

Please note our **Annual Dream Auction** will be held sometime in the **fall**. Once some schedules can get confirmed we will let everyone know the date & time. But for anyone thinking ahead, this auction would be at a good time for Christmas items & shopping.

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.

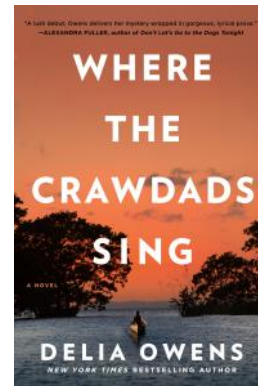
Next Sunday, January 28, Rev. Jeff Crawford will join us for worship and to lead us in a **workshop** afterwards. The day will also include a **potluck** lunch. Please plan to stay and to bring some finger food to share if you can.

Friendship Group News

The **Book Club** will meet today right after worship in the Foyer for discussion.

The **Friendship Group** is trying to organize some volunteers to be in the office Tuesday and Thursday mornings to welcome visitors. Speak to Joanne for more information.

The next **Women in the Bible Study** will take place on Wednesday, January 31 at 10 am in the Foyer.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

St. Andrew's **Spring Fling** is being planned as we speak. We will have watercolour painting workshops, sign making workshops and even a special mother/daughter option. We might even have choral training for anyone who is interested in singing (and singing with our choir). Dates need to be confirmed for some workshops yet, but save the dates of April 13, 20 & 27.



DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, January 21 We pray for wisdom and love for those who support family members, friends and neighbours who wrestle with addiction.

Monday, January 22 Spirit of life and liberty, we pray that you save us from all that inhibits the abundant life you give us.

Tuesday, January 23 We pray for ministries and camps providing mental health support, training and workshops.

Wednesday, January 24 We pray for the physical, mental and spiritual health of chaplains who work to meet the spiritual needs of all those who serve.

Thursday, January 25 We pray for village committees in India that are empowering vulnerable families to improve livelihoods, health and nutrition with support from PWS&D.

Friday, January 26 We pray for all camp leaders and boards as they plan for 2024.

Saturday, January 27 We pray for children, and that their parents and guardians demonstrate the kind of love we have been shown by God.

The Presbyterian Church in Canada



Prayer Partnership
Engaging in God's Mission
Through Word and Action

Mission Moment: January 21

We are God's people, called to serve God with our many gifts. We belong to a denomination that is connected by faith, governance, history and mission. Presbyterians Sharing is one of the ways that Presbyterians across Canada work together to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ, sharing God's love and hope in our communities, in Canada and around the world. Gifts to Presbyterians Sharing help build strong congregations, serve vulnerable people, walk with Indigenous people, seek justice and share God's love. When we work together, we can accomplish so much more than we ever could on our own.

St. Andrew's Hespeler Presbyterian Church January 21, 2023 3rd Sunday after Epiphany

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Finding the Kingdom of God Today



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: Song 34 by Healey Willan

Welcome

Call to Worship:

L: God our rock and our salvation.

P: We will not be shaken!

L: Trust in God at all times, O people.

P: We will pour out our hearts to God, our refuge.

L: Today, let us turn to God and accept the good news.

P: We will listen for Christ's call and follow him.

Hymn #39 God of mercy, God of grace

1. God of mercy, God of grace, show the brightness of your face.
Shine upon us, Saviour, shine; fill your world with light divine,
and your saving health extend unto earth's remotest end.

2. Let the people praise you, Lord; be by all that live adored.
Let the nations shout and sing glory to their gracious King;
at your feet their tribute pay, and your holy will obey.

3. Let the people praise you, Lord; earth shall then its fruits afford.
Unto us your blessing give; we to you devoted live,
all below and all above, one in joy and light and love.

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Prayer of Approach

L: Lord Jesus Christ, you have called us together as your people,
and invited us to follow you. Your church has grown from
scattered homes in ancient times – to a worldwide community,
embracing men and women, young and old, from any nations
and cultures. We marvel at the miracle of your church, and
praise you for our place among your people. Your love keeps
drawing us to you and to each other, and so we offer you our
wonder and praise with millions of those who also gather in your
name this day, our Saviour and our Lord. Amen.

