

St. Andrew's Hespeler Presbyterian Church

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2nd Sunday after Epiphany

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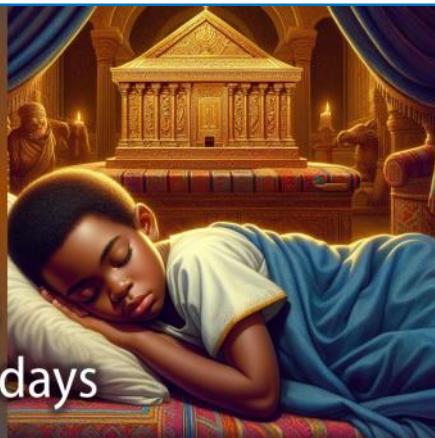
Website: www.standrewshespeler.ca

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.

The word of
the LORD was
rare in those days



Prelude: Reflections by Charles Gounod

Welcome

Call to Worship:

L: Before we were born, God knew us.

P: God knit us together in the womb.

L: God searches out our paths, and tracks us along
our way.

**P: So we praise God, for we are fearfully and
wonderfully made.**

L: There is nowhere we can go where God is not
with us.

**P: How wonderful are all God's works! Let us
worship God together.**

Hymn #634 Will you come and follow me

1. Will you come and follow me if I but call your
name?

Will you go where you don't know and never be the
same?

Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name
be known;
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

2. Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your
name?

Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the

same?

Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract
or scare?

Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in
me?

3. Will you let the blinded see if I but call your
name?

Will you set the prisoners free and never be the
same?

Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this
unseen,
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?

4. Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your
name?

Will you quell the fear inside and never be the
same?

Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the
world around,
through my sight and touch and sound in you and
you in me?

5. Lord, your summons echoes true when you but
call my name.

Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.

In your company I'll go where your love and
footsteps show,

Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in
me.

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Prayer of Approach

L: God ever creating, ever loving, ever leading, You
are stillness when we are frantic; You are truth
when we are perplexed. You give us freedom
when fear takes hold; You send light when we
have lost our way. You are love when we feel
lonely and empty; You give us energy when we are

ready to reach out. We praise you, Creator, Christ, Spirit, for all that you are, all that you have been, and all that you will be for us. In our worship we offer you our love and loyalty, here and now, now and always. Amen.

Laying Down our Burdens

Responsive Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

L: O LORD, you have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.

P: You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways. Even before a word is on my tongue, O LORD, you know it completely.

L: You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

P: Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.

L: For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

P: I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.

L: My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

P: Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed.

L: How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!

P: I try to count them—they are more than the sand; I come to the end—I am still with you.

Video Reading: John 1:43-51, read by Jean

1 Samuel 3:1-20

¹ Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

² At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; ³ the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. ⁴ Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" ⁵ and ran to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. ⁶ The LORD called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down

again." ⁷ Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. ⁸ The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. ⁹ Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.' " So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

¹⁰ Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." ¹¹ Then the LORD said to Samuel, "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. ¹² On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. ¹³ For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. ¹⁴ Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever."

¹⁵ Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the LORD. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. ¹⁶ But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." He said, "Here I am." ¹⁷ Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you." ¹⁸ So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, "It is the LORD; let him do what seems good to him."

¹⁹ As Samuel grew up, the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. ²⁰ And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the LORD.

Hymn #500 Open my eyes, that I may see

1. Open my eyes, that I may see
glimpses of truth thou hast for me;
place in my hands the wonderful key
that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see;
open my eyes: illumine me, Spirit divine!

2. Open my ears, that I may hear
voices of truth thou sendest clear,
and while the wave-notes fall on my ear,
everything false will disappear.
Silently now I wait for thee,

ready my God, thy will to see;
open my ears: illumine me, Spirit divine!

3. Open my mouth, and let me bear
gladly the warm truth everywhere;
open my heart, and let me prepare
love with thy children thus to share.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see;
open my heart: illumine me, Spirit divine!

