

# St. Andrew's Hespeler Presbyterian Church November 26th, 2023 Reign of Christ

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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.



## Sorting Sheep and Goats

Prelude: Trio by Lambert Chaumont

Welcome

Call to Worship

**L:** The Lord is the first and the last, our beginning and our end.

**P:** **Holy, holy, holy is the Lord our God, who was and is, and is to come. Blessing and honour, glory and majesty be to our God, now and evermore.**

Hymn #65 All people that on earth do dwell

1. All people that on earth do dwell,  
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.

Him serve with mirth; his praise forth tell.  
Come ye before him and rejoice.

2. Know that the Lord is God indeed;  
without our aid he did us make;  
we are his flock, he doth us feed,  
and for his sheep he doth us take.

3. Oh enter then his gates with praise;  
approach with joy his courts unto;  
praise, laud and bless his name always,  
for it is seemly so to do.

4. For why, the Lord our God is good;  
his mercy is forever sure;  
his truth at all times firmly stood,  
and shall from age to age endure.

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Prayer of Approach:

**L:** God most holy, you are known to us as the Almighty, Eternal Ruler and Lord. We call you our Shepherd and Guide. We praise you with many names, but you are beyond our imagination, so much greater than our words. We know you in the stories of Jesus and in him, we see your love in action, reaching out to the world. You move in us and through us by your Spirit, drawing us to you, sending us to live out your word. God most holy, three in one and one in three, we praise you with our lips and with our lives to offer you honour and love, now and always. Amen.

Laying our Burdens Down

Responsive Psalm 95:1-7a

**L:** O come, let us sing to the LORD;

**P: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!**

**L:** Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

**P: let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**

**L:** For the LORD is a great God and a great King above all gods.

**P: In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also. The sea is his, for he made it, and the dry land, which his hands have formed.**

**L:** O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

**P: For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.**

Video Reading: Matthew 25:31-46 Read by Allison

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

<sup>11</sup> For thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep and will sort them out. <sup>12</sup> As shepherds sort out their flocks when they are among scattered sheep, so I will sort out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. <sup>13</sup> I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries and bring them into their own land, and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. <sup>14</sup> I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. <sup>15</sup> I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. <sup>16</sup> I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strays, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

<sup>20</sup> Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. <sup>21</sup> Because you pushed with flank and shoulder and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, <sup>22</sup> I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged, and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

<sup>23</sup> I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them; he shall feed them and be their shepherd. <sup>24</sup> And I the LORD will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I the LORD have spoken.

Hymn #358 There is a redeemer

1. There is a redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son,  
precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy one.

*Refrain: Thank you, O my Father,  
for giving us your Son,  
and leaving your Spirit  
till your work on earth is done.*

2. Jesus my Redeemer, name above all names,  
precious Lamb of God, Messiah, oh for sinners slain.

*Refrain*

3. When I stand in glory, I will see his face,  
and there I'll serve my King forever, in that holy place.

*Refrain*

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Life and Work of the Church

Celebration of our Generosity

Offertory: My Hope is Founded on God by Carl Piutti

Sermon: Sorting Sheep and Goats

Prayers of the People

Hymn: #363 All hail the power of Jesus' name

1. All hail the power of Jesus' name; let angels prostrate fall;  
bring forth the royal diadem to crown him, crown him,  
crown him, crown him Lord of all.
2. Crown him, ye martyrs of your God, who from his altar call;  
extol the Stem of Jesse's Rod, and crown him, crown him,  
crown him, crown him Lord of all.
3. Ye seed of Israel's chosen race, ye ransomed from the fall,  
hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him,  
crown him, crown him, crown him Lord of all.
4. Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget the wormwood and the gall,  
go, spread your trophies at his feet, and crown him,  
crown him, crown him, crown him Lord of all.
5. Let every tribe and every tongue, responsive to the call,  
lift high the universal song, and crown him, crown him,  
crown him, crown him Lord of all.

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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 and Fugue by G.F. Handel

Next Week's sermon:



## The Lesson of the Fig Tree



Our annual *GivingTuesday* will officially launch next Sunday. We are planning to have some fun with this campaign throughout December, so watch your bulletin for more information.

Due to some uncontrollable circumstances we have decided to pull out of the Hespeler Santa Claus parade. Even though St. Andrew's will not have a float in the parade there are many members and friends of St. Andrew's in the parade. Plan to attend and see how many of our people you can pick out!

