

Today in **Sunday School** we will be celebrating the Great Feast. Please let us know if your child(ren) has any food allergies. Parents and leaders are welcome to join us as we celebrate the feast in a slightly different way this time.

#### Exciting News from our Outreach programs!

Our new partnership with **Eviction Services (KW Region)** will begin soon. This means that there will be an evictions services resource person here at St. Andrew's when people in Cambridge need help navigating the very difficult road of being evicted. The Eviction Services resource people plan to be available here on Thursdays.

The **CFB Mobile Market** is set to make it's appearance here, in the top parking lot, as soon as we know that weather is going to stay spring like. The Mobile Market will be here every Wednesday afternoon from 12:30—1:30 pm (time is still tentative).

We are grateful to our partners for sharing their expertise and resources with the Hespeler community and allowing us to provide space to reach out to the community.



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** will be made available as soon as it is ready and will be out next Sunday to 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

**Sunday, March 3** We pray for Hummingbird Ministries, an Indigenous healing and reconciliation effort, and the Rev. Mary Fontaine.

**Monday, March 4** We pray for those in the Order of Diaconal Ministries who are called to serve the church in the areas of Christian education, pastoral care and social ministries.

**Tuesday, March 5** We pray for Judith Castañeda, General Coordinator of CEDEPCA, an institution of Christian education that promotes reflection and transformative pastoral work in Guatemala.

**Wednesday, March 6** We pray for the people of Ahousaht First Nation, BC in their aim to recover the traditional place of women in their pre-colonial societies, through the reclaiming of the Coming of Age ceremonies for their young women.

**Thursday, March 7** We praise God and pray for congregational teams who are working together on programs and projects that care for creation, living out God's call to steward the earth for all creation.

**Friday, March 8 (International Women's Day)** Celebrate in prayer the PWS&D projects that are breaking barriers to gender equality and empowering women to achieve economic independence and improve their well-being.

**Saturday, March 9** We pray for the Committee on Church Doctrine as it works to propose ordination vows for elders.

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#### Mission Moment: March 3

As part of a Caring Community Initiative, the Presbyterian Music Camp piloted a Mental Health Workshop program during the summer of 2023. The program included mental health support and workshops run by a qualified health professional on the topics of anxiety, depression, ADHD, self-harm, suicide and other mental health topics. The opportunity for attendees to express themselves in a caring and safe environment with professional leadership took safety to the next level for the camp, and provided an opportunity for individuals to explore some of their struggles with support. The program continues to grow by providing Mental Health

First Aid training to staff and volunteers as well as exploring ways that art and music therapy can be offered in a camp setting.



## St. Andrew's Hespeler Presbyterian Church March 3, 2024 Third Sunday in Lent

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

**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. This will be a communion service so, if you are joining us online, please prepare bread and wine or similar elements so that you may participate.

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship:

L: The heavens are telling the glory of God.

**P: With earth and sky, let us proclaim God's handiwork.**

L: The law of the LORD revives the soul.

**P: We seek God's wisdom in our worship.**

L: Let the words of our mouths and the meditation of our hearts  
be acceptable to you, O God,

**P: For you are our rock and redeemer, and so we praise you!**

Hymn #645 Follow me, the Master said



Prayer of Approach  
L: God of majesty and mercy, you set the whirling cosmos in motion and call all creatures into being. Mountains and molehills alike speak of your majesty, for no detail misses your care and attention. You know each of us by name, and make yourself known to those who seek you. We gather in your presence to listen for your wisdom for our times and our lives. To you, O God, our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, we offer all honour and glory in our prayers and our praise this day and every day, now and always. Amen.

Laying Down our Burdens

Responsive Psalm 19  
L: The heavens are telling the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.  
**P: Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.**

L: There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard;  
**P: yet their voice goes out through all the earth and their words to the end of the world.**

L: In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun, which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and like a strong man runs its course with joy.

**P: Its rising is from the end of the heavens and its circuit to the end of them, and nothing is hid from its heat.**

L: The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple;

**P: the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eyes;**

L: the fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

**P: More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.**

L: Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward. But who can detect one’s own errors?

**P: Clear me from hidden faults. Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me.**

L: Then I shall be blameless and innocent of great transgression.

**P: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.**

Video Reading: John 2:13-22 Read by Jean M.

Hymn #655 Give me oil in my lamp

Family Time: We will continue to build our Lenten table

Life and Work of the Church

Celebration of our Generosity

Offering

Sermon: My Client didn’t say it! And if he did say it, it doesn’t mean

what you think it means.

Communion Hymn: #543 Here, O my Lord, I see thee (v. 1-3)

Celebration of Communion

Confession of Faith: The Apostles’ Creed

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving:

L: The Lord be with you.

**P: And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts.

**P: We lift them up to the Lord.**

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**P: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

L: ...we join with the whole creation to lift our hearts in joyful praise.

**P: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

L: ...proclaim the mystery of faith:

**P: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Celebration of Communion

Prayers of the People

Closing Hymn: #543 Here, O my Lord, I see thee (v. 4-7)

Benediction

Choral Response #780 Amen, amen, amen.

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Postlude



Next week we will be very pleased to welcome a board member from the Hospice Waterloo who will help us to talk and think on very important end-of-life issues and the supports that are available in our community. It will be a very important discussion, so we hope you can join us.

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

Organist: Alexis Smith

Greeters: Elaine McLean

Beadle: Elaine McLean

Worship Assistant: Joanne Waugh

Sunday School: Joni Smith & Sarah English

Tech Team: Laura Einwechter & Dylan Smith

**This Week at St. Andrew’s Hespeler**

Tuesday:	Hope Clothing	9:00—11:30 am
Tuesday:	Session Meeting	7:99 pm
Wednesday:	Hope Clothing	6:00—7:30 pm
Wednesday:	Session/Deacon call out	7:00—8:00 pm
Thursday:	Hope Clothing	Noon—2:00 pm
Thursday:	St. Andrew’s Pantry	Noon—2:00 pm

The **Women in the Bible Study** will continue a week from Wednesday, on March 13. We will be looking some of the women in the passion story of Jesus. Working title: **The only one who got it.**



**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.

