

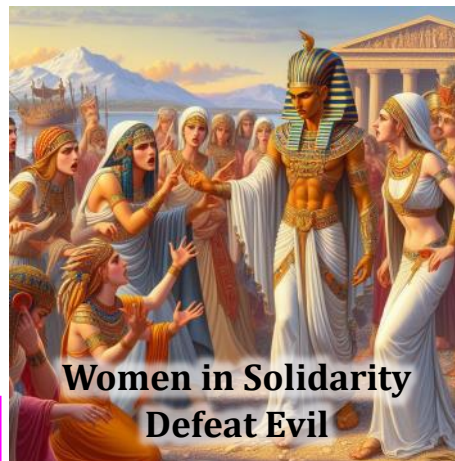
Today Rev. Jeffrey Crawford joins us for worship and to lead us in a **workshop** afterwards. The day will also include a **potluck** lunch. Please plan to stay and to bring some finger food to share if you can. All are welcome to stay (whether you brought food or not!)



Our **Women in the Bible** Study continues this Wednesday morning in the Foyer at 10 am. Coffee and tea will be served.

This week we will be focussed on the stories of five extraordinary biblical women: Puah, Shiprah, Jochebed, Miriam and Pharaoh's daughter. The title is **Women in Solidarity Defeat Evil**

All are welcome to join us (and, no, it is not a study *for* women, it's a study *about* women.)



**Women in Solidarity
Defeat Evil**

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

Organist: Martin Bohl
Greeters: Brenda Holm
Beadle: Patrice Wappler
Worship Assistant: Steve Marsh
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

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.



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.

DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, January 28 We pray that those who are receiving treatment for leprosy at the Shining Hospital in Nepal know God's healing love.

Monday, January 29 We pray for congregations as they prepare to gather for their annual meetings.

Tuesday, January 30 We pray for Edmonton Urban Native Ministries, which runs a drop-in centre out of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, and the people it serves.

Wednesday, January 31 We pray for people who struggle to afford food to eat during these difficult economic times, and for food banks and those who support them with donations of food and money.

Thursday, February 1 (Black History Month) We give thanks for Black History Month events and festivities that honour the legacy of Black Canadians and their communities.

Friday, February 2 We pray for wisdom as sessions and presbyteries prepare nominations for the standing committees of the General Assembly. We give thanks for those willing to be considered to serve our church in this fashion.

Saturday, February 3 We give thanks for the leadership of PCC camps as they work to provide safe spaces for children and teens to learn and grow in God's love.

The Presbyterian Church in Canada



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

Mission Moment: January 28

In Nepal, Nirba struggled with an undiagnosed skin condition that kept her inside. In addition to her health struggles, Nirba grappled with financial instability. Because she couldn't afford medical assistance, Nirba borrowed money from friends and relatives. Thanks to a clinic set up by the International Nepal Fellowship (a PWS&D partner), Nirba was able to meet with a dermatologist, receive a diagnosis of leprosy and begin treatment. The clinic's support also provided financial aid for Nirba's child's education. Nirba expressed profound gratitude for this assistance as it not only helped her son but her own health situation as well.

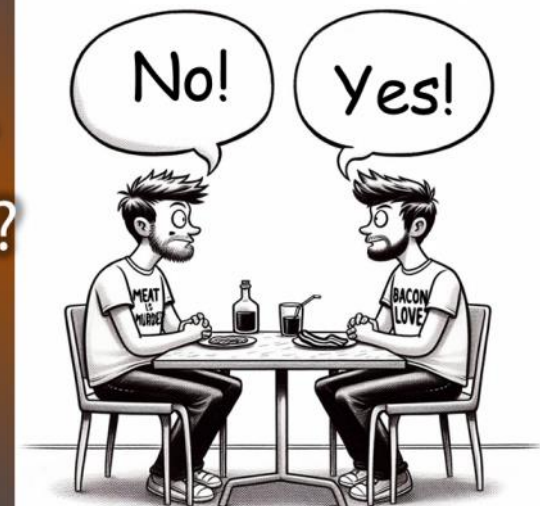


St. Andrew's Hespeler Presbyterian Church January 28, 2023 4th Sunday after Epiphany

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Eating Meat,
should we or
shouldn't we?



Order of Worship. We will meet in person at 10 am. Or join us on Zoom or Facebook Live. The Zoom link will be posted on the website.

Prelude: Intermezzo by Georg Muffat

Welcome

Call to Worship:

L: God's praise endures forever,

P: and eternity meets us in fleeting moments.

L: God's praise endures forever,

P: and glory bursts into ordinary activities.

L: God's praise endures forever,

P: and faith is steadfast in the midst of change and challenge.

