

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

Organist: Martin Bohl
Special Music: GraceNotes
Greeters: Brenda Holm
Beadle: Jean Godin
Worship Assistant: Joanne Waugh
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
Tuesday: Empowerment Workshop 9:30—11:00 am
Tuesday: Empowerment Workshop 7:00—8:30 pm
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.

The Cambridge Food Bank's Mobile Market is coming to St. Andrew's parking lot, starting this Wednesday, from 12:30—1:30 pm. Everyone is welcome to buy their fresh veggies from the Mobile Market. We will host the Mobile Market every Wednesday afternoon! See you there.



DAILY PRAYERS

The Presbyterian Church in Canada



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

Sunday, March 31 (Easter Sunday) God of new life and of hope, fill us with peace, joy and the desire to live in new ways, guided by hope and recognition that reflect your Good News.

Monday, April 1 We pray for the person who will be named as Moderator-Elect for the 2024 General Assembly, that the God of hope will fill them with joy and peace, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the power of the Holy Spirit. We also give thanks for Mary Fontaine as she continues to serve as Moderator of the General Assembly in these coming months.

Tuesday, April 2 We pray for Knox College students as they complete the 2023/2024 academic year, for clarity and confidence as they write their final papers and prepare for their summer commitments.

Wednesday, April 3 We pray for the treasurers and bookkeepers who are preparing reports for our governments.

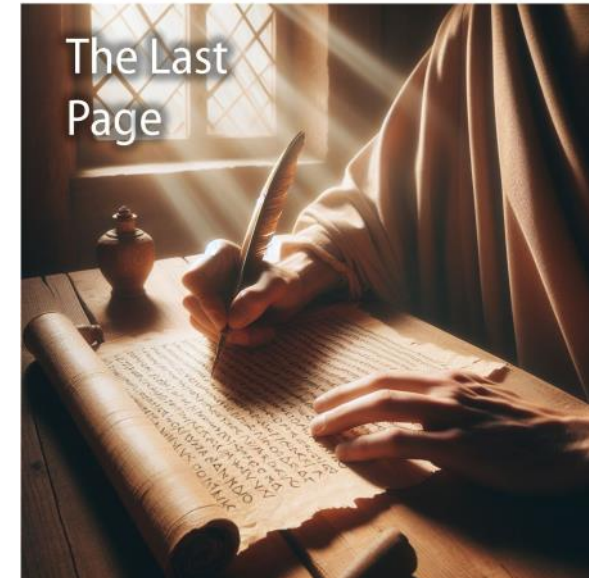
Thursday, April 4 We pray for all associated with The Parents Circle-Families Forum, a joint Israeli-Palestinian peace-seeking organization of more than 600 families who have lost an immediate family member in the ongoing conflict.

Friday, April 5 We pray for the people, ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Eastern-Han Ca.

Saturday, April 6 We pray for the unity of the Committee on Church Doctrine as they reflect the theological, geographic, ethnic and gender variety of the church and work for General Assembly.

Mission Moment: March 31

In Malawi, Madalitso Mphamba, a determined 16-year-old, once doubted she would ever have the chance to attend secondary school. When Madalitso's mother fell seriously ill and had to give up her job, they moved in with family for support. At first, Madalitso's grandma's beer brewing venture was thriving and played a crucial role in supporting her primary school education. However, Madalitso's grandmother eventually had to stop this business, and the family could no longer afford to send Madalitso to school. With help from PWS&D, the Blantyre Synod Education Department's Neno scholarship program allowed Madalitso to re-enroll, enabling her to dream of a brighter future.



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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. As this is a communion service, please prepare elements if you are joining us from home.

Prelude: Erschienen ist der herrlich Tag by H Herzogenberg

Welcome

Call to Worship:

L: O Day of Resurrection, we lift our hearts with joy!

P: Christ has led us from death to life. Hallelujah!

L: O Day of Resurrection, we will with hope!

P: Christ has led us from earth to heaven. Hallelujah!

L: Christ is risen from the dead. Hallelujah!

P: Hallelujah! He is risen indeed.

Hymn #243 Jesus Christ is risen today

1. Jesus Christ is risen today, hallelujah!

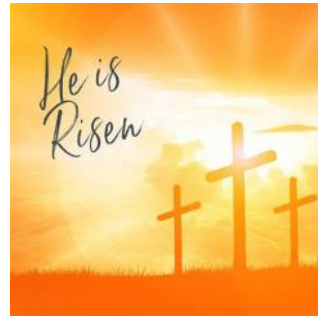
Our triumphant holy day, hallelujah!

Who did once upon the cross, hallelujah!
Suffer to redeem our loss, hallelujah!

