

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

Organist: Martin Bohl
Greeters: Kathy Bott
Beadle: Joanne Waugh
Worship Assistant: Carol Johnston
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
Wednesday: Women in the Bible 10:00 am
Thursday: Hope Clothing Noon—2:00 pm
Thursday: Food Bank 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!

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 sympathy of the congregation is extended to Heather & Daniel Henderson and family on the recent death of Heather's mother, Frances McCann.



DAILY PRAYERS

The Presbyterian Church in Canada



Prayer Partnership

Engaging in God's Mission
Through Word and Action

Sunday, April 7 We pray for PWS&D partners who are compassionately walking alongside those suffering from tuberculosis, HIV, leprosy and malaria. May their collective journey toward health and prosperity be filled with strength, support and positive outcomes.

Monday, April 8 We pray for the Assembly Council as it meets to prepare reports for the upcoming General Assembly, that it will focus on the hopes and possibilities of Christ's church as we continue in ministry and mission together.

Tuesday, April 9 We pray for Jill Foster and the ministry of healing and reconciliation she does with Indigenous people, organizations and communities, and her partnership with churches in the Montreal area.

Wednesday, April 10 On this International Day of Pink, we pray for an end to bullying against the 2SLGBTQIA+ community, and for greater acceptance of diversity, equality, and inclusivity.

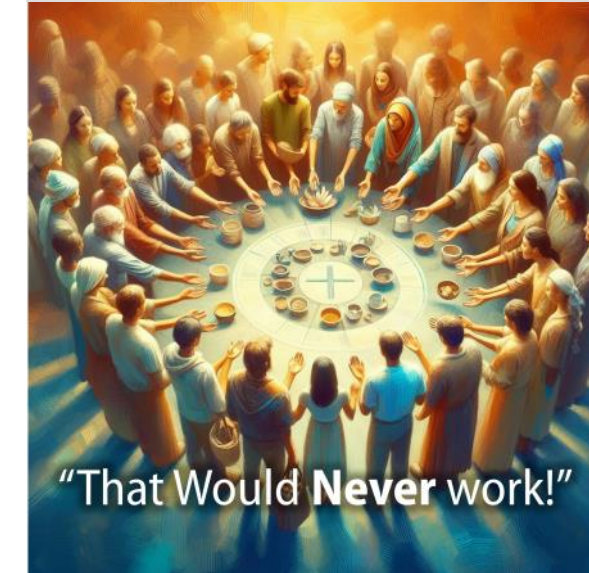
Thursday, April 11 We pray for ministers who are on inter-mission that they will be blessed by a sabbath time where they can be open to the presence of the Holy One in their lives.

Friday, April 12 We pray for Crieff Hills Retreat Centre, Executive Director Kristine O'Brien and staff as they offer warm hospitality in Jesus' name.

Saturday, April 13 As the Women's Missionary Society synodicals meet for their annual meetings, we pray for the Rev. Sarah Kim, who has been the Executive Director of the WMS since September 2001.

Mission Moment: April 7

Katia Bien-Aime, a senior nurse and coordinator for a nutrition program in Haiti, recalls a time when a significant number of children failed to return for follow-up care after initial treatment at the nutrition clinic. She knew something needed to be done. In response, PWS&D's partner, who also runs the original clinic, decided to begin mobile clinics. Today, these mobile units have proven successful in bridging the gap and allowing healthcare providers to get closer to their patients, easier follow-ups and enabling the delivery of crucial basic medical care directly to villages and homes. "It worked," Katia says. "We were able to get to the really sick kids faster and earlier." In addition, the mobile units provide tools to make water safe for drinking and to promote better sanitation and hygiene practices.



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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.

Prelude: Ere yet the Dawn hath Filled the Skies by J. S. Bach

Welcome

Call to Worship:

L: We gather with joy, for Easter continues.

P: Locked doors have been opened and fear has turned to peace.

L: We celebrate the presence of the Risen Christ among us.

P: Doubts can be erased and uncertainty turned to faith.

L: Let us rejoice and be glad!

P: We offer our prayers and praise with humble, hopeful hearts.

Hymn #247 Christ the Lord is risen today

1. Christ the Lord is risen today, all creation join to say.

Raise your joys and triumphs high; sing, ye heavens, and earth,
reply.

Love's redeeming work is done, fought the fight, the battle won:
lo! Our sun's eclipse is o'er; lo! He sets in blood no more.

2. Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Christ hath burst the gates of hell.

Death in vain forbids him rise; Christ hath opened paradise. Lives again our glorious King: where, O death, is now thy sting? Once he died our souls to save; where thy victory, O grave?

3. Soar we now where Christ hath led, following our exalted Head; made like him, like him we rise; ours the cross, the grave, the skies.

Hail! The Lord of earth and heaven! Praise to thee by both be given;

every knee to thee shall bow, risen Christ triumphant now.

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Prayer of Approach

L: God of new life, we come to you, rejoicing in the mystery of the Risen Christ, present among us always, even when we least expect him. We marvel at your constant love, your victory over death, and your resurrecting hope which embraces us in every circumstance. Trusting in these gifts, we seek to live as Easter people in every time and place. Fill us with the gift of your Holy Spirit in this time of worship, and grant us your peace through Christ, our Risen Saviour. Amen!

Laying Down our Burdens

Psalm 133

L: How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

P: It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes.

L: It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion.

P: For there the LORD ordained his blessing, life forevermore.

Video Reading: John 20:19-31 Read by Joanne Waugh

Acts 4:32-35

³² Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. ³³ With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴ There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. ³⁵ They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

Hymn #250 I danced in the morning / Lord of the dance

1. I danced in the morning when the world was begun, and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun, and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth; at Bethlehem I had my birth.

*Refrain: Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,
and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.*

2. I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,
but they would not dance and they wouldn't follow me;
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John;
they came with me and the dance went on. *Refrain*

3. I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame:
the holy people said it was a shame.
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me high,
and they left me there on a cross to die. *Refrain*

4. I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black;
it's hard to dance with the devil on your back.
They buried my body, and they thought I'd gone,
but I am the dance, and I still go on. *Refrain*

5. They cut me down and I leap up high;
I am the life that'll never, never die;
I'll live in you if you'll live in me;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. *Refrain*

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Family Time

Life and Work of the Church

Celebration of our Generosity

Offertory: Andantino by Schubert

Sermon: That would never work!

Prayers of the People

Hymn: #251 Christ is alive

1. Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. The cross stands empty to the sky. Let streets and homes with praises ring. Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

2. Christ is alive! No longer bound to distant years in Palestine, but saving, healing, here and now and touching every place and time.

3. In every insult, rift and war, where colour, scorn or wealth divide, Christ suffers still, yet loves the more, and lives, where even hope has died.

4. Women and men, in age and youth, can feel the Spirit, hear the call, and find the way, the life, the truth, revealed in Jesus, freed for all.

5. Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and every age, till earth and sky and ocean ring with joy, with justice, love and praise.

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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: Easter Dialogue by G. Martin

Next Week's Sermon:



The Women in the Bible

Study will continue on this Wednesday, April 10, at 10 am in the Foyer. Coffee and tea will be served and the study is for everyone (not just for women!)

We'll be looking at the stories of two Midianite Women who saved the nation of Israel.

