

It's time to record some more bible readings. If you are able to help, please sign the schedule at the back of the sanctuary or talk with Joni. We will be recording on Tuesday, February 27th. This time around we will be signing up for a specific time block in the hopes that our

readers won't have to wait so long to do their recordings. If you are unavailable to come in to record, but have the ability to record yourself, this would also work. For any questions please speak with Joni (jsmith@standrewshespeler.ca). Thank you to our readers, this has been such a great addition to our

Fundscrip orders for this month should be in by today!. Specials this month (orders that give extra percentages to the church):

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





New "Daily Bread" devotionals for March-April-May are in and you may pick one up at the back of the sanctuary

## **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



'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

School! Do vou have any paper towel or toilet paper rolls? We could use a few for Sunday School. Please bring yours in by March 3rd. We also need paper lunch bags. There will be a basket at the back of the sanctuary for collecting these items.

Needed for Sunday

#### **DAILY PRAYERS**

Sunday, February 25 We pray for inclusive communities who come together to explore important life questions, support each other in living with purpose and meaning, and work towards peace and justice.



Monday, February 26 We pray for the Rev. Stewart Folster and the people at Mistawasis Memorial Presbyterian Church on Mistawasis Nehiyawak First Nation.

Tuesday, February 27 We remember in prayer PWS&D's refugee sponsorship program which helps Canadian congregations provide new opportunities for refugees worldwide.

Wednesday, February 28 We pray for the discovery of new, faithful, and hopeful directions for congregations that do not have the finances to call a part-time minister.

**Thursday, February 29** We lift up in prayer the United Nations International Decade for People of African Descent (2015–2024) and pray for a world of justice and equity where anti-Black racism is eradicated.

Friday, March 1 (World Day of Prayer) We pray for the Christian women of Palestine who have prepared this year's World Day of Prayer service for the Women's Missionary Society.

**Saturday, March 2** We pray for patience, strength, and inspiration for ministers who are not only serving their own congregation but are also engaged in long-term interim-moderatorships.

## **Mission Moment: February 25**

"We really appreciate the program, as we are in dire need to keep the education going for our kids," shared a grateful parent. For Afghan children who sought refuge in Pakistan, education is often out of reach because they are not nationals. PWS&D supports the Digital Learning Center in Peshawar, which provides out-of-school children and adults with basic digital literacy classes, high school courses and tutoring sessions that

aim to help a total of 520 students. Students and their family members are benefiting from the Darakht-e Danesh Library, which provides free and open educational resources on such topics as math, language, business and the sciences. Students access classes both in English and Dari/Farsi, equipping them with essential skills and providing hope for those who have lost so much, broadening their opportunities for the future.

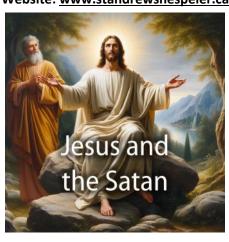




# St. Andrew's Hespeler **Presbyterian Church** February 25, 2024 **Second Sunday in Lent**

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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: Prelude "Durch Adam's Fall" by F. Zachau

Welcome

Call to Worship:

L: How shall we come before our God?

P: We come to celebrate God's goodness and grace.

L: As we worship, what does the Lord require of us?

P: God calls us to do justice and to love kindness.

L: As we serve, what does the Lord require of us?

P: God calls us to walk and worship in humility

L: Let us worship, love and serve each other. Amen

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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## Prayer of Approach

L: Faithful God, who fulfilled the promises made to the generations before us, thank you for your grace, may everyone tell of your goodness and your grace. Generous God, we praise you for gracious presence with us throughout the years and for sending Jesus Christ to deliver us from all manner of injustices and inequalities. Your glorious Spirit fills this world and renews our hearts and visions so that we can see your image in every person irrespective of background, race, and ethnicity. Your love moves beyond divides and borders and works in us to end misunderstanding, racism, and injustice; creating communities of human flourishing. We praise you for reconciling your world and making us one in Christ. Amen.

Laying Down our Burdens

Responsive Psalm 22:23-31

L: You who fear the LORD, praise him!

- P: All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him; stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!
- L: For he did not despise or abhor the affliction of the afflicted;
- P: he did not hide his face from me but heard when I cried to him.
- L: From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those who fear him.
- P: The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the LORD. May your hearts live forever!
- L: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD,
- P: and all the families of the nations shall worship before him.
- L: For dominion belongs to the LORD, and he rules over the nations.
- P: To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down;
- L: before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall live for him.
- P: Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that he has done it.

Video Reading: Mark 8:31-38, Read by Carol

Zechariah 3:1-5

<sup>1</sup> Then he showed me the high priest Joshua standing before the angel of the LORD and the accuser standing at his right hand to accuse him. <sup>2</sup> And the LORD said to the accuser, "The LORD rebuke you, O accuser! The LORD who has chosen Jerusalem rebuke you! Is not this man a brand plucked from the fire?" <sup>3</sup> Now Joshua was wearing filthy clothes as he stood before the angel. <sup>4</sup> The angel said to those who were standing before him, "Take off his filthy clothes." And to him he said, "See, I have taken your guilt away from you, and I will clothe you with festal apparel." <sup>5</sup> And he said, "Let them put a clean turban on his head." So they put a clean turban on his head and clothed him with apparel, and the angel of the LORD was standing by.

Hymn #328 This is my Father's world

- 1. This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.

  This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought; of rocks and trees, of skies and seas God's hands the wonders wrought.
- 2. This is my Maker's world; the birds their carols raise; the morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker's praise. This is my Maker's world; God shines in all that's fair; in the rustling grass God's footsteps pass, God speaks to me everywhere.
- 3. This is my Saviour's world; O let me not forget that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet. This is my Saviour's world; the battle is not done; Jesus, who died, shall be satisfied, and earth and heaven be one.

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Family Time

Life and Work of the Church

Celebration of our Generosity

Offering: Adagio by J. Kuhnau

Sermon: Jesus and the Satan

Prayers of the People

Hymn: #670 Amazing Grace

- 1. Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.
- 2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear and grace my fears relieved; how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.
- 3. Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come; 'tis grace that brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
- 4. The Lord has promised good to me: this word my hope secures; God will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures.
- 5. What thanks I owe you, and what love a boundless, endless store shall echo through the realms above when time shall be no more.

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Benediction

Choral Response #780 Amen, amen, amen.

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Postlude by F. Walczynski

#### **Next Week's Sermon:**



My Client didn't say it! And if he did say it, it doesn't mean what you think it means.

The Women in the Bible Study will continue this Wednesday, February 28. We will be looking at

the story of Reuben and the **Mandrake Machinations!** We meet in the foyer. Coffee/tea will be served

Today, during Family Time we are continuing to set 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.

Violet/purple is the liturgical color for the season of Lent. It is the colour of "getting ready," just like in Advent when we were getting ready for Christmas. In Lent we have 6 weeks to get ready for Easter. You will notice that the colours of the underlays and table clothes in our Sunday School room are purple today. Changing our colours to purple reminds us to get ready for something really important in church.

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

Organist: Martin Bohl
Greeters: Jean McMurtrie
Beadle: Sylvia Brooks
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
Saturday: Hope Clothing 10:00 am—noon