2. Hymns of praise then let us sing hallelujah!
Unto Christ our heavenly King, hallelujah!
Who endured the cross and grave, hallelujah!
Sinners to redeem and save, hallelujah!

3. But the pains which he endured hallelujah!
Our salvation have procured; hallelujah!
Now above the sky he's King, hallelujah!
Where the angels ever sing, hallelujah!

4. Sing we to our God above, hallelujah!
Praise eternal as his love; hallelujah!
Praise him, all ye heavenly host, hallelujah!
Father, Son and Holy Ghost, hallelujah!



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Prayer of Approach

L: God of Resurrecting power, you lift our hearts with joy when we see the tomb is empty. God of Resurrecting hope, you fill us with excitement when we hear that Christ is risen. God of Resurrecting love, you embrace us with courage when we trust in the power of new life that you promise in the Risen Christ. We offer you all glory, honour and praise with hearts overflowing in Jesus' name. Amen!

Laying Down our Burdens

Responsive Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

L: O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever! Let Israel say,

P: "His steadfast love endures forever."

L: The LORD is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation. There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:

P: "The right hand of the LORD does valiantly; the right hand of the LORD is exalted; the right hand of the LORD does valiantly."

L: I shall not die, but I shall live and recount the deeds of the LORD.

P: The LORD has punished me severely, but he did not give me over to death.

L: Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

P: This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.

L: I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

P: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

L: This is the LORD's doing;

P: it is marvelous in our eyes.

L: This is the day that the LORD has made;

P: let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Anthem: "Hey Now! Singing Hallelujah!"

The GraceNotes

Video Reading: John 20:1-18, Read by Joanne Waugh

Mark 16:1-8

¹ When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. ² And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³ They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" ⁴ When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. ⁵ As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. ⁶ But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him." ⁷ But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." ⁸ So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Hymn #260 Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord

*Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord;
alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.*

1. Jesus is Lord of all the earth; he is the King of creation: *Refrain*
2. Spread the good news o'er all the earth; Jesus has died and has risen: *Refrain*
3. We have been crucified with Christ; now we shall live forever: *Refrain*
4. Come, let us praise the living God, joyfully sing to our Saviour: *Refrain*

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Family Time

Life and Work of the Church

Celebration of our Generosity

Offertory: Draw nigh and take the Body of the Lord by D Schack

Sermon: The Last Page

Communion Hymn #254 Jesus is risen from the grave (v. 1, 5-7)

1. Jesus is risen from the grave; Jesus is risen from the grave;
Jesus is risen from the grave. Hallelujah!

5. Jesus will meet his people; Jesus will meet his people;
Jesus will meet his people. Hallelujah!

6. Jesus is here in bread and wine; Jesus is here in bread and wine;
Jesus is here in bread and wine. Hallelujah!

7. Jesus will live forever; Jesus will live forever;
Jesus will live forever. Hallelujah!

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Celebration of Communion

Prayers of the People

Hymn: #258 Thine be the glory

1. Thine be the glory, risen, conquering son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won;
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave clothes, where thy body lay.

*Refrain: Thine be the glory, risen, conquering son;
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.*

2. Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for her Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting. *Refrain*

3. No more we doubt thee, glorious prince of life;
life is nought without thee: aid us in our strife;
make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love:
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above. *Refrain*

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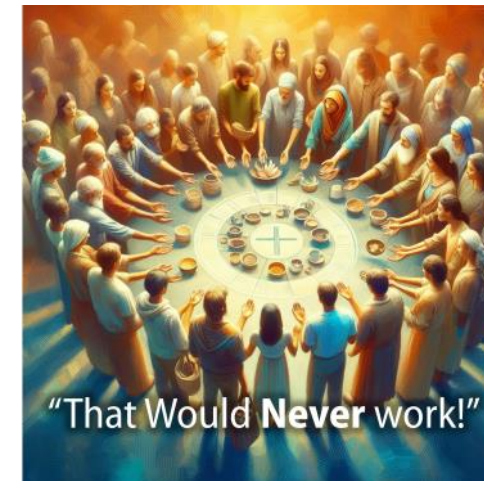
Benediction:

Choral Response #780 Amen, amen, amen.

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Postlude: In death's strong grasp the Saviour lay by J S Bach

Next Week's Sermon:



The **Women in the Bible Study** will continue on April 10

Celebration Moment ...



Congratulations to Sarah English! She has confirmed her acceptance to the Social Services Worker program at Fanshawe College in London for Fall 2024. It is a two-year diploma program. Upon completion Sarah's

hope is to work with and support children and youth who face struggles at home or in the community.