

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

Organist: Martin Bohl  
Soloist: Jane Bennett  
Greeters: Sylvia Brooks  
Beadle: Elaine McLean  
Worship Assistant: Steve Marsh  
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  
Thursday: Hope Clothing Noon—2:00 pm  
Thursday: St. Andrew's Pantry 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.

**Very Special Holy Week Services this year**

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

A joint **Good Friday** service will be held at Doon Presbyterian Church, 35 Roos St., Kitchener, N2P 2B9, March 29 at 10 am, together with the people and ministers of Doon, Knox Preston, Duffs, St. Andrew's Hespeler & Kitchener East Churches.

**DAILY PRAYERS**

The Presbyterian Church in Canada



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

**Sunday, March 17** We give thanks for the beauty of God's creation, and pray that we cherish the earth and treat it wisely.

**Monday, March 18** We pray for the Rev. Anderson Juma, the newly elected General Secretary of Blantyre Synod, Church of Central Africa Presbyterian in Malawi.

**Tuesday, March 19** We give thanks for the work of the General Assembly committees as they prepare this year's reports, and for the ministry and mission in which each of them is involved

**Wednesday, March 20** We pray for Cedar Tree Ministries, an outreach ministry for Indigenous People on Vancouver Island, and the Rev. Yong Wan (Joey) Cho.

**Thursday, March 21 (International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination)** We give thanks for human rights defenders who work to protect the rights, safety and dignity of all people. We pray for the elimination of all forms of racial harm, violence and discrimination.

**Friday, March 22 (World Water Day)** We give thanks to God that families living in conflict situations are accessing clean water provided through PWS&D's water, sanitation and hygiene projects.

**Saturday, March 23** We pray for all students enrolled in the church's theological colleges as they seek to learn and grow in their faith.



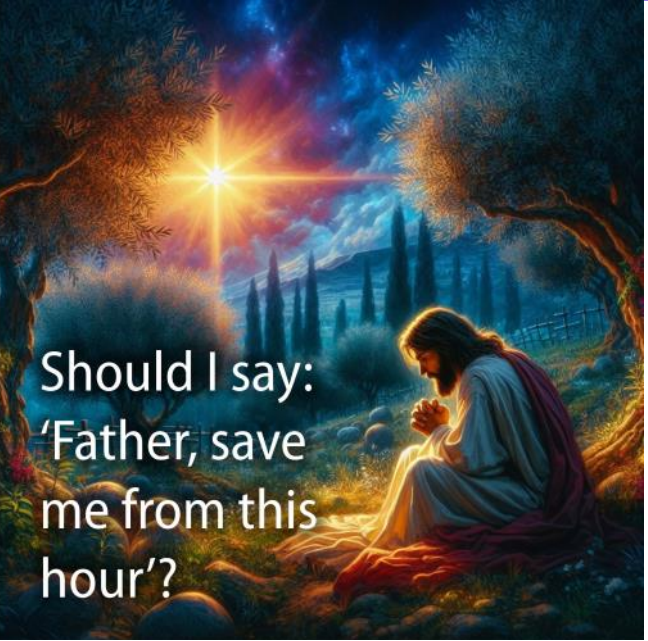
**Mission Moment: March 17**

For hundreds of years, roads have been providing important networks of connection and community. Not only in a physical sense, but by creating equal access to vital places like schools, churches and hospitals, and fostering a sense of community. With support from Presbyterians Sharing, the Life and Mission Agency and the Band Council on Mistawasis Plains Cree Reserve in Northern Saskatchewan are working together to create a road system through the reserve that will connect Mistawasis Memorial

Presbyterian Church with the rest of the community. In turn, it will open up the possibilities of new ministry opportunities by bringing together the community and creating a sense of hope and connectedness.



**St. Andrew's Hespeler  
Presbyterian Church  
March 17, 2024  
Fifth 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: Christe, du Lamm Gottes by J.S. Bach

Welcome

Call to Worship:

L: Come, all who desire to know God.

**P: We come, for we want to see Jesus.**

L: Come, all who thirst for the Spirit.

**P: We come, for God is in our midst this day.**

L: So let us praise God's holy name.

