

St. Andrew's Hespeler Presbyterian Church November 12th, 2023 24th 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.

What to Think About the Rapture



Prelude: Prelude by F. Couperin

Welcome

Call to Worship

L: God of all times and places, we gather to worship you.

P: We turn our eyes to you and rejoice in your presence.

L: God of all life and love, we gather to sing your praise.

P: We turn our eyes to you and marvel at your power and your promise.

L: God of all wisdom and wonder, we gather to learn from your Son.

P: We turn our eyes toward Christ and wait for your Word to lead us.

Hymn #115 Hail to the Lord's Anointed

1. Hail to the Lord's Anointed, great David's greater Son,
hail, in the time appointed, his reign on earth begun!

He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free,
to take away transgression, and rule in equity.

2. He brings salvation speedy to those who suffer wrong,
he saves the poor and needy, and helps the weak be

strong,
they sing who once were sighing, their darkness turned to light,
for they, who once were dying, are precious in his sight.

3. He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth,
and love, joy, hope, like flowers, spring in his path to birth.

Before him on the mountains shall peace~ the herald, go,
and righteousness, in fountains, from hill to valley flow.

4. All powers shall bow before him, and gold and incense bring;
all nations shall adore him, his praise all people sing,
for he shall have dominion o'er river, sea and shore,
far as the eagle's pinion or dove's light wing can soar.

5. O'er every foe victorious, Christ on his throne shall rest,
from age to age more glorious, all-blessing and all-blest:
the tide of time shall never his covenant remove;
his name shall stand forever— that name to us is Love.

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Prayer of Approach

L: God of grace and purpose, you are the source of our lives and the source of all our possibilities. You call us to serve in your world and inspire us to choose a purpose for ourselves that will express your goodness and mercy. Jesus has shown us many ways to serve with courage and compassion. The Holy Spirit opens doors for us to act with love and loyalty. Draw near to

us in this time of worship and show us where you need us to be so that our lives may bring you honour, Source, Saviour and Spirit of Life. Amen

Laying our Burdens Down

Responsive Psalm 70

L: Be pleased, O God, to deliver me.

P: O LORD, make haste to help me!

L: Let those be put to shame and confusion who seek my life. Let those be turned back and brought to dishonour who desire to hurt me.

P: Let those who say, "Aha, Aha!" turn back because of their shame.

L: Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you.

P: Let those who love your salvation say evermore, "God is great!"

L: But I am poor and needy; hasten to me, O God!

P: You are my help and my deliverer; O LORD, do not delay!

Video Reading: Matthew 25:1-13 Read by Alexis

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

¹³ But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴ For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. ¹⁵ For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. ¹⁶ For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will be with the Lord forever. ¹⁸ Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Hymn #275 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun

(Tune: Duke Street)

1. Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does its successive journeys run; his kingdom stretch from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.

2. For him shall endless prayer be made, and praises throng to crown his head; his name like fragrance sweet shall rise with every morning sacrifice.

3. People and realms of every tongue dwell on his love with sweetest song,

and infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on his name.

4. Blessings abound where'er he reigns: the prisoners leap to lose their chains; the weary find eternal rest, and all who suffer want are blest.

5. Let every creature rise and bring the honours due our glorious King; angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the long Amen.

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Life and Work of the Church

Celebration of our Generosity

Offertory: Interlude by Henry Smart

Sermon: What to think about the rapture

Prayers of the People

Hymn: #267 Rejoice, the Lord is King

1. Rejoice, the Lord is King; your sovereign Lord adore; give thanks, O mortals, sing and triumph evermore. Lift up your heart; lift up your voice; rejoice, again I say, rejoice.

2. For Christ the Saviour reigns, the God of truth and love; when Jesus purged our stains, he took his seat above. Lift up your heart; lift up your voice; rejoice, again I say, rejoice.

3. His reign can never fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven: the keys of death and hell are to our Saviour given. Lift up your heart; lift up your voice; rejoice, again I say, rejoice.

4. He sits at God's right hand till all his foes submit and bow to his command and fall beneath his feet. Lift up your heart; lift up your voice, rejoice, again I say, rejoice.

5. Rejoice in glorious hope, for Christ the Judge shall come and take the faithful up to their eternal home. We soon shall hear the archangel's voice; the trump of God shall sound: rejoice.

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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: Fugue by J.S. Bach

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Bill Pettit on the death of his wife, Joanne last Sunday. Please keep Bill and family in your prayers at this difficult time.