L: Let us worship the Eternal God who calls us to this time and place.

Hymn #474 The love of God comes close
1. The love of God comes close where stands an open door,
to let the stranger in, to mingle rich and poor.
The love of God is here to stay, embracing those who walk the
Way; the love of God is here to stay.

2. The peace of God comes close to those caught in the storm,
forgoing lives of ease to ease the lives forlorn.
The peace of God is here to stay, embracing those who walk the
Way; the peace of God is here to stay.

3. The joy of God comes close where faith encounters fears,
where heights and depths of life are found through smiles and
tears.
The joy of God is here to stay, embracing those who walk the Way;
the joy of God is here to stay.

4. The grace of God comes close to those whose grace is spent,
when hearts are tired or sore and hope is bruised and bent.
The grace of God is here to stay, embracing those who walk the
Way; the grace of God is here to stay.

5. The Son of God comes close where people praise his name,
where bread and wine are blest and shared as when he came.
The Son of God is here to stay, embracing those who walk the
Way; the Son of God is here to stay.

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Prayer of Approach
L: Loving God, you are the wisdom behind all mystery, the glory
hidden in all that makes us wonder, the strength in all that
nourishes. With eyes open and spirits alert, we experience your
glory around us. Scattered throughout the earth, smoldering
deep inside us and radiating in acts of love, sparks of your glory
reside. We feel joy each time we encounter you. So we gather to
express our praise and gratitude for all the good we have
experienced, knowing it all comes from your hand, for you are
Creator, Christ and Spirit, Ever Three and Ever One. Amen.

Laying Down our Burdens

Responsive Psalm 111
L: Praise the LORD!
**P: I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company
of the upright, in the congregation. Great are the works of
the LORD,**
L: studied by all who delight in them.
**P: Full of honour and majesty is his work, and his righteousness
endures forever. He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds;**
L: the LORD is gracious and merciful. He provides food for those who
fear him; he is ever mindful of his covenant.
**P: He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the
heritage of the nations.**
L: The works of his hands are faithful and just;
P: all his precepts are trustworthy.

L: They are established forever and ever,
P: to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.
L: He sent redemption to his people;
**P: he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his
name.**
L: The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
**P: all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise
endures forever.**

Video Reading: Mark 1:21-28 Read by Sylvia

1 Corinthians 8:1-13
¹ Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that “all of us
possess knowledge.” Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. ² Anyone
who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary
knowledge, ³ but anyone who loves God is known by him.
⁴ Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “no
idol in the world really exists” and that “there is no God but
one.” ⁵ Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on
earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords— ⁶ yet for us there
is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist,
and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through
whom we exist.
⁷ It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some
have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the
food they eat as food offered to an idol, and their conscience, being
weak, is defiled. ⁸ “Food will not bring us close to God.” We are no worse
off if we do not eat and no better off if we do. ⁹ But take care that this
liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the
weak. ¹⁰ For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the
temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be
encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? ¹¹ So by your
knowledge the weak brother or sister for whom Christ died is
destroyed. ¹² But when you thus sin against brothers and sisters and
wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against
Christ. ¹³ Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never again eat
meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

Hymn #475 I am the church! You are the church!
Refrain: I am the church! You are the church! We are the church
together!
All who follow Jesus, all around the world! Yes, we’re the church
together!

1. The church is not a building; the church is not a steeple;
the church is not a resting place; the church is a people. *Refrain*

2. We’re many kinds of people, with many kinds of faces,
all colours and all ages, too, from all times and places. *Refrain*

3. Sometimes the church is marching; sometimes it’s bravely burning;
sometimes it’s riding, sometimes hiding; always it’s learning. *Refrain*

4. And when the people gather, there’s singing and there’s praying;
there’s laughing and there’s crying sometimes, all of it saying: *Refrain*

5. At Pentecost some people received the Holy Spirit
and told the Good News through the world to all who would hear it.
Refrain

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Family Time

Life and Work of the Church

Celebration of our Generosity

Offertory: Gradual by Edouard Batiste

Sermon: Eating Meat, should we or shouldn’t we?

Prayers of the People

Hymn: #461 Be thou my vision
1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art,
thou my best thought in the day and the night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

2. Be thou my wisdom; be thou my true word,
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord,
thou my great Father, thine own may I be,
thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.

3. Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight;
be thou my armour and be thou my might;
thou my soul’s shelter and thou my high tower,
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

4. Riches I heed not, nor vain earthly praise,
thou my inheritance, through all my days;
thou and thou only, the first in my heart,
high King of heaven, my treasure thou art!

5. High King of heaven, when the battle is done,
grant heaven’s joy to me, O bright heaven’s Sun;
heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O ruler of all.

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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