**P: We will worship God with heart, mind, strength and soul, and declare God's goodness to us.**

Hymn #210 Man of sorrows, wondrous name

1. Man of sorrows, wondrous name for the Son of God who came ruined sinners to reclaim Hallelujah! Gracious Saviour!



2. Bearing shame and scoffing rude, in my place condemned he stood,  
sealed my pardon with his blood Hallelujah! Loving Saviour!

3. Guilty, helpless, lost were we, spotless Lamb of God was he, full atonement—can it be Hallelujah! Blessed Saviour!

4. Lifted up was he to die, It is finished was his cry, now in heaven exalted high Hallelujah! Mighty Saviour!

5. When Christ comes our glorious King, all the ransomed home to bring,  
then anew this song we'll sing Hallelujah! Wondrous Saviour!

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Prayer of Approach

L: Creating God, Loving Christ, Guiding Spirit, With the promise of spring and new life awakening, you wake us from our slumbers. You are faithful to us through every season of the year and every season of life. The hope you offer in Jesus Christ draws us together, as your Spirit rises within our hearts. Even as the cross looms on the horizon, we praise you for Jesus’ courage and compassion, which bring renewal to us in the midst of all our challenges. We praise you, O God, for such love that will never let us go. Amen.

Laying Down our Burdens

Responsive Psalm 119:9-16

L: How can young people keep their way pure?

**P: By guarding it according to your word.**

L: With my whole heart I seek you; do not let me stray from your commandments.

**P: I treasure your word in my heart, so that I may not sin against you.**

L: Blessed are you, O LORD; teach me your statutes.

**P: With my lips I declare all the ordinances of your mouth.**

L: I delight in the way of your decrees as much as in all riches.

**P: I will meditate on your precepts and fix my eyes on your ways. I will delight in your statutes; I will not forget your word.**

Video Reading: John 12:20-33 Read by Carol Johnston

Hymn #674 In the bulb there is a flower

1. In the bulb there is a flower, in the seed, an apple tree, in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free! In the cold and snow of winter there’s a spring that waits to be, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

2. There’s a song in every silence, seeking word and melody; there’s a dawn in every darkness bringing hope to you and me. From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

3. In our end is our beginning, in our time, infinity; in our doubt there is believing, in our life, eternity,

in our death, a resurrection, at the last, a victory, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

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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: You Are Mine (Sung my Jane Bennett)

Sermon: Should I say: ‘Father, save me from this hour’?

Prayers of the People

Hymn: #650 He leadeth me

1. He leadeth me: oh blessed thought! Oh words with heavenly comfort fraught!  
Whate’er I do, where’er I be still ‘tis God’s hand that leadeth me.

*Refrain: He leadeth me! He leadeth me! By his own hand he leadeth me! A faithful follower I would be, for ‘tis God’s hand that leadeth me.*

2. Sometimes ‘mid scenes of deepest gloom, sometimes where Eden’s flowers bloom,  
by waters still, o’er troubled sea, still ‘tis God’s hand that leadeth me.

*Refrain*

3. Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine, nor ever murmur nor repine, content, whatever lot I see, since ‘tis my God that leadeth me. *Refrain*

4. And when my task on earth is done, when by thy grace the victory won,  
e’en death’s cold wave I will not flee, since God through Jordan leadeth me. *Refrain*

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Benediction

Choral Response #780 Amen, amen, amen.

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Postlude: Postlude by F. Walezynski



We have something special planned for next Sunday, Palm Sunday! Plan to attend worship, you will have a chance to support our children, have some fun and become involved in our worship experience.

**Youth News:** For all students Grade 7—high school, we will be meeting here with Doon youth, on **Friday, March 22;** 6:00—8:30 pm for an evening of pizza and Ukrainian style Easter egg painting. Please RSVP to Joni (if you haven’t yet) asap. Spaces are limited. We will be meeting here at St. Andrew’s. Friends are welcome.



A sincere thank you to all those who cooked or helped out in any way for the past 3 Lunch on Queen days. Your help not only fed a lot of people, but allowed our regular lunch crew to have a much needed break.



The **Women in the Bible Study** will take a break for Holy Week and continue on April 10

The Fundscrip order will go in on March 24 this month. This month’s specials include Ultimate Dining Card

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