Laying Down our Burdens

Responsive Psalm 62:5-12

L: For God alone my soul waits in silence, for my hope is from him.

P: He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken.

L: On God rests my deliverance and my honour;

P: my mighty rock, my refuge is in God.

L: Trust in him at all times, O people;

P: pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us.

L: Those of low estate are but a breath, those of high estate are a
delusion;

P: in the balances they go up; they are together lighter than a breath.

L: Put no confidence in extortion, and set no vain hopes on robbery; if
riches increase, do not set your heart on them.

**P: Once God has spoken; twice have I heard this: that power belongs
to God, and steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord. For you repay to
all according to their work.**

Video Reading: Mark 1:14-20 Read by Cynthia

Matthew 7:7-11

⁷ “Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock,
and the door will be opened for you. ⁸ For everyone who asks receives,
and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the
door will be opened. ⁹ Is there anyone among you who, if your child
asked for bread, would give a stone? ¹⁰ Or if the child asked for a fish,
would give a snake? ¹¹ If you, then, who are evil, know how to give
good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven
give good things to those who ask him!

Matthew 13:44-46

⁴⁴ “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a
man found and reburied; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he
has and buys that field.

⁴⁵ “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of
fine pearls; ⁴⁶ on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold
all that he had and bought it.

Hymn #651 Guide me, O thou great Redeemer

1. Guide me, O thou great Redeemer, pilgrim through this barren
land;

I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy powerful hand:
bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore;
feed me now and evermore.

2. Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth
flow;

let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through:
strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be thou still my strength and
shield;

be thou still my strength and shield.

3. When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell’s destruction, land me safe on Canaan’s
side:

songs of praises, songs of praises, I will ever give to thee;
I will ever give to thee.

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Family Time

Life and Work of the Church

Celebration of our Generosity

Offertory: “Charlestown” tune by Austin Lovelace

Sermon: Finding the Kingdom of God Today

Prayers of the People

Hymn: #654 O God of Bethel, by whose hand

1. O God of Bethel, by whose hand thy people still are fed,
who through this weary pilgrimage hast all thy servants led:

2. our vows, our prayers, we now present before thy gracious
throne;

as thou hast been our faithful God, so always be our own.

3. Through each perplexing path of life our wandering footsteps
guide;

give us each day our daily bread, and raiment fit provide.

4. Oh spread thy covering wings around, till all our wanderings
cease,

and at our God’s own loved abode our souls arrive in peace.

5. Such blessings from thy gracious hand our humble prayers
implore,

and thou shalt be our chosen God and portion evermore.

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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;*

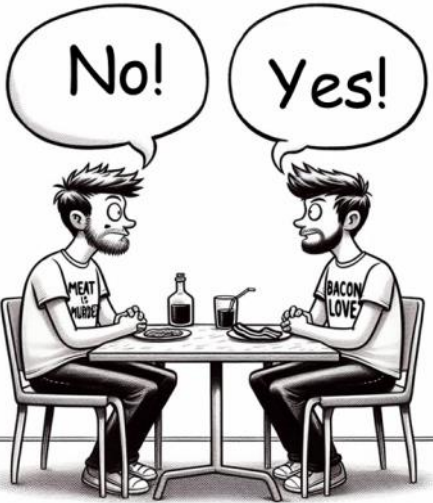
I will serve you: your disciple I will be.

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Postlude: Laudes Domini by Chester Nordman

Next Week’s
Sermon:

Eating Meat,
should we or
shouldn’t we?



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

Organist:	Martin Bohl
Greeters:	Carol Johnston
Beadle:	Carol Johnston
Worship Assistant:	Sylvia Brooks
Sunday School:	Lori Marsh
Tech Team:	Laura Einwechter & Dylan 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: Food Bank	Noon—2:00 pm