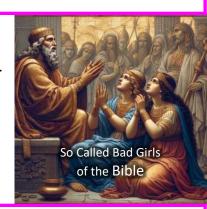
Here we grow again! We have some new families with young children and we would like to staff the toddler room now. Our goal is to offer a staffed toddler group every Sunday for any family to use as desired. We would need 2 volunteers for this group. The toddler group will meet in room 201, right across the hall from our Sunday School class. Both teams of leaders would be in a natural position to support each group if there is a need. We will begin using our pager system as well so parents can worship in the sanctuary and be discreetly called out if their child (ren) need them. If you are interested or have questions about what is involved, please speak with Joni (jsmith@standrewshespeler.ca)

The next Women in the Bible Study will take place this Wednesday, Wednesday, February 14 in the foyer starting at 10 am. We'll be looking as some of the "bad" women of the Bible from a new angle. We'll be looking at some of the "bad" women of the Bible from a new angle. All are welcome. Coffee and tea will be served.



Welcome Jen!



This morning Rev. Scott has exchanged pulpits with Rev. Jen Sokolowsky who ministers at Doon Presbyterian Church in Kitchener.

Rev. Jen Sokolowsky has been a minister in The Presbyterian Church in Canada since 2005. She is passionate about serving congregations as they discern who they are and who God is calling them to be. She has a heart for Pastoral Ministry and

Preaching, and enjoys walking alongside congregations as they ask challenging questions and listen for Spirit's response.

Jen earned a B.A. from McMaster University, focusing on Sociology and Religious Studies. She has a Masters of Divinity degree from Knox College, University of Toronto. From 2005-2014 Jen served at Armour Heights Presbyterian Church as their Associate Ministers for Children, Youth and Young Families. From 2015-2022 she served as Minister of Erindale Presbyterian in Mississauga. She has also served in Long Term Care as a Chaplain. Currently Jen serves Camp Kintail part-time, organizing their Weddings and Rentals. She is also delighted to be

among the people of Doon PC for the next year, as they discern how God is leading them forward.

Jen has two teens, Niamh and Eoghan, whom she adores. She is married to Dave, who happens to be the most supportive husband in the world.



DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, February 11 (Transfiguration Sunday) God of glory, whose son was transfigured, give us the strength to hear and ponder the good news of life, death and resurrection.



Monday, February 12 We praise God and pray for the people who tirelessly volunteer their time in our congregations. As the hands and feet of God's mission, their gifts put faith into action across Canada.

Tuesday, February 13 We pray for the growing community of international students at Presbyterian College, Montreal, as they adjust to a culture and climate vastly different than home. We pray especially for those whose homelands are in turmoil and civil strife.

Wednesday, February 14 (Ash Wednesday) Loving God, your grace knows no bounds. Create in us clean hearts and turn us around to follow you more nearly.

Thursday, February 15 We pray for Saskatoon Native Circle Ministry and the people it serves through prayer, counselling, food, clothing and a weekly worship Circle.

Friday, February 16 We give thanks for the ministry and mission of St. Luke's Presbyterian Church in Bathurst, NB as they bless and serve their community through simple, everyday acts of kindness.

Saturday, February 17 We pray for the people in Winnipeg who are committed to dealing with hatred and violence towards Indigenous women and girls. We pray that their pleas for the recovery of bodies in landfills be heard and responded to.

Mission Moment: February 11

In response to an invitation from Palestinian Christians, the PCC (through Presbyterians Sharing) sent Robyn Ahn (St. Andrew's, Barrie) and Urwah Rasool (Unionville PC, ON) to Palestine/Israel through the Journey for Justice program hosted by the PCC's partner, Joint Advocacy Initiative of the East Jerusalem YMCA/YWCA. With 23 other young people, they experienced the daily life of Palestinian youth, listening to their



stories and seeing first-hand



how occupying measures impacted them. It was an unforgettable, eye-opening experience for Robyn and Urwah.

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St. Andrew's Hespeler Presbyterian Church February 11, 2023 Transfiguration Sunday

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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: Prelude - Cantilena by J. Rheinberger

Welcome

Call to Worship:

L: Let us glorify God on mountaintops.

P: Praise God!

