

St. Andrew's Hespeler Presbyterian Church November 5th, 2023 Remembrance Sunday

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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.



Prelude: Prelude by G.F. Handel

Entrance of the Colour Party (Please stand as able)

Welcome

Call to Worship

L: Let us bless the Lord at all times;

P: God's praise will always be on our lips.

L: Magnify the Lord in all ways;

P: We will lift up God's name together in worship and in service.

L: God, send your light and your truth as we gather to worship.

P: May they lead us into your holy presence.

Hymn #330 O God, our help in ages past

1. O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home.

2. Under the shadow of thy throne
thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone,
and our defence is sure.

3. Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received its frame,

from everlasting thou art God,
to endless years the same.

4. A thousand ages in thy sight
are like an evening gone,
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.

5. Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all our years away.
They fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the opening day.

6. O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
still be our guard while troubles last,
and our eternal home.

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Prayer of Approach

L: God of might and mercy, we come to worship you this day, proclaiming your power and your promise in a world where many things keep us on edge. We proclaim your power to defeat forces that work against your hope for the world. We proclaim your love that cracks open our hearts and draws us to you and to one another. We proclaim your promise in Jesus Christ that nothing can separate from your love. Strengthen our desire to live out our trust in you in friendship with our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen

Laying our Burdens Down

Responsive Psalm 43

L: Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly people; from those who are deceitful and unjust, deliver me!

P: For you are the God in whom I take refuge; why have you cast me off? Why must I walk about mournfully because of the oppression of the enemy?

L: O send out your light and your truth; let them lead me; let them bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling.

P: Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy, and I will praise you with the harp, O God, my God.

L: Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me?

P: Hope in God, for I shall again praise him, my help and my God.

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

Genesis 4:1 17, 23, 24

¹ Now the man knew his wife Eve, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, "I have produced a man with the help of the LORD." ² Next she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a tiller of the ground. ³ In the course of time Cain brought to the LORD an offering of the fruit of the ground, ⁴ and Abel for his part brought of the firstlings of his flock, their fat portions. And the LORD had regard for Abel and his offering, ⁵ but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his countenance fell. ⁶ The LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry, and why has your countenance fallen? ⁷ If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is lurking at the door; its desire is for you, but you must master it."

⁸ Cain said to his brother Abel, "Let us go out to the field." And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him. ⁹ Then the LORD said to Cain, "Where is your brother Abel?" He said, "I do not know; am I my brother's keeper?" ¹⁰ And the LORD said, "What have you done? Listen, your brother's blood is crying out to me from the ground! ¹¹ And now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. ¹² When you till the ground, it will no longer yield to you its strength; you will be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth." ¹³ Cain said to the LORD, "My punishment is greater than I can bear! ¹⁴ Today you have driven me away from the soil, and I shall be hidden from your face; I shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth, and anyone who meets me may kill me." ¹⁵ Then the LORD said to him, "Not so! Whoever kills Cain will suffer a sevenfold vengeance." And the LORD put a mark on Cain, so that no one who came upon him would kill him. ¹⁶ Then Cain went away from the presence of the LORD and settled in the land of Nod, east of Eden.

¹⁷ Cain knew his wife, and she conceived and bore Enoch, and he built a city and named it Enoch after his son Enoch.

There follows a list of the descendants of Cain up to Cain's great-great-great-great-grandson Lamech and pick up the story with him.

²³ Lamech said to his wives:

"Adah and Zillah, hear my voice;

you wives of Lamech, listen to what I say:
I have killed a man for wounding me,
a young man for striking me.

²⁴ If Cain is avenged sevenfold,
truly Lamech seventy-sevenfold."

Hymn #730 O for a world

1. O for a world where everyone
respects each other's ways,
where love is lived and all is done
with justice and with praise.

2. O for a world where goods are shared
And misery relieved,
Where truth is spoken, children spared,
Equality achieved.

3. We welcome one world family
And struggle with each choice
That opens us to unity
And gives our vision voice.

4. The poor are rich, the weak are strong,
the foolish ones are wise.
Tell all who mourn: outcasts belong,
who perishes will rise.

5. O for a world preparing for
God's glorious reign of peace,
where time and tears will be no more,
and all but love will cease.

