



The New Hope Friends group has organized a Board Games Afternoon for this coming Saturday, February 24 from 1-4 pm. Hope to see you there! Speak to Sylvia for details.

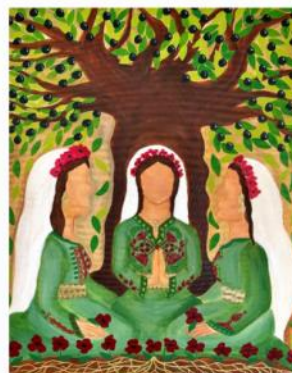


The **Women in the Bible Study** will continue next Wednesday, February 28. We will be looking at the story of Reuben and the **Mandrake Machinations!**

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Join us at **St. Andrew's Hespeler Presbyterian Church**
73 Queen St. E., Cambridge ON N3C 2A9

The World Day of Prayer service will begin at 1:30 on Friday, March 1, 2024



Artwork by Halima Aziz

"I Beg You... Bear With One Another in Love"

Ephesians 4:1-3

Service written by the World Day of Prayer Committee of Palestine, prepared and adapted for use in Canada by the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada

DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, February 18 (Heritage Sunday) On Heritage Sunday, we pray for those who preserve church records.

Monday, February 19 We pray for the Rev. Byungho Kim as he completes his term as the General Secretary of the Korean Christian Church in Japan after 10 years of faithful service.

Tuesday, February 20 We pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance as ministries discern ways to live out the church's Confession to God and LGBTQI People in their communities.

Wednesday, February 21 We pray for interim moderators and search committees as they work to assist congregations in calling a new minister.

Thursday, February 22 We pray for the Committee on Church Doctrine as they meet today and tomorrow and discern how to help the church thoughtfully and faithfully point to Jesus Christ in a rapidly changing complex context.

Friday, February 23 We give thanks for God's love in action through the Women's Missionary Society and ask for guidance as they find both new and old ways to serve God and share the message of salvation.

Saturday, February 24 (Coldest night walks) We pray for all people who face housing insecurity. We pray that governments and decision makers work to remove barriers so that all people have access to affordable, safe and adequate housing.

The Presbyterian Church in Canada



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

Mission Moment: February 11

Two-year-old Moriama Safianu has a congenital deformity linked to hydrocephalus. Born into a poor family in northern Ghana, Moriama faced the heavy burden of social stigma, prompting her parents to keep her indoors to shield her from the community's hurtful judgments. Things changed when she was identified for support during a community survey conducted by a community rehabilitation program. The dedicated staff referred her to the Garu Presbyterian Health Centre for specialized care. The staff at Garu also worked with



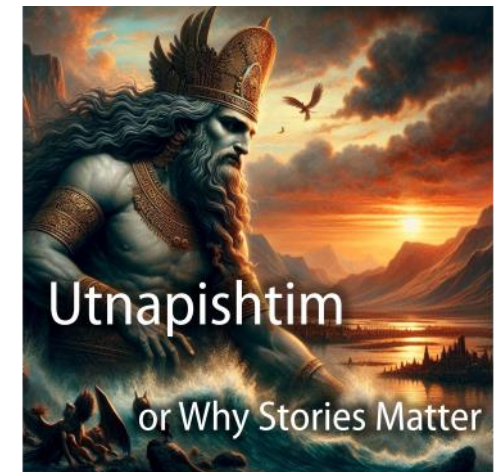
Moriama's community to address the stigma she had been facing. Moriama's mother expressed her profound gratitude: "I am immensely thankful to the CBR program and PWS&D for coming to our aid. Thanks to your intervention, Moriama is no longer subjected to stigma from the community members."



St. Andrew's Hespeler Presbyterian Church February 18, 2023 First Sunday in Lent

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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: Meditation by Eric Smith

Welcome

Call to Worship:

L: We are beginning our journey through Lent.

P: God is with us on the way.

L: We come to find light in the shadows and strength in our weakness.

P: We will remember God's faithfulness.

L: We seek God's mercy and truth step by step, day by day.

P: We trust in God's steadfast love, so we worship with grateful hearts!

Hymn #194 Come, let us to the Lord our God

1. Come, let us to the Lord our God with contrite hearts return;
our God is gracious, nor will leave the desolate to mourn.

2. God’s voice commands the tempest forth and stills the stormy wave;
God’s arm is strong and swift to strike, but also strong to save.
3. The night of sorrow long has reigned, but dawn shall bring us light;
God shall appear, and we shall rise with gladness in God’s sight.
4. Then let us know, let us press on to know our God the Lord, whose coming is as sure as dawn, whose name shall be adored.
5. As dew upon the tender grass diffusing fragrance round, as rain that ushers in the spring and cheers the thirsty ground,
6. so shall God’s presence bless our souls and shed a joyful light, that hallowed morn shall chase away the sorrows of the night.

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Prayer of Approach

L: Good and gracious God, Creator of earth and sky, Maker of rainbows and raindrops, we praise you for the beauty of the world around us, and for the hope of life with you now and always. We praise you for your faithfulness and loving kindness throughout all generations, for your promise of grace, for your compassion and redemption revealed to us in Christ Jesus. Receive our prayers and praises this day and teach us how to live by your love. Amen

Laying Down our Burdens

Responsive Psalm 25

L: To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

P: O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me.

