

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

Organist: Martin Bohl
Greeters: Bill & Margret Hunter
Beadle: Brenda Holm
Worship Assistant: Sylvia Brooks
Sunday School: Alexis Smith & Sarah English
Tech Team: Laura Einwechter & Dylan Smith

This Week at St. Andrew's Hespeler

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

Spring Fling 2024 is just around the corner!



Mark your calendars, we have a great list of events happening.

Debbie Ellis Watercolours: all new paintings!
Saturdays, April 13, 20 & 27
9:00—11:30 or 1:00—3:30 pm (note: am & pm classes are the same)

My Sister's Ideas Sign making workshops on Saturdays, April 13 & 20; 9-11:30 am or 1-3:30 pm.

Journey with Jane Empowerment Session:
Tuesday, April 2; 9:30—11:30 am or 7-8:30 pm

Choral training with **Corey Linforth:** Saturday, April 27; 10 am—noon

All workshops & sessions require registration and have fees. Please watch your bulletins, social media, bulletin boards, newsletter, webpage for more information and details.

The **Annual Congregational Meeting** will be held on **Sunday, March 17** after worship. Please plan to stay and participate.

The **Annual Report** can now be picked up.

Very Special Holy Week Services this year

We will hold our **Maundy Thursday** service on March 28 at 7:30 pm with special guests, Rev. Jen Sokolowsky and the people of Doon Presbyterian Church

The **Good Friday** service will be held a Doon (March 29 at 10 am) together with the people and ministers of Doon and of Kitchener East Churches.

DAILY PRAYERS

The Presbyterian Church in Canada



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

Sunday, March 10 We pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to guide the Atlantic Mission Society into new and effective ways to share Christ's love and light.

Monday, March 11 We praise God and pray for the people in our congregations who share the gift of hospitality—from after church fellowship hours to welcoming the stranger, their gifts put faith into action.

Tuesday, March 12 We pray that we may act with dignity and respect, offering compassionate care and encouraging a sense of belonging and connection to Christ through our actions.

Wednesday, March 13 We pray for the Canadian Armed Forces and all military chaplains who bring guidance and support to our troops and their families at home and abroad.

Thursday, March 14 We give thanks for ministries with Indigenous people that provide support to people impacted by intergenerational trauma and overwhelming loss and grief.

Friday, March 15 We pray for the congregation of St. Andrew's (Lunenburg) as they work through the PCC's New Beginnings Renewal Program to discern their next steps in ministry

Saturday, March 16 We pray for the work of the Leadership Centre at The Presbyterian College, Montreal and its director Adrian Langdon. May the centre's ministry continue to enrich and energize pastors and lay leaders.

Mission Moment: March 10

"We are brave and strong because we learned important information about rights, feelings and participation." PWS&D supports a human rights



program in Guatemala that not only empowers women by ensuring they know their rights but also equips them with essential skills and knowledge about food security and nutrition. Through education on when and how to plant vegetables, grow tree seedlings and how to care for livestock, women have more stable incomes and improve their family's access to nutritious meals. "We are happy for our project. We sell the trees in the town and use the money to buy food," shares one of the participants. This program provides women with the resources and skills they need to lift themselves out of poverty and create a more equitable society.



**St. Andrew's Hespeler
Presbyterian Church
March 10, 2024
Fourth Sunday in Lent**



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Office Hours: Monday—Friday 9am-12pm

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 by J.S. Bach

Welcome

Call to Worship:

L: Give thanks to the LORD, for God is good;

P: God's steadfast love endures forever.

L: God gathers people from the east and the west, from north and south.

P: We will thank God for such all-embracing love.

L: Let us praise God for all God's wonderful works.

P: We will worship God and tell of God's deeds with songs of praise.

Hymn #797 Shall we gather at the river

1. Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod,
with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?

*Chorus: Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river,
gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.*

2. On the bosom of the river, where the Saviour King we own,
we shall meet, and sorrow never 'neath the glory of the throne.
Chorus

3. Ere we reach the shining river, lay we every burden down,
grace our spirits will deliver, and provide a robe and crown. *Chorus*

4. Soon we'll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will
cease;
soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace.
Chorus

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Prayer of Approach

L: Gracious God, Great and wonderful are your works! Your
steadfast love is everlasting. Where there is darkness, you bring
light. Where there is sadness, you speak words of hope. Where
there is despair, you bring new possibilities. You have come
among us in Christ Jesus to save us, bringing healing for the sick,
and forgiveness for the sinner. In this time of worship, stir us
with your Spirit, O God. Awaken our joy and reverence in our
songs and our silence, in our prayers and praises, for you are
our God, here and everywhere, now and always. Amen.

