

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

Organist: Martin Bohl
Greeters: Jean McMurtrie
Beadle: Elaine McLean
Worship Assistant: Joanne Waugh
Sunday School: Lori Marsh & Alexis Smith
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

Next Week's Sermon:



The **Women in the Bible Study** will continue next Wednesday, May 8, at 10 am in the Foyer. We will be turning to the story of Bathsheba and the people her life affected.

**You saw her bathing...
What were you doing on the roof?**



DAILY PRAYERS

The Presbyterian Church in Canada



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

Sunday, April 28 (Mission Awareness Sunday) We give thanks for the service of all former PCC mission staff who worked with the church outside of Canada in creative and courageous ways and often under difficult circumstances.

Monday, April 29 We pray for our church's incredible history and that, with faith, we will pass on our heritage to generations who will follow us.

Tuesday, April 30 We pray for the many members of the PCC on various ecumenical church councils and working groups, as well as representatives involved in interfaith conversations. We thank God for their involvement and the ways we connect with other Christians and faith traditions.

Wednesday, May 1 We pray for students who are graduating in May from The Presbyterian College, Montreal. May it be a time of joy, celebrating the hard work and successes of each student; may each one experience God's leading in next steps as they discern direction in their respective callings.

Thursday, May 2 We pray for St. Marys Presbyterian Church in St. Marys Ontario. God bless the children there who are interested in Indigenous people and their cultures. May their personal gifts and passions be used to further the kingdom of Peace on earth.

Friday, May 3 We pray for General Assembly commissioners as they prepare to help the church discern the mind of Christ for our denomination.

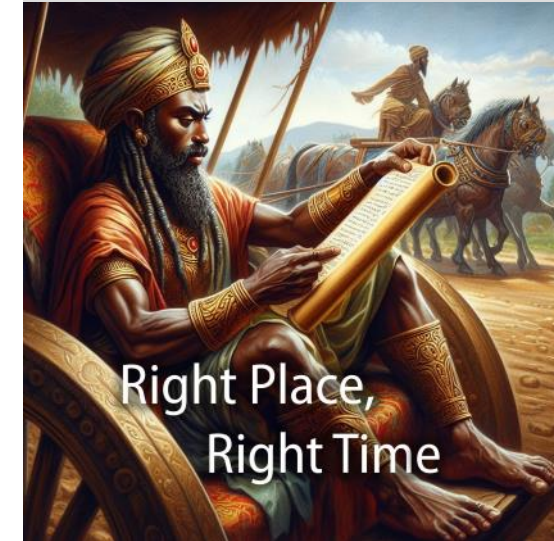
Saturday, May 4 We pray for the congregation of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church (Lunenburg, NS) as they work through the PCC's New Beginnings Renewal Program to discern their next steps in ministry.

Mission Moment: April 28

The Reformed Parish in Csap/Chop, a congregation of the Reformed Church in Transcarpathia in western Ukraine, has been providing temporary shelter and food for people displaced by the war. Their social kitchen program includes hot food delivery to elderly congregation members who live alone and are unable to cook for themselves. With limited resources, Bishop Zan-Fabian reached out to the PCC for financial support to continue this ministry of care. The PCC provided a grant from Presbyterians Sharing, fulfilling the law of Christ to bear one another's burdens.



**St. Andrew's Hespeler
Presbyterian Church
April 28, 2024
5th Sunday of Easter**



St. Andrew's Hespeler
Presbyterian Church
73 Queen Street East,
Cambridge, ON N3C 2A9
519-658-2652

Rev. Scott McAndless: smcandless@standrewshespeler.ca
Joni Smith: jsmith@standrewshespeler.ca
Email: office@standrewshespeler.ca
Prayer Requests: prayerchain@standrewshespeler.ca
Website: www.standrewshespeler.ca
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: Devotion by A. Schreiner

Welcome

Call to Worship:

L: Like spring breaking through winter's power,

P: God's resurrecting power breaks into our lives in surprising ways.

L: Like the vine that supports blossoms and fruit,

P: God's Word upholds the church in strength.

L: Let us worship God who makes all things new.

P: We will praise God who brings growth and renewal to all life.

