

St. Andrew's Hespeler Presbyterian Church January 7, 2023 Baptism of Jesus

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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.

Are You
Simeon
or Anna?



Prelude: How Brightly Shines the Morning Star by J.C. Bach

Welcome

Call to Worship:

L: The time has come!

P: The time is now!

L: The reign of God has drawn near.

P: The kingdom of heaven is here.

L: Let us turn our lives around and accept the good news.

P: We will follow Christ and worship in his name.

Hymn #645 Follow me, the Master said

1. "Follow me," the Master said: we will follow Jesus.

By his word and Spirit led, we will follow Jesus.

Still for us he lives to plead, at the throne will intercede,

offers help in time of need; we will follow Jesus.

2. Should the world and sin oppose, we will follow Jesus.

He is greater than our foes; we will follow Jesus.

On his promise we depend; he will hear us and defend,

help and keep us to the end; we will follow Jesus.

3. Though the way may dark appear, we will follow Jesus.

He will make our pathway clear; we will follow Jesus.

In our daily round of care, as we plead with God in prayer,

with the cross which we must bear, we will follow Jesus.

4. Ever keep that end in view; we will follow Jesus.

All his promises are true; we will follow Jesus.

When this earthly course is run, and the Master says, "Well done!"

life eternal we have won; we will follow Jesus.

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Prayer of Approach

L: God of possibility and power, on this first day of the week, you began creating, bringing light to shine and bringing order out of chaos. On this first day of the week, you began your new creation, raising Christ out of death, breathing new life into the world. On this first day of the week, you call us to waken from sleep and gather in your holy name. So we come to listen and wonder, to sing, pray, and be fed. By the gift of your Holy Spirit, make us your instruments of hope in a hurting world, in answer to the prayer and praise we offer this day in Jesus' name. Amen.

Laying Down our Burdens

Responsive Psalm 29

L: Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,

P: ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

L: Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name;

P: worship the LORD in holy splendour.

L: The voice of the LORD is over the waters;

P: the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over mighty waters.

L: The voice of the LORD is powerful;

P: the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.

L: The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars;

P: the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

L: He makes Lebanon skip like a calf

P: and Sirion like a young wild ox.

L: The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire. The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

P: The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl and strips the forest bare, and in his temple all say, "Glory!"

L: The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;

P: the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.

L: May the LORD give strength to his people!

P: May the LORD bless his people with peace!

Video Reading: Mark 1:4-11, Read by Sylvia Brooks

Luke 2:22-40

²² When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³ (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), ²⁴ and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."

²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. ²⁶ It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. ²⁷ Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what was customary under the law, ²⁸ Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

²⁹ "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word,

³⁰ for my eyes have seen your salvation,

³¹ which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

³² a light for revelation to the gentiles and for glory to your people Israel."

³³ And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. ³⁴ Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel

and to be a sign that will be opposed ³⁵ so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul, too."

³⁶ There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, ³⁷ then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸ At that moment she came and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

³⁹ When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰ The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom, and the favour of God was upon him.

Hymn #648 I'm gonna live so God can use me

1. I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! (*Repeat*)

2. I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! (*Repeat*)

3. I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! (*Repeat*)

4. I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! (*Repeat*)

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Family Time

Life and Work of the Church

Celebration of our Generosity

Offertory: Dearest Jesus We Are Here by Randall Thompson

Sermon: Are You Simeon or Anna?

Prayers of the People

Hymn: #761 Who's goin' to tell the story

1. Who's goin' to tell the story? You and I!

Tell of the Lord's great glory? You and I!

Who's goin' to let the whole world know?

Help his disciples grow and multiply? You and I!

2. Who's goin' to bring the kingdom? You and I!

Who's goin' to spread the gospel? You and I!

Who's goin' to do the kindly deed?

Comfort the one in need and help supply? You and I!

3. Jesus came to bring us good news,
sent to earth by God above!
And the good news that he brought us
is the word of love!

4. Who's goin' to feed the hungry? You and I!
Care for the sick and lonely? You and I!
Who's goin' to let the whole world see
people can live in harmony? Let's try! You and I!