Laying Down our Burdens

Responsive Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

L: O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,

P: for his steadfast love endures forever.

L: Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,

**P: those he redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands,
from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.**

L: Some were sick through their sinful ways and because of their
iniquities endured affliction; they loathed any kind of food, and they
drew near to the gates of death.

**P: Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he saved them
from their distress; he sent out his word and healed them and
delivered them from destruction.**

L: Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wonderful
works to humankind.

**P: And let them offer thanksgiving sacrifices and tell of his deeds with
songs of joy.**

Video Reading: John 3:14-21 Read by Joanne

Numbers 21:4-9

⁴ From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around
the land of Edom, but the people became discouraged on the way. ⁵ The
people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up
out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and
we detest this miserable food." ⁶ Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents

among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. ⁷ The
people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against
the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us."
So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸ And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a
poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten shall look at
it and live." ⁹ So Moses made a serpent of bronze and put it upon a pole, and
whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of
bronze and live.

Hymn #203 When Jesus the healer passed through Galilee

1. When Jesus the healer passed through Galilee, Heal us, heal us today!
The deaf came to hear and the blind came to see. Heal us, Lord Jesus!

2. A paralyzed man was let down through a roof. Heal us, heal us today!
His sins were forgiven, his walking the proof. Heal us, Lord Jesus!

3. The death of his daughter caused Jairus to weep. Heal us, heal us
today!
The Lord took her hand, and he raised her from sleep. Heal us, Lord
Jesus!

4. When blind Bartimaeus cried out to the Lord, Heal us, heal us today!
His faith made him whole and his sight was restored. Heal us, Lord Jesus!

5. The lepers were healed and the demons cast out. Heal us, heal us
today!
A bent woman straightened to laugh and to shout. Heal us, Lord Jesus!

6. The twelve were commissioned and sent out in twos Heal us, heal us
today!
to make the sick whole and to spread the good news. Heal us, Lord Jesus!

7. There's still so much sickness and suffering today. Heal us, heal us
today!

We gather together for healing, and pray: Heal us, Lord Jesus!

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Family Time: We will continue to build our Lenten table

Life and Work of the Church

Celebration of our Generosity

Offertory: Kyrie by Mozart

Special Presentation by Hospice Waterloo

Theological Reflection on Healing

Prayers of the People

Hymn: #671 I heard the voice of Jesus say

1. I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest;
lay down, thou weary one, lay down thy head upon my breast!"
I came to Jesus as I was, weary and worn and sad;
I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad.

2. I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give
the living water; thirsty one, stoop down, and drink and live!"
I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream;

my thirst was quenched, my soul revived and now I live in him.

3. I heard the voice of Jesus say, I am this dark world's light;
look unto me, thy morn shall rise, and all thy day be bright."
I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my star, my sun,
and in that light of life I'll walk till traveling days are done.

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Benediction

Choral Response #780 Amen, amen, amen.

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Postlude: Hymn by C. Gluck



This morning we are very please to welcome our
very special guest, Mark Godin (no relation!) who
will speak to us about the work of Hospice
Waterloo Region.

Mark Godin, He/Him, is a spouse and father to two
adult children whom he considers to be his greatest
accomplishment. Mark was an elementary school
educator in Waterloo Region for 35 years both as a
teacher and school administrator. In 2014 he
retired from education and assumed the role of
Director of Community Client Services for Hospice
of Waterloo Region. During his time with hospice,
he helped 6000 families access HWR services in the community.
Recently retired from that role, he continues to support hospice by
volunteering with them, giving talks and facilitating workshops and book
studies on End-of-Life topics and Advanced Care Planning.

Please plan to talk with Mark afterwards and pickup any literature or
pamphlets that would be helpful to you or to people you know.

The **Women in the Bible Study**
continues this Wednesday at
10 am in the Foyer. We will be



looking at
some of the
women in
the passion
story of
Jesus.

Next Week's Sermon:

Should I say:
'Father, save
me from this
hour'?

Check out our newest St. Andrew's Voice newsletter! Pick up your
copy when you come to worship or find it online!