

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@standreshespeler.ca)

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

Organist: Martin Bohl
Soloist: Alan Waugh
Greeters: Kathy Bott
Beadle: Joanne Waugh
Worship Assistant: Joanne Waugh
Sunday School: Dean Davidson
Tech Team: Laura Einwechter & Dylan Smith

Next Sunday, Rev Scott will be carrying out a **pulpit exchange** with Rev. Jen Sokolowsky, minister at Doon Presbyterian Church. She will be preaching here and Scott will go to Doon. Jen is a very talented and gifted leader and we look forward to welcoming her.

Our **Women in the Bible** Study will continue on Wednesday, February 14. We'll be looking as some of the "bad" women of the Bible from a new angle.



The New Hope Friends group is organizing a Board Games Afternoon on Saturday, February 24 from 1-4 pm. Hope to see you there!

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 will also have a choral/choir rehearsal workshop. The dates of the workshops will be April 13, 20 & 27. More information about registration and fees, dates, etc. will follow in March.



Fundscrip Specials this month:
Grocery: Fresh Co & Sobey's
Gifts: Old Navy & Gap
Orders are due February 25

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DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, February 4 (PWS&D Sunday) We give thanks for congregations celebrating PWS&D Sunday by learning about Presbyterian World Service & Development and responding generously to bring about abundant life for all.

Monday, February 5 We pray for theological students who graduate this spring and begin the process of seeking a call to a congregation.

Tuesday, February 6 We pray for Nidal Abu Zuluf, Director of the Joint Advocacy Initiative of the East Jerusalem YMCA/YWCA and for staff working for a just peace in Palestine/Israel.

Wednesday, February 7 We thank God for financial and prayer support received from congregations for Presbyterians Sharing.

Thursday, February 8 We pray for the people, ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Algoma and North Bay.

Friday, February 9 We pray for the people who gather at Place of Hope Indigenous Presbyterian Church in Winnipeg.

Saturday, February 10 We give thanks for those who have financially supported theological colleges to help educate and equip ministers and leaders for service in the church and the world.

The Presbyterian Church in Canada



Prayer Partnership

Engaging in God's Mission
Through Word and Action

Mission Moment: February 4

For decades, Presbyterian World Service & Development has faithfully dedicated itself to serving those in need across the globe. In collaboration with our valued partners, PWS&D is actively contributing to positive transformation within our global community. From responding to emergencies to helping families and communities access nutritious food, clean water, adequate health care and quality education, PWS&D is helping people thrive. As people of faith, we respond to Christ's call to walk with the distressed and marginalized, work towards equality, the restoration of human dignity, peace, and care for God's creation. Together, we are working towards a sustainable, compassionate and just world.



St. Andrew's Hespeler Presbyterian Church

February 4, 2024

5th Sunday after Epiphany

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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: Effusion by C. Bryan

Welcome

Call to Worship:

L: God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness.

P: The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it;

L: For God has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers.

P: Let everything that has breath, praise the LORD!

L: There is no distinction between Jew and Greek

P: The same God is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him.

Hymn #472 We are God’s people
1. We are God’s people, the chosen of the Lord,
born of the Spirit, established by the word;
our cornerstone is Christ alone, and strong in him we stand:
oh let us live transparently,
and walk heart to heart and hand in hand.
2. We are God’s loved ones, the bride of Christ our Lord,
for we have known it, the love of God outpoured;
now let us learn how to return the gift of love once given:
oh let us share each joy and care
and live with a zeal that pleases heaven.
3. We are the body of which the Lord is head,
called to obey him, now risen from the dead;
he wills us be a family, diverse yet truly one:
oh let us freely give our gifts,
and so shall God’s work on earth be done.
4. We are a temple, the Spirit’s dwelling place,
formed in great weakness, a cup to hold God’s grace;
alone, we die, for on its own each ember loses fire:
yet joined in one the flame burns on
to give warmth and light, and to inspire.

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Prayer of Approach
L: O Lord our God, Creator and Ruler of the universe, you are great
beyond all things. You are clothed in honour and
majesty, wrapped in light as a garment. You stretch out the
heavens like a tent, you set the beams of your chambers on the
waters, you make the clouds your chariot, you ride on the wings
of the wind, you make the winds your messengers, fire and
flame your ministers. You gave us your son Jesus Christ as
Saviour and Messiah and the Holy Spirit as our Helper and
Comforter. We give you glory, honour and praise now and
forever. Amen.

Laying Down our Burdens

Responsive Psalm 147:1-11, 20c

L: Praise the LORD!
P: How good it is to sing praises to our God, for he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.
L: The LORD builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel.
P: He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.
L: He determines the number of the stars; he gives to all of them their names.
P: Great is our Lord and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure.
L: The LORD lifts up the downtrodden;
P: he casts the wicked to the ground.
L: Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving;
P: make melody to our God on the lyre.

L: He covers the heavens with clouds, prepares rain for the earth, makes grass grow on the hills.
P: He gives to the animals their food and to the young ravens when they cry.
L: His delight is not in the strength of the horse nor his pleasure in the speed of a runner,
P: but the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him, in those who hope in his steadfast love. Praise the LORD!

Video Reading: Mark 1:29-39, read by Carol

1 Corinthians 9:16-23
¹⁶ If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! ¹⁷ For if I do this of my own will, I have a wage, but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. ¹⁸ What then is my wage? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel.
¹⁹ For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might gain all the more. ²⁰ To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to gain Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might gain those under the law. ²¹ To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not outside God’s law but am within Christ’s law) so that I might gain those outside the law. ²² To the weak I became weak, so that I might gain the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. ²³ I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I might become a partner in it.

Hymn #641 One more step along the world I go
1. One more step along the world I go. One more step along the world I go.
From the old things to the new keep me traveling along with you.
*Refrain: And it’s from the old I travel to the new
Keep me traveling along with you.*
2. Round the corners of the world I turn. More and more about the world I learn.
All the new things that I see you’ll be looking at along with me.
Refrain
3. As I travel through the bad and good keep me traveling the way I should.
Where I see no way to go, you’ll be telling me the way, I know. *Refrain*
4. Give me courage when the world is rough. Keep me loving though the world is tough.
Leap and sing in all I do. Keep me traveling along with you. *Refrain*
5. You are older than the world can be. You are younger than the life in me.
Ever old and ever new, keep me traveling along with you. *Refrain*
Family Time

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Life and Work of the Church
Celebration of our Generosity
Offertory: Old Rugged Cross (Sung by Alan Waugh)
Sermon: “The problem with the church these days”
Prayers of the People
Hymn: #644 May the mind of Christ my Saviour
1. May the mind of Christ my Saviour live in me from day to day,
Jesus’ love and power controlling all I do or say.
2. May the word of God dwell richly in my heart from hour to hour,
so that all may see I triumph only through God’s power.
3. May the peace of God my Sovereign rule my life in everything,
that I may be calm to comfort sick and sorrowing.
4. May the love of Jesus fill me, as the waters fill the sea;
Christ exalting, self denying, this is victory.
5. May I run the race before me, strong and brave to face the foe,
looking only unto Jesus as I onward go.

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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 by A. Boely



We extend the sympathy of the congregation to Shari and Mark Pus and their family following the death of Shari’s mother, Barbara Challacombe.