

Many thanks to **Debbie Ellis Watercolours, My Sister's Ideas, and The Craft Shoppe Canada** for leading the Christmas in October workshops that we hosted last weekend. Approximately 60 individuals participated in these fun, creative workshops. We had a chance to make new friends, get reacquainted, learn some new artistic techniques and have fun. There were lots of laughs and many more, "Oh, I like that." It's amazing to see the finished products. We all start out with the same supplies and directions and end up with something totally unique. Stay tuned for some more fun at our Annual Spring Fling starting in March 2025.

Rev. Scott McAndless will be taking a few days of Continuing Education starting later today to November 6. While he is away, you may contact the following clergy should an emergency arise.

- Rev. Aubrey Botha Office Nov 5-6 (519-623-1080 or cell: 518-241-2413)
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Spotlight on Outreach ...

For many years a goal of St. Andrew's has been to reach out to the community and serve wherever we are needed. Spotlight on Outreach will be a multi week feature highlighting some of the amazing work that is done through St. Andrew's.

We will begin with Hope Clothing. Hope Clothing provides free clothing to members of the community. Whether you need some extra help to make ends meet, are reusing clothing to be environmentally responsible, getting some children's clothing because kiddos grow so fast, or any other reason you are welcome to shop at Hope Clothing.

We have a strong volunteer base led by Karen Kincaid. We have 10 regular volunteers who sort clothing and help clients shop, all of whom are from the Hespeler Community. One regular (St. Andrew's) volunteer removes clothing that we are not able to use and takes it to be passed on to the next organization that can use it.

Many donations come from our members and the community. Some donations that we cannot use are sent to a group in Fergus who uses parts of the clothing to create pajamas for babies and children in Haiti.

Next Week's Sermon:



DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, November 3 We pray for students at the end of the fall semester. Give them all the grace and determination to finish well.

Monday, November 4 We pray for the Committee on History as it helps to keep the church's history alive.

Tuesday, November 5 We pray for Knox College as it celebrates the 180th anniversary of its founding on November 5, 1844. With joyful gratitude for the students the College has served since its founding, and for continued discernment of God's call to equip and prepare students for service and ministry.

Wednesday, November 6 We give thanks for the staff and volunteers of Tyndale St-Georges Community Centre who create a safe, loving and empowering space for the community of Little Burgundy in Montreal, QC.

Thursday, November 7 We pray for the work of the Committee on Education and Reception as it meets this week.

Friday, November 8 We pray for congregations confronted with difficult decisions about closing their churches, that Jesus' love and compassion may guide their conversations in celebrating their past and leaving a legacy for the future.

Saturday, November 9 We pray for the Church Doctrine Committee as it continues working on the preambles to the ordination vows.

The Presbyterian Church in Canada



Prayer Partnership

Engaging in God's Mission Through Word and Action

Mission Moment: November 3



When we give to Presbyterians Sharing, we participate in God's mission by proclaiming love, hope and grace through the words we use, the decisions we make and the actions we take. Together we provide funding for ministries, help congregations navigate challenging times, equip leaders to serve the church around the world, speak for those who have been silenced and marginalized, fight racism and discrimination, provide spaces for Indigenous and non-Indigenous people to walk together on a journey of healing and reconciliation and build a church where all are welcome.

Together we are stewards of gifts from God, and through the power of God, we are accomplishing far more than we could ever imagine.

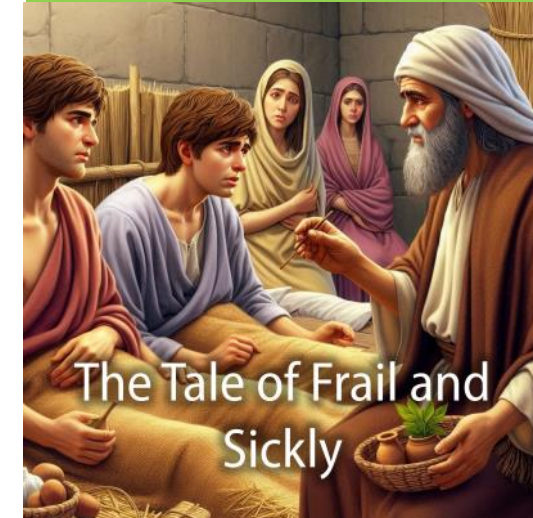


Presbyterians Sharing

St. Andrew's Hespeler Presbyterian Church

November 3, 2024

24th Sunday after Pentecost



The Tale of Frail and Sickly

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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: All Saints New by H. Willan

Call to Worship

L: Bless the Lord at all times;

P: God's praise will always be on our lips.