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

Worship Assistant: Joanne Waugh
 Organist: Martin Bohl
 Greeter: Elaine McLean
 Beadle: Joanne Waugh
 Tech Team: Laura Einwechter & Dylan Smith
 Sunday School: Alexis Smith

This Week at St. Andrew's Hespeler

Tuesday: Hope Clothing 9:00—11:30 am

Wednesday: Bible Study 10:00 am

Thursday: Hope Clothing Noon—2:00 pm

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



Please join us on Wednesday mornings, November 15 & 29, at 10:00 am as we continue with our Bible Study of Women in the Bible. This Bible study is led by Rev. Scott. Everyone is welcome to join us, even if you didn't attend for the first week. Bring a friend or neighbour, too!



The New Hope Friends group will be holding a special Christmas Social on **Thursday, December 7th, from 7:00 - 9:00 pm.** Please bring a Christmas goodie to share with the group. Coffee & tea will be provided.

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



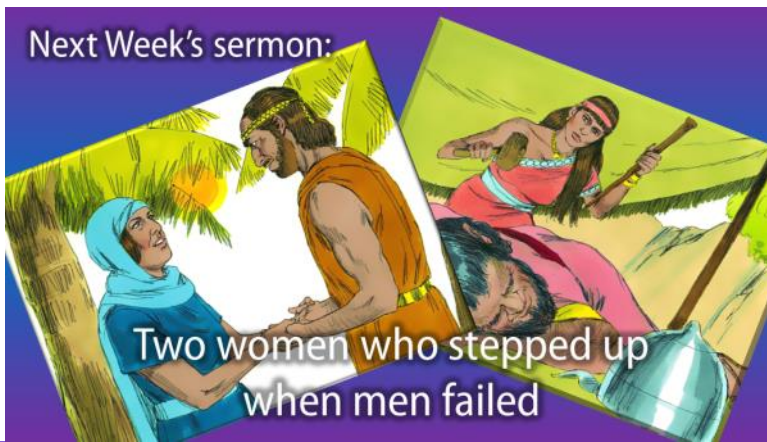
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DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, November 12 We give thanks for the ministry and mission of the Well Church (Mississauga) and pray that the congregation will continue to build a firm foundation in Christ.

Monday, November 13 We give thanks for the many Presbyterians serving on General Assembly Committees as they meet and work to support the many ministries of our church.

Tuesday, November 14 We pray for international students who have left their homelands to further their education. We give thanks for them, their families and their communities. May their faith in God sustain and comfort them in times of loneliness, sadness, and grief.

Wednesday, November 15 We pray for the Rev. Mary Fontaine, Moderator of the 2023 General Assembly, and for Hummingbird Ministries, an Indigenous healing and reconciliation effort.

Thursday, November 16 We pray that we live out the commitment of this church that “all forms of racism are contrary to the will and mind of Christ,” and that we seek God’s promise of newness and difference if we end this form of violence; that we seek right relations as we recognize the harms done by racism, which continues to foster violence in our society.

Friday, November 17 We pray that God will continue to raise up leaders with vision, willing to honour and give glory to God by using their gifts for the on-going mission of the church.

Saturday, November 18 We pray for people who suffer from addiction, that they find hope and guidance through God’s love.

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Engaging in God’s Mission
Through Word and Action

Mission Moment: November 12

We are a vibrant denomination, working together to put our faith into action. When we give to Presbyterians Sharing, we share in God’s mission and proclaim God’s love. We participate in mission and ministry in Canada, build strong congregations, support theological colleges and provide resources and educational opportunities. We serve vulnerable people, seek justice and work toward healing and reconciliation with Indigenous people. We share Christ’s love around the world, sending grants and staff to encourage, equip and accompany PCC partners in their ministry. Through Presbyterians Sharing, we make mission and ministry happen. None of this would be possible without your generous gifts.



The 2023 General Assembly adopted a Confession regarding the ways in which The Presbyterian Church in Canada has silenced, mistreated and slandered the “ethnic contingent” of the church. Following the Assembly’s direction, on Sunday, December 3, 2023, at 3:00 pm (ET), a Service of Repentance, Healing and Hope will be held at St. Timothy Presbyterian Church, located at 106 Ravenscrest Dr., Etobicoke, Ontario. This service will also be live-streamed so that Presbyterians across the country may be able to participate.

As the church begins a new year with the First Sunday of Advent, we pray that this service of repentance will lead to a renewed journey of healing and hope within all parts of our church.

The service will feature leadership from the diversity of our denomination, including the Rev. In Kee Kim of St. Timothy Presbyterian Church, who will preach the sermon and the Rev. Drs. Heather Vais and John Vissers.

The service will be live-streamed and recorded for those who cannot attend in person. The link is <https://timothypc.com/repentance/> or visit the congregation’s website, <http://timothypc.com/>.



A Service of
Repentance,
Healing
and Hope

Sunday December 3, 2023
at 3:00 pm (ET)

First Sunday of Advent

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