L: Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame;

P: let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

L: Make me to know your ways, O LORD;

P: teach me your paths.

L: Lead me in your truth and teach me,

P: for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.

L: Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

P: Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!

L: Good and upright is the LORD;

P: therefore he instructs sinners in the way. He leads the humble in what is right and teaches the humble his way.

L: All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.

Video Reading: Mark 1:9-15, read by Joanne

Genesis 8:20-9-17 p. 7

Hymn #339 Who made the earth and the heaven
1. Who made the earth and the heaven? — Mighty hands!
Who made the man and the woman? — Awesome hands!
Who made the tree and the garden? — Loving hands!
Who’s got the world in mighty hands?

2. Who made the stars and the children? — Mighty hands!
Who made the stream and the salmon? — Awesome hands!
Who made the lamb and the lion? — Loving hands!
Who’s got the world in mighty hands?

3. Who made the swan and the swallow? — Mighty hands!
Who made the wind and the willow? — Awesome hands!
Who makes today and tomorrow? — Loving hands!
Who’s got the world in mighty hands?

4. Who sent the storm and the thunder?—Mighty hands!
Who sent the flood and the fire?—Awesome hands!
Who sent the dove and the rainbow?—Loving hands!
Who’s got the world in mighty hands?

5. Who loves the man and the woman?—Mighty hands!
Who sent the Lamb and the Lion?—Awesome hands!
Who makes a new earth and heaven?—Loving hands!
Who’s got the world in mighty hands?

6. You’ve got the whole world —Mighty God!
You’ve got the whole world —Awesome God!
You’ve got the whole world —Loving God!
You’ve got the whole world in your hands!

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Family Time

Life and Work of the Church

Celebration of our Generosity

Offering: On Eagle's Wings (Jane Bennett)

Sermon: Utnapishtim or Why Stories Matter

Prayers of the People

Hymn: #714 Wordless, ancient earth’s foundations

1. Wordless, ancient earth’s foundations, cradle fragile in your palm;
speechless, boundless constellations voice their awe in soundless psalm:
hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, you are all-creating, one.

2. We, our earth’s stored treasures spending, foul its soil and stain its seas;
we, our human grasp extending, landscapes bruise, proud towers raise.
Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison, lead us home from wasted ways.

3. Heal us, feed us by your Spirit: all earth’s torment is your own.
Name us, send us each as servant, working, bearing Christ’s shalom.
Maranatha, maranatha, maranatha, so we pray: Christ Jesus, come.

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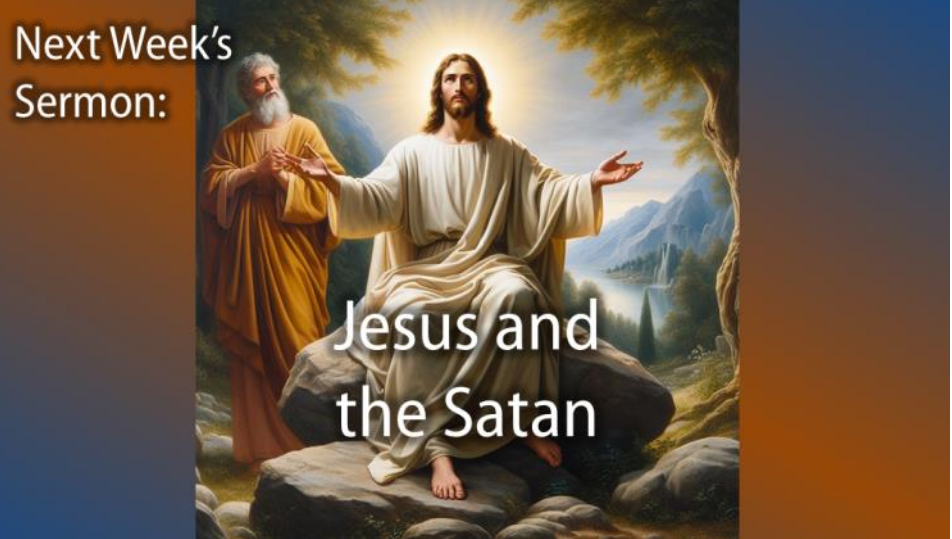
Benediction

Choral Response #780

Amen, amen, amen.

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Postlude: Postlude by N. Gigault



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

Organist:	Martin Bohl
Greeters:	Joanne Waugh
Soloist:	Jane Bennett
Beadle:	Jean Godin
Worship Assistant:	Joanne Waugh
Sunday School:	Dean Davidson

This Week at St. Andrew’s Hespeler

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

Today, during Family Time we are going to start setting a very special table at the front of the sanctuary. Each week we will put something new on the table to help us learn more about Lent. In total we will learn about 6 of the symbols that we sometimes use throughout Lent.

Today we will learn about ashes. In biblical times, once people admitted their sins or wrong doings they covered themselves with sackcloth and ashes as a public admission of guilt and a promise to resist future wrong doing.

Fundscrip orders for this month should be in by next Sunday February 25. Specials this month (orders that give extra percentages to the church):

- Groceries Sobey's Fresh Co
- Gifts Old Navy Gap Banana Republic

