

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

Organist: Martin Bohl
Soloist: Jane Bennett
Greeters: Ellen Smith
Beadle: Sylvia Brooks
Worship Assistant: Steve Marsh
Sunday School: Donald Paddock
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
Saturday: Spring Fling 9:00—11:30 am
Saturday: Spring Fling 1:00—3:30 pm



Spring Fling 2024 is just around the corner!

There are still a few openings left in some of the classes, so if you forgot to sign up check our website for sign up details.

Debbie Ellis Watercolours: all new paintings!
Saturdays, April 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 20;
9-11:30 am or 1-3:30 pm.

Journey with Jane Empowerment Session:
Workshop over. Watch for more opportunities later on.

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

The **Women in the Bible Study** will continue on Wednesday, April 24, at 10 am in the Foyer.

DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, April 14 We thank you for your Word that shows your path. Help us to develop strong spiritual practices in our homes and communities that lead to transformation and growth.

Monday, April 15 We pray for those attending "The Art of Transitional Leadership: Help and Hope for Interim Moderators," that participants will be energized and renewed as they lead the congregations they serve in discerning God's future.

Tuesday, April 16 We pray for the 69th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Taiwan as they meet with a theme of "Inspire a Life of Faith—Seeking God's House of Abundance" from April 16-18.

Wednesday, April 17 We pray for Anamiewigummig Fellowship Centre in Kenora, Ontario as it provides practical care and support—an urban "home"—for many elders and young people who have endured the realities of the residential school system or have aged out of the child welfare system.

Thursday, April 18 God of resurrection and transformation, we pray that LGBTQI2+ people experiencing life transitions and coming out will feel your comforting presence through the care of their loved ones.

Friday, April 19 We ask that God bless the efforts of theological students in the last days of the academic year, giving them grace to finish well, to be taught, formed and swept up in God's reconciling mission.

Saturday, April 20 We pray for the Communauté Chrétien Siloé, a Cameroonian Church in Montreal, as they seek funding to complete renovations of the old church building they have revived for worship. We ask God to bless their vibrant music ministry, their dedicated women and their church choir.



Presbyterians Sharing

Mission Moment: April 7

With support from Presbyterians Sharing, Two Rivers Church (TRC) in Guelph, Ontario, is exploring creative new ways of being the church. Two values that support their purpose of "inviting all to come alive in Christ" are "face-to-face church" and "every voice matters." These commitments have literally shaped the way the congregation worships God. TRC's Living Room and Liturgical practices invite people into circles and semi-circles to be seen and heard. Opportunity for conversation, asking and answering questions, offering testimony, and sharing in discernment of the Spirit's voice creates space for the whole body of Christ at TRC to participate in worship and mission.



**St. Andrew's Hespeler
Presbyterian Church
April 14, 2024
3rd Sunday of Easter**



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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: Allegretto by Handel

Welcome

Call to Worship:

L: We gather with joy, for Easter brings us new life.

P: The Risen Christ is with us wherever we go.

L: Love breaks all bonds and unites us in hope.

P: Christ has defeated death. Let us rejoice and be glad!

L: Come and worship with hearts full of praise.

P: O God, receive our grateful Hallelujahs!

Hymn #248 At the dawning of salvation

1. At the dawning of salvation, in the morning of the world,
Christ is raised, a living banner by the love of God unfurled.
Through the daylight, through the darkness, Christ leads on his
great array:
all the saints and all the sinners he has gathered on his way.

2. He is risen in the morning; he is risen from the dead; he is laughter after sadness; he is light when night has fled. He has suffered; he has triumphed; life is his alone to give: as he gave it once, he gives it evermore, that we may live.

3. For the glory of salvation in the dawn of Easter day we will praise you, loving Father; we rejoice to sing and pray with the Son and with the Spirit. Lead us on, your great array, saints and sinners celebrating your triumphant love today.

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Prayer of Approach

L: God our Maker, we praise you for all the wonders in your creation: for the detailed perfection revealed in a baby's tiny fingers, in pussy willows unzipping their jackets to greet the spring, in each rock face worn by wind and water, witnessing to your ancient design like wrinkles around an aging smile. Such details lift our hearts to praise you. So let the life, teaching and resurrection of the Risen Christ lift and instruct our hearts this day, that we may greet a new week as an occasion to discover him in our midst, making all things new in the springtime of your Holy Spirit. Amen!

Laying Down our Burdens

Psalm 4

L: Answer me when I call, O God of my right!

P: You gave me room when I was in distress. Be gracious to me, and hear my prayer.

L: How long, you people, shall my honour suffer shame? How long will you love vain words and seek after lies?

P: But know that the LORD has set apart the faithful for himself; the LORD hears when I call to him.

L: When you are disturbed, do not sin; ponder it on your beds, and be silent.

P: Offer right sacrifices, and put your trust in the LORD.

L: There are many who say, "O that we might see some good! Let the light of your face shine on us, O LORD!"

P: You have put gladness in my heart more than when their grain and wine abound. I will both lie down and sleep in peace, for you alone, O LORD, make me lie down in safety.

Video Reading: Luke 24:36b-48, Read by Sylvia Brooks

1 John 3:1-7

¹See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

⁴Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive

you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

Acts 3:12-19

¹²When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, "Fellow Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk?" ¹³The God of Abraham and Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. ¹⁴But you rejected the holy and righteous one and asked to have a murderer given to you, ¹⁵and you killed the author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

¹⁷"And now, brothers and sisters, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹Repent, therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out,

Hymn #631 Jesus' hands were kind hands

1. Jesus' hands were kind hands, doing good to all, healing pain and sickness, blessing children small, washing tired feet and saving those who fall; Jesus' hands were kind hands, doing good to all.

2. Take my hands, Lord Jesus, let them work for you; make them strong and gentle, kind in all I do. Let me watch you, Jesus, till I'm gentle too, till my hands are kind hands, quick to work for you.

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Family Time

Life and Work of the Church

Celebration of our Generosity

Offertory: Lord of all Hopefulness

Sung by Jane Bennett

Sermon: "Is it a sin to..."

Prayers of the People

Hymn: #634 Will you come and follow me

1. Will you come and follow me if I but call your name? Will you go where you don't know and never be the same? Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known; will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

2. Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name? Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same? Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare? Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

3. Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name? Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same? Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,

and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?

4. Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name? Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same? Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around, through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?

5. Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name. Let me turn and follow you and never be the same. In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show, Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

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Benediction

Choral Response #620 Go now in peace

1. Go now in peace; though friends must part, your presence lives in every heart.

Your gifts to us no words can tell: go now in peace, in Christ go well.

2. Go now in hope, and hopeful stay, though shadowed valleys hide your way; through good and evil, joy and pain, with God, in Spirit, you remain.

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Postlude: This is the Day of the Lord by C. Kreuzer



Funeral service for Johanna (Joan)

Zondag. Friends will be received at Lounsbury Funeral Home on Wednesday, April 17, 2024 from 10:30 a.m. with a Memorial Service to follow at 11 a.m. A reception will follow the service in the funeral home lounge.