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Life and Work of the Church

Celebration of our Generosity

Offertory: "London New" tune by H. Willan

Sermon: The Chicago Way

Prayers of the People

Hymn: #732 O day of peace that dimly shines

1. O day of peace that dimly shines
through all our hopes and prayers and dreams,
guide us to justice, truth and love,
delivered from our selfish schemes.

May swords of hate fall from our hands,

our hearts from envy find release,
till by God's grace our warring world
shall see Christ's promised reign of peace.

2. Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb,
nor shall the fierce devour the small;
as beasts and cattle calmly graze,
a little child shall lead them all.

Then enemies shall learn to love,
all creatures find their true accord;
the hope of peace shall be fulfilled,
for all the earth shall know the Lord.

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Act of Remembrance (Please remain standing as able)

- Last Post
- Two minutes Silence
- Reveille

L: They went with songs to the battle, they were
young,
Straight of limb, true of eye, steady and aglow.
They were staunch to the end against odds
uncounted;
They fell with their faces to the foe.
They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.

P: We will remember them

#833 O Canada

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!
- . 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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Exit of the Colour Party (Please remain standing)

Postlude: Postlude by A. Hesse

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

Worship Assistant: Sylvia Brooks
Organist: Martin Bohl
Greeter: Margret Hunter
Beadle: Brenda Holm
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

Thursday: Hope Clothing Noon—2:00 pm

Thursday: Food Bank Noon—2:00 pm

Thursday: Lunch on Queen Noon—1:45 pm

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

Today is Remembrance Sunday and we warmly welcome
members of the Hespeler Legion and their Colour Party
who join us today for worship.

Let's make to sure them at the cenotaph this coming
Saturday for Remembrance Day.

Next Week's sermon:

What to Think About the Rapture



Rev. Scott will be away for Continuing Education
from this afternoon until Wednesday. He may be
out of communication range part of that time.

You may contact Aubrey Botha
(aubrey@cpcmail.ca home: 519-620-4415 office:
519-623-1080) or Rev. Dongwon Brian Jung
(revbrianjung@gmail.com, (647) 891-8164 while
he is away should an urgent pastoral need arise.

HELP!

Can you help decorate our float for the Hespeler Santa Claus parade? Can you walk along side the float or ride on the float? The parade is on Saturday, December 2, 2023 @ noon. We do not yet know if we can get the float inside to decorate, so decorating will either be on November 25 inside, or on December 1 outside. Never helped out before? This is a great time to start. We always have fun.

Please let Joni know as soon as possible if you can help out in any way.



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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Cost = \$20/person or donation of food, pay on arrival

DAILY PRAYERS

The Presbyterian Church in Canada



Prayer Partnership

Engaging in God's Mission
Through Word and Action

Sunday, November 5 November is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. We pray for those facing violence in their families or relationships. We pray that decision makers enact desperately-needed housing and support for people trying to leave violence in their home.

Monday, November 6 We pray for the members of the Women's Missionary Society, past and present, and give thanks for their faithful ministry over the past 110 years.

Tuesday, November 7 We pray for young Palestinian and Syrian refugees learning marketable skills through the Electronics and Computer program of the Joint Christian Committee for Social Service in Lebanon.

Wednesday, November 8 We pray for congregations worried about finances, that God will provide the resources they need to do the ministry they are called to do.

Thursday, November 9 We pray for human rights educators and advocates that seek to protect human dignity and work for the flourishing of all people.

Friday, November 10 We pray for the ministry of chaplains serving in the Canadian Armed Forces.

Saturday, November 11 (Remembrance Day) We pray for all who mourn or suffer as a result of conflict and war. We ask God to protect and guide peacekeepers and those who serve in the armed forces.

Mission Moment: November 5

In Guatemala, Leslie—a mother to four—takes great pride in the small home, built atop a former landfill site, she has owned for 15 years. To make ends meet, she sorts plastic bottles from the landfill, with her five-year-old daughter Kaitlin often accompanying her. Leslie's other daughter, Naomi, attends the PWS&D-supported Francisco Coll School. At this school, she has developed essential reading and writing skills. Leslie also participates in parenting classes, noting, "[It's] very helpful because I've changed the way I parent. I shout less. I used to come home from work and start shouting at the kids, but I've learned differently. The classes are very beneficial."