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Family Time

Life and Work of the Church

Celebration of our Generosity

Offertory: Meditation by A. Schreiner

Sermon: The word of the LORD was rare in those days

Prayers of the People

Hymn: #767 Lord, speak to me

1. Lord, speak to me, that I may speak
in living echoes of your tone;
as you have sought, so let me seek
your erring children lost and lone.

2. Oh lead me, Lord, that I may lead
the wandering and the wavering feet;
oh feed me, Lord, that I may feed
your hungering ones with manna sweet.

3. Oh teach me, Lord, that I may teach
the precious truths that you impart,
and wing my words, that they may reach
the hidden depths of many a heart.

4. Oh fill me with your fullness, Lord,
until my heart shall overflow
in kindling thought and glowing word,
your love to tell, your praise to show.

5. Oh use me, Lord, use even me
just as you will, and when, and where,
until at last your face I see,
your rest, your joy, your glory share.

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Benediction

Choral Response #646 Lead me, Jesus; I will follow
Lead me, Jesus; I will follow,
down the dusty pathways,
all along the sea.
Teach me, Jesus, to be loving:
your disciple I will be.

Descant: *Open my eyes that I may see;
I will serve you: your disciple I will be.*

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Postlude: Toccata by Gottlieb Muffat

Next Week's
sermon:

Finding the
Kingdom of God
Today



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

Organist:	Martin Bohl
Greeters:	Sylvia Brooks
Beadle:	Brenda Holm
Worship Assistant:	Vin Seunath
Sunday School:	Lori Marsh

This Week at St. Andrew's Hespeler

Tuesday: Hope Clothing	9:00—11:30 am
Thursday: Hope Clothing	Noon—2:00 pm

Your Christian Education Committee has been making some plans to grow our Family Ministries. You will notice a new Family Friendly space in the sanctuary where three pews are removed. This is a work in progress, but will become a space where families of young children can feel free to worship with us. We know what it's like to have kiddos who need to wiggle and move, maybe even make some noise. We want to make sure all families feel a sense of welcome and acceptance. Parents of very little ones are invited to use this space as they need or desire and sit with their children. Parents of older children might choose to let their children have a little freedom and watch from a few pews away. Everyone is welcome to check out this space to see what it's all about. In the coming weeks the CE Committee will be making additions and changes to the space to make it very child friendly.

We will start compiling the **Annual Report** very soon. Please send in any reports you may have to Rev. Scott at smcandless@standrewshespeler.ca by January 23, 2024.

On Sunday, January 28, Rev. Jeff Crawford will join us for worship and to lead us in a workshop afterwards. The day will also include a potluck lunch. Please plan to stay and to bring some finger food to share if you can.

DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, January 14 (Baptism of the Lord) Let us remember our baptism and pray that we will live in ways that fulfil the promises made on our behalf, and may we boldly confess Jesus as our Lord and Saviour.

Monday, January 15 We pray for 2SLGBTQI+ student groups and their teachers as they build communities of respect, learning and support in their schools.

Tuesday, January 16 We pray for the people, ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Westminster

Wednesday, January 17 We pray for Winnipeg Inner City Missions as staff work to provide a healthy community for children, youth and families—many of whom have suffered intergenerational trauma and systemic injustices from residential schools.

Thursday, January 18 (World Week of Prayer for Christian Unity) We pray for the members and work of the Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee.

Friday, January 19 We pray and give thanks for Dr. Bernard Sabella who retired after serving 25 years as Executive Secretary of the Department of Service to Palestinian Refugees.

Saturday, January 20 We pray for the developing French ministry at The Presbyterian College, Montreal, through its Théologie Pratique (Practical Theology) program.

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**Prayer
Partnership**

Engaging in God's Mission
Through Word and Action

Mission Moment: January 14

Sohdi became the sole provider for her family when her husband died a decade ago. A farmer in Pakistan, she plants various crops, but droughts and floods have disrupted food production for three years. In 2021, Sohdi received aid through the Humanitarian, Early Recovery and Development project, supported by PWS&D, which provided food aid to households in need. This assistance enabled her family to eat properly even during times of failed harvests. The project also provided support for women artisans to improve their skills and market their goods, making them more resilient for the future. Sohdi is grateful



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