,  
'They will respect my son.' <sup>38</sup> But when the tenants  
saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir;  
come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' <sup>39</sup> So they  
seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed  
him.

<sup>40</sup> Now when the owner of the vineyard comes,  
what will he do to those tenants?" <sup>41</sup> They said to him,  
"He will put those wretches to a miserable death and  
lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him  
the produce at the harvest time."

<sup>42</sup> Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the  
scriptures: the stone that the builders rejected has

**Hope Clothing will be closed** for "shopping" from **October 2 - 13**. This will give us time to clean and organize the room as well as switch over the clothing to fall/winter. Donations will still be accepted throughout this time. We will have a **grand reopening on Saturday, October 14** from 10:00 am - noon. You might even find a few surprises waiting for you at our grand reopening!

Our **'Lunch on Queen'** team needs a break! This team will be taking a break in January, February and March. Lunch is served on the 2nd Thursday of the month. If you can help with one lunch that would be great! What is required? Lunch could be a pot of soup and a bun. Could you make a pot of soup, purchase some buns, come to cook, to serve or to clean up? Currently we have funds to purchase food supplies.

If you think this might appeal to you or if you'd like more information, please contact Karen Nixon (knixon4is@gmail.com).

## Help us celebrate our Anniversary Weekend!

On **Sunday, October 29**, we welcome you to join us for a barbeque after worship. If you are able to bring a salad, dessert or condiments for the burgers that would be greatly appreciated!



If you can help out with set up, barbequing or clean up please speak to an elder: Steve, Donald, Patrice, Jean, Nancy, Dean or Vern.

Help is also needed for the lunch on **October 29th**.

## Save the Date

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

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

Worship Assistant:	Joanne Waugh
Greeter:	Carol Johnston
Beadle:	Bill Hunter
Tech Team:	Laura Einwechter
Sunday School:	Dean Davidson

## Report from Session

The Session of St. Andrew's met this week and would like to report on a few matters

## Workshop for congregation

It was proposed that the planned workshop with the congregation, especially around harassment, be slightly delayed. The reason for the delay is that **Presbytery is hiring an Executive Presbyter** to help meet the needs of congregations and Scott will approach this person for help.

## Legion Service for Remembrance Sunday

The Hespeler Legion has been invited to join us for worship on Remembrance Sunday, which falls on November 5 this year.

## Water Leak from Bell Tower

We have to report a problem with rain water leaking from the roof area surrounding the base of the church steeple, an area referred to as a moat. This roof area (consisting of approximately 100 square feet) was last replaced +/- forty years ago. It is imperative that we replace the moat roof as there will otherwise be significant damage to the inside wooden structure of the bell tower going forward.

Regrettably, as there is no inside access to the moat it is necessary to use a boom lift to complete the roof task. It has been strongly recommended (by structural engineer) that the moat roof be replaced this fall. Total cost is estimated by the engineer at +/- \$46,000.00 with five quotes to be obtained.

Session has approved moving forward as soon as possible (this fall) and have also approved requesting a loan from Presbytery for up to \$50,000.00. We are pleased to note Presbytery has approved our request with a loan over ten-year term at zero interest, being subject to approval motion by our congregation.

Accordingly, **you are asked to attend a meeting after church service on Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup> 2023**. If you require any further information or clarification, kindly contact our Chair of Finance Ray Godin, or our Convener of Operations Vern Platt.





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

Thursday: Noon — 2 pm.	Food Bank
Thursday: Noon — 1:45 pm	Lunch on Queen
Saturday: 10 am — Noon	Grand Reopening of Hope Clothing

### DAILY PRAYERS

**Sunday, October 8** We give thanks to God for the earth and all its beauty and diversity, and we pray for more just care of the earth and its resources.

**Monday, October 9 (Thanksgiving)** We give thanks for family, friends and food and pray for ministries that operate food banks and community pantries, providing food and fellowship for those who don't have enough of either.

**Tuesday, October 10** We pray for farmers and fishers and all those who work to provide the food that nourishes us.

**Wednesday, October 11** We give thanks for Lori Ransom who has been appointed as Consultant for World Council of Churches' Ecumenical Indigenous Peoples' Network (EIPN) until December

**Thursday, October 12** We pray for safety and a bountiful harvest as Palestinian farmers, families and friends gather to pick olives during the harvest season.

**Friday, October 13** We pray for those whose lives are inhibited by fears and the loss of dreams. **Saturday, October 14** We pray for staff in the Presbyterian Archives as they strive to preserve and catalogue the valued historic records of the church and provide effective service to the whole church and beyond.

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Engaging in God's Mission  
Through Word and Action

### Mission Moment: October 8

In the Book of Acts, the disciples traveled far and wide to share the good news of Christ. The Rural and Remote Ministry Fund offers seminary students the opportunity to gain practical ministry experience in rural communities across the country. This summer, Nehemia Neuhisa and Howard Tuwaidan, both seminary students, served as student ministers for the Synod of Saskatchewan. Through the experience, Nehemia and Howard were able to lead worship at 10 different congregations, support Vacation Bible School programs, serve as chaplains at Camp Christopher, and volunteer at Saskatoon Native Circle Ministry. Like the early disciples, their commitment to mission and outreach was a blessing to many.