Hymn #491 God bless your church with strength (Tune #274)

1. God bless your church with strength! Wherever we may be, upbuild your servants as we work in common ministry. Urge us from fledgling faith to venture and to soar through open skies to sing the praise of Christ whom we adore.

2. God bless your church with life! May all our branches thrive, unblemished, wholesome, bearing fruit, abundantly alive. From you, one holy vine, in freedom may we grow; sustain us in our mission, Lord, your love and peace to show.

3. God bless your church with hope! Despite chaotic days, may we in darkness shine to light a pathway through life's maze. May justice be our aim, and kindness ours to share; in humbleness oh may we walk, assured our God is there!

Words: public domain

Prayer of Approach

L: Holy God, Creator of all things; you are our hope and the source of all wisdom. Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord, you are the vine and we are the branches. Your love is our strength. Your energy is our joy. Holy Spirit, you nourish our faith so that we can bear fruit in many different ways. We gather to offer our worship and praise you as Holy God, Loving Son and Holy Spirit, ever Three and ever One. Amen.

Laying Down our Burdens

Psalm 22:25-31

L: From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those who fear him.

P: The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the LORD. May your hearts live forever!

L: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD,

P: and all the families of the nations shall worship before him.

L: For dominion belongs to the LORD, and he rules over the nations.

P: To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down;

L: before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall live for him.

P: Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that he has done it.

Video Reading: John 15:1-8; Allison Cann

Acts 8:26-40

²⁶Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) ²⁷So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, the queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." ³⁰So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" ³¹He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. ³²Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth.

³³In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth."

³⁴The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" ³⁵Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶As they were going along the road, they came to some water, and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" ³⁸He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. ³⁹When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Hymn #704 Teach me, God, to wonder

1. Teach me, God, to wonder; teach me, God, to see; let your world of beauty capture me.

Refrain: Praise to you be given; love for you be lived, life be celebrated; joy you give.

2. Let me, God, be open; let me loving be; let your world of people speak to me. *Refrain*

3. Let me, God, be ready; let me be awake, in your world of loving, my place take. *Refrain*

4. Teach me, God, to know you, hear you when you speak, see you in my neighbour when we meet. *Refrain*

Words: copyright © Ron Klusmeier 1973

Family Time

Life and Work of the Church

Celebration of our Generosity

Offertory: Softly and Tenderly by Lani Smith

Sermon: Right Place, Right Time.

Prayers of the People

Hymn: #489 Help us to help each other, Lord

1. Help us to help each other, Lord, each other's cross to share, let each our friendly aid afford and feel each other's care.

2. Up into thee, our living Head, let us in all things grow, and by thy sacrifice be led the fruits of love to show.

3. Drawn by the magnet of thy love let all our hearts agree, and ever to each other move, and ever nearer thee.

4. This is the bond of perfectness, thy spotless charity. Oh let us still, we pray possess the mind that was in thee.

Words: Public domain

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.

Words © 1993 by Hope Publishing Co.

Postlude: Hymn of Faith by C. Gluck

Did you know ...

You can sign up for our **weekly emails** by letting Joni know you'd like to be added to our mailing list. We send out weekly emails and emails to highlight special events & services. Contact Joni, jsmith@standrewshespeler.ca



Want to sign up for our weekly email?

Email Joni to be added to our list. Click the link below.

We are going to start working on some safety features for our **Sunday School programs**. Families will be asked to fill out registration forms for their child(ren). The information will be kept confidential and only use for our record keeping or in the case of an



emergency. Look for more information coming home in the next few weeks that will explain some of the features we will be working on and our Leading with Care policy.

Speaking of updating records ... in the coming weeks we will also be asking **volunteers** to fill out some basic forms to make sure that we

are all safe. Mostly we will be asking for emergency contact information. Accidents aren't planned on, but it's nice to have someone to contact when they do happen! If you have any questions or concerns, please speak with Joni.

And ... **Covenant of Care** forms will be circulated again to our Elders, Deacons and volunteers. You will be asked to read it and sign it. This form acts as a reminder to us, a reminder as to what we believe in and how we conduct ourselves, how we treat others. It is a promise that we make to ourselves and each other so that we can ensure St. Andrew's is providing a safe place for all of us.