It's time to start making new schedules for Greeters, Beadles and Worship Assistants (for January to June). If you would like to be added to our schedules please let Scott or Joni know. Once the schedules are finished a copy will be placed in the back of the sanctuary so that you can change with other people when the need arises or just check out your dates. A copy will also be emailed to everyone or a hard copy can be made available. If you've never tried one of these positions out don't worry, you will have a team behind you who would love to show how it's done

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

Worship Assistant: Joanne Waugh  
Organist: Martin Bohl  
Greeter: Jean McMurtrie  
Beadle: Jean Godin  
Tech Team: Laura Einwechter & Dylan Smith  
Sunday School: Alexis Smith & Sarah English

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

Tuesday: Hope Clothing 9:00—11:30 am

Wednesday: Women in the Bible 10—11:30 am

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

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The "Women in the Bible" study will continue on Wednesday morning, November 29 at 10:00 am. Plan to come! Each week is a stand alone week, so if you didn't join in for the precious study, you can easily join in this week.

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.





New Devotional booklets now available at the back of the Sanctuary

Images for today's sermon were obtained from [freebibleimages.org](http://freebibleimages.org).



# Potluck and Sharing Circle

As we agreed in our plans for this year, we want to continue to hold sharing circles from time to time to check in on how we are doing as a congregation and where we want to go. Please join us downstairs after worship. We will enjoy lunch together and then move into our sharing circle.

Everyone is welcome to come and participate whether or not you brought anything for lunch and whether or not you have participated in any of the previous sharing circles.

Here is an idea to cross some names off your Christmas list! Use the deposit

box in the foyer or speak to Laura Einwechter to order cards for all your favourite people using Fundscrip. It costs you nothing more and yet the church gets a commission!



## DAILY PRAYERS

The Presbyterian Church in Canada



## Prayer Partnership

Engaging in God's Mission  
Through Word and Action

**Sunday, November 19** On World Toilet Day, we acknowledge the critical importance of sanitation and access to proper toilet facilities. We pray that PWS&D's work will give more communities access to water, sanitation and hygiene.

**Monday, November 20 (Transgender Day of Remembrance)** We remember those who have died because of transphobic violence. We pray for an end to hatred and commit to creating safer communities where people of all genders can thrive.

**Tuesday, November 21** We pray for the people, ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Temiskaming.

**Wednesday, November 22** We pray for church office administrators and custodians and all those who tend to the daily lives of the structures of congregations.

**Thursday, November 23** We pray for the therapeutic treatment of malnourished children in Haiti and in Somalia through PWS&D's partners, that they may experience healthy recoveries and new beginnings

**Friday, November 24** We pray and give thanks for the Presbyterian Church in Taiwan's Indigenous Pinuyumayan District churches as they celebrate 60 years of Christian mission in their area.

**Saturday, November 25 (International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women)** We pray for all women who are survivors of violence and for those who have lost loved ones to gender-based violence. We pray that we, as a society, commit to working toward achieving safety for all women and an end to misogyny.

## Mission Moment: November 26

Over the past two years, Canadian aid organizations advocated to remove legal barriers to much-needed aid in Afghanistan. The barriers prevented aid organizations, including PWS&D, from providing urgent humanitarian assistance since the Taliban took control in August 2021. The recent parliamentary adoption of Bill C-41 now enables Canadian aid organizations to provide crucial aid in Afghanistan safely and effectively. Bill C-41 is vital to improving access to health care, ensuring access to food, water and sanitation, education, and protecting human dignity. As winter approaches, the needs are even greater. PWS&D will now support work in Afghanistan once again—an important step in coping with political, economic and climate adversity for many in the country.





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## December Services

**Sunday, December 3, 10 am:** First Sunday of Advent, the Sacrament of Holy Communion & *GivingTuesday* campaign kick off

**Sunday, December 10, 10 am:** Second Sunday of Advent and special *GivingTuesday* celebration after worship

**Sunday, December 17, 10 am:** Third Sunday of Advent & maybe a surprise!

**Thursday, December 21, 7:30 pm:** the Longest Night Service

**Sunday, December 24, 10 am :** Fourth Sunday of Advent

**Sunday, December 24, 6 pm:** Family Christmas Eve Service

**Sunday, December 24, 8 pm:** Carols & Communion, Christmas Eve Service

**Sunday, December 31, 10 am:** New Year's Eve Worship (in the morning!)