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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: Gelobet seist du Jesu Christ by Samuel Scheidt

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

Organist: Martin Bohl
Greeters: Bill & Margret Hunter
Beadle: Elaine McLean
Worship Assistant: Joanne Waugh
Sunday School: Lori Marsh

This Week at St. Andrew's Hespeler

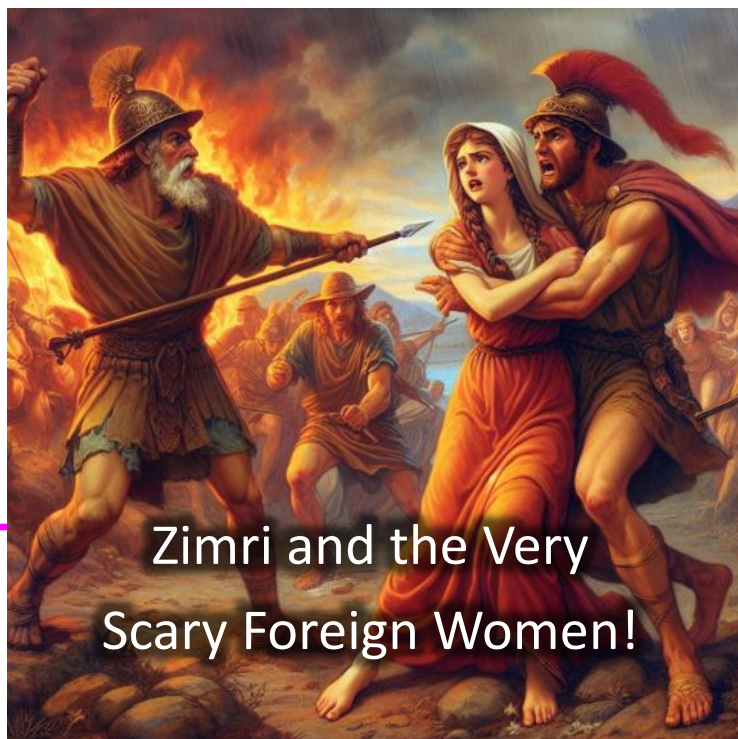
Tuesday: Hope Clothing	9:00—11:30 am
Wednesday: Women in the Bible	10-11:30 am
Thursday: Hope Clothing	Noon—2:00 pm
Thursday: Food Bank	Noon—2:00 pm
Thursday: Lunch on Queen	Noon—1:45 pm

Next Week's Sermon:

The word of
the LORD was
rare in those days



Zimri and the Very Scary Foreign Women!



The **"Women in the Bible"** study will continue This
Wednesday, January 10 at 10 am. You are welcome to
join us in the foyer. Coffee and tea will be served!

You don't need to have been in on any previous studies in
order to participate. This week's study will be called **"Zimri and the Very Scary Foreign Women!"**

We will continue with biweekly studies for the next while.

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.

DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, January 7 We pray that the faculty of Knox College, The Presbyterian College of Montreal and the Vancouver School of Theology find joy and wisdom in the work of theological education.

Monday, January 8 We pray for the people of Ochapowace First Nation, SK, for their healing from the colonization tactics used in “Indian” residential schools. God bless their youth determined to overcome the effects of abuse and belittling that their parents and grandparents experienced in residential and day schools.

Tuesday, January 9 We pray for the members of the Women’s Missionary Society as they plan programs and special events for 2024.

Wednesday, January 10 We pray for refugees around the world.

Thursday, January 11 We pray for colleague covenant groups and clergy support groups as they support one another and develop healthy perspectives on themselves and their ministries.

Friday, January 12 We praise God for the generosity of people across Canada who support congregations with financial gifts, and pray for the hardworking congregational treasurers who are finalizing their records to prepare year-end reports.

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Engaging in God’s Mission
Through Word and Action

Mission Moment: January 7

When the Rev. Lora Nafziger visited her sister in Nepal in 2022, she never imagined that she would return as Staff Care and Counselling Advisor with United Mission to Nepal (UMN). A faith-based international NGO, UMN strives to help all Nepalis achieve a fuller life through medical and community

development programs.

Responding to God’s call,

Lora departed for

Kathmandu in early

January 2024 with her

spouse Mitch Rhodes and

their two youngest

children. Lora, who is also a clinical social worker, will provide spiritual and emotional support to expatriate UMN staff and Nepali staff. She is jointly supported by the PCC through gifts to Presbyterians Sharing and Mennonite Mission Network.



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