L: Make great the name of God;

P: We will lift up God's holy name together.

L: For the Lord is our God, the Lord alone.

P: We will love the Lord with heart, mind, strength and soul, and praise God now and always.

Hymn #477 Your hand, O God, has guided

Prayer of approach:

L: God of promise and purpose, in you we live and move and have our being. You are the Fountain of life, and you refresh us. You are the Light of the world, and you show us the way. You are the Spirit of life, and you move in us each new day. So we join our voices with the angels and archangels, with the saints and disciples of every time and place, to worship you as Creator, Healer, and Source of our hope and our joy. Praise be to you, God most holy, ever Three and ever One, world without end. **Amen.**

Laying Down our Burdens (The Deer's Cry , Sung by Jane Bennett)

Psalm 146

L: Praise the LORD!

P: Praise the LORD, O my soul!

L: I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

P: I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

L: Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help.

P: When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish.

L: Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,

P: whose hope is in the LORD their God, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever; who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry.

L: The LORD sets the prisoners free;

P: the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.

L: The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;

P: the LORD loves the righteous.

L: The LORD watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow,

P: but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

L: The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations.

P: Praise the LORD!

Mark 12:28-34 Read by Sylvia Brooks

Ruth 1:1-18

¹ In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land, and a certain man of Bethlehem in Judah went to live in the country of Moab, he and his wife and two sons. ² The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion; they were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. ³ But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. ⁴ These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. When they had lived there about ten years, ⁵ both Mahlon and Chilion also died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband.

⁶ Then she started to return with her daughters-in-law from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that the LORD had considered his people and given them food. ⁷ So she set

out from the place where she had been living, she and her two daughters-in-law, and they went on their way to go back to the land of Judah. ⁸ But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go back each of you to your mother's house. May the LORD deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. ⁹ The LORD grant that you may find security, each of you in the house of your husband." Then she kissed them, and they wept aloud. ¹⁰ They said to her, "No, we will return with you to your people." ¹¹ But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters. Why will you go with me? Do I still have sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? ¹² Turn back, my daughters, go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. Even if I thought there was hope for me, even if I should have a husband tonight and bear sons, ¹³ would you then wait until they were grown? Would you then refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, it has been far more bitter for me than for you, because the hand of the LORD has turned against me." ¹⁴ Then they wept aloud again. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law goodbye, but Ruth clung to her.

¹⁵ So she said, "Look, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law." ¹⁶ But Ruth said,

"Do not press me to leave you,
to turn back from following you!

Where you go, I will go;
where you lodge, I will lodge;
your people shall be my people
and your God my God.

¹⁷ Where you die, I will die,
and there will I be buried.

May the LORD do thus to me,
and more as well,

if even death parts me from you!"

¹⁸ When Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more to her.

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

Family Time

Life and Work of the Church

Celebration of our Generosity

Offertory: Morning Song by Mendelssohn

Sermon: The Tale of Frail and Sickly

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

(... forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors...)

Hymn #654 O God of Bethel, by whose hand

Benediction

Choral Response

Go now in peace...never be afraid.

God will go with you each hour of every day.

Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.

Know He will guide you in all you do.

Go now in love, and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there, watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

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Postlude: Postlude by Handel

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

Worship Assistant: Vin Seunath

Organist: Martin Bohl

Soloist: Jane Bennett

Tech Team: Dylan Smith & Laura Einwechter

Sunday School: Lori Marsh

Greeter: Brenda Holm

Beadle: Joanne Waugh

This Week at St. Andrew's Hespeler

Monday: Women's Empowerment Group 9:30 am

Tuesday: Hope Clothing 9:30 -11:00 am

Wednesday: Hope Clothing 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Wednesday: Mobile Food Market 12:30 - 1:30 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 on this Wednesday November 13 at 10 am in the foyer with a look at the story of the Witch of Endor.

Coming Up at St. Andrew's Hespeler

Thursday, November 21: Book Club discussion 7:00 pm

Sunday, November 10: Congregational Meeting following worship

Tuesday, November 19: Session/Deacon call out 7:00 pm

Monday, December 2: Child babysit so parents can go shopping 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Tuesday, December 12: New Hope Friends group Christmas Social 7:00 - 9:00 pm

+ more Keep watching your bulletins and emails for more events and special dates