L: Let us glorify God in deep valleys.

P: Praise God!

L: Let us glorify God in times of hope.

P: Praise God!

L: Let us glorify God in times of despair.

P: Praise God!

L: In all things, in all times, in all places:

P: Let us praise our God.

L: Come, let us worship.

Hymn #290 Immortal, invisible, God only wise

1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

- 2. Unresting, unhasting and silent as light, nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might; thy justice like mountains high soaring above thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.
- 3. To all life thou givest, to both great and small; in all life thou livest, the true life of all; we blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree, and wither, and perish, but naught changeth thee.
- 4. Great Father of glory, pure Father of light, thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight; all laud we would render: oh help us to see 'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.

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Prayer of Approach

L: Creator God, the one who at the beginning said "let there be light" and there was light: shine the light of your grace, love and mercy on us, as we gather for worship today. Show us who you are and how we can become more like you.

God of all nations, creeds, and peoples, in you all the nations of the world find an equal place of love and security. In your son Jesus Christ, we all receive redemption from our sins and the promise of eternal life. His life also provides us with the perfect example of how we should love and care for each other, regardless of our backgrounds, race, or ethnicity. Jesus is the Prince of Peace and he invites us to lay aside the instruments of war and to live in peace with each other.

On this Transfiguration Sunday, help us to see you in all your glory, the Word made flesh and may this glory, through the Holy Spirit, transform our lives. In a world filled with hate, and injustice, inspire us to build the tabernacles of justice, peace and love, until the earth is full of your glory, as the waters cover the seas. Amen

Laying Down our Burdens

Responsive Psalm 50

L: The mighty one, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting. Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.

- P: Our God comes and does not keep silent; before whom is a devouring fire, around whom is a mighty tempest.
- L: God calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that the people may be judged: "Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!"
- P: The heavens declare God's righteousness, for God alone is judge.

Video Reading: Mark 9:2-9 Read by Jean McMurtrie

Hymn #773 Jesus bids us shine

- 1. Jesus bids us shine with a pure, clear light, like a little candle burning in the night. In the world is darkness, so we must shine, you in your small corner, and I in mine.
- 2. Jesus bids us shine, first of all for him; well he sees and knows it if our light grows dim. He looks down from heaven to see us shine, you in your small corner, and I in mine.
- 3. Jesus bids us shine, then, for all around; many kinds of darkness in this world abound: sin and want and sorrow; so we must shine, you in your small corner, and I in mine.

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Family Time

Life and Work of the Church

Celebration of our Generosity

Offering sung by Jane - We are one in the Spirit

Sermon: A Letter in the Mail

Prayers of the People

Hymn: #376 Lord, the light of your love is shining

1. Lord, the light of your love is shining in the midst of the darkness, shining; Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us. Set us free by the truth you now bring us. Shine on me; shine on me.

Chorus: Shine, Jesus, shine; fill this land with the Fathers glory; blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.

Flow, river, flow; flood the nations with grace and mercy; send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light!

2. Lord, I come to your awesome presence, from the shadows into your radiance; by your blood I may enter your brightness. Search me, try me, consume all my darkness. Shine on me; shine on me. *Chorus*

3. As we gaze on your kingly brightness, so our faces display your likeness, ever changing from glory to glory: mirrored here may our lives tell your story. Shine on me; shine on me. *Chorus*

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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:

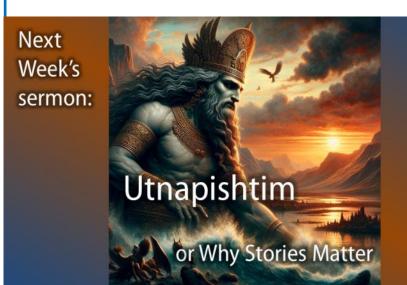
your disciple I will be.

Descant: Open my eyes that I may see;

I will serve you: your disciple I will be.

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Postlude: Postlude on an Irish Melody by C. V. Stanford



We are grateful to those who were involved in worship

this morning:

Organist: Martin Bohl
Greeters: Lynn Platt
Beadle: Vern Platt
Worship Assistant: Sylvia Brooks
Sunday School: Dean Davidson

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: St. Andrew's Pantry Noon—2:00 pm