

Some important upcoming events

Sep 7—Sunday School Kick-off!

Sep 14—Who Are We Now? Part 3 with potluck lunch

Sep 20 & Oct 22 & 25—Fall workshops

Oct 5—The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Oct 5—Small Group Sunday

Nov 8— Annual Dream Auction (a great time to do some Christmas shopping)

Dec 14—Family Christmas service with (Ugly) Christmas sweater competition!

Dec 21—Mass Choir/Multi Church Christmas Service

Dec 21—Longest Night Service

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

Organist: Martin Bohl
Greeters: Jean Godin
Beadle: Carol Johnston
Worship Assistant: Sylvia Brooks
Tech Team: Jacob Marsh & Dylan Smith

This Week at St. Andrew's Hespeler

Tuesday: Hope Clothing 9:00—11:30 am
Wednesday: Mobile Food Market 12:30—1:30 pm
Thursday: Hope Clothing Noon—2:00 pm

Thank you. We would like to thank everyone for their cards, prayers and thoughts during the time of Ray's sister's ill-health and passing and the passing of his step-nephew. It was a comfort to all of us.

Ray & Jean Godin

Next Week's Sermon



Please keep all of our students and educators in your prayers this week as they return to or start a new school for the very first time. And please keep those in your prayers who have graduated and are starting new careers right now. It is an exciting, but stressful time. Congratulations to Adria for making the rugby team at University of Waterloo!

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DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, August 31 (International Day for People of African Descent) We recognize and honour the leadership and contributions of Black people across all aspects of society.

Monday, September 1 (Labour Day) We pray for presbyteries as they gather after a summer respite to continue caring for the congregations and ministers within their boundaries. We also pray for their clerks and moderators as they prepare to offer leadership within their courts.

Tuesday, September 2 We pray for God's guidance for the Women's Missionary Society Council Executive as the members meet from September 2-4 for their regular business and the overall work of the WMS.

Wednesday, September 3 We pray for all of the students attending our theological colleges. May God grant them strength, clarity of mind, and the ability to balance all aspects of their busy lives.

Thursday, September 4 We pray that God's Spirit will guide the deliberations of the Committee on Church Doctrine in their upcoming meetings.

Friday, September 5 We give thanks as the Rev. Jeffrey Murray begins his appointment as the Deputy Clerk in the General Assembly Office.

Saturday, September 6 We pray for students and instructors at all levels of education, that this year's studies will bring fresh challenges and provoke curiosity and a hunger for wider knowledge and deeper wisdom.



Presbyterians
Sharing

Mission Moment: August 31

Thanks to the generous support of gifts made to Presbyterians Sharing, Tyndale St-Georges Community Centre is creating a safe and nurturing environment where children can thrive.

Located in the heart of Little Burgundy, a vibrant community in South-West Montreal, the centre offers a wide range of Early Childhood and Family programs. Children can participate in a variety of activities, including computer programming, arts and crafts, sports, and team-building challenges. Specialty programs in music, drama, science, gardening and cooking also offer unique opportunities for exploration and creativity. Through these efforts, the centre is empowering young minds, nurturing growth, and inspiring positive changes in children and youth.



St. Andrew's Hespeler Presbyterian Church August 31, 2025 Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

What Johnny
Taught Me
About God's
Kingdom



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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: Chorale Prelude on "Melcombe" by C.H. Parry

Welcome

Call to Worship:

L: Sing aloud to God who is our strength!

P: Raise a shout of joy to the God of all generations!

L: For our God feeds us with the finest wheat;

P: with honey from the rock God will satisfy.

L: Let us worship the Lord our God,

P: For God has done great things for us, and so we bring God praise.

Hymn #765 We've a story to tell to the nations

1. We've a story to tell to the nations that shall turn their hearts to the right,
a story of truth and mercy, a story of peace and light, a story of peace and light,

Refrain: *for the darkness shall turn to dawning, and the dawning to noon-day bright, and Christ’s great kingdom shall come on earth, the kingdom of love and light.*

2. We’ve a song to be sung to the nations that shall lift their hearts to the Lord, a song that shall conquer evil and shatter the spear and sword, and shatter the spear and sword, *Refrain.*

3. We’ve a message to give to the nations, that the Lord who reigneth above hath sent us his Son to save us, and show us that God is love, and show us that God is love, *Refrain.*

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Prayer of Approach
L: God of all generations, you are the Source of all life and the strength of our lives. You know us through and through. In Jesus Christ, you entered our lives and showed us how to live with hope and generosity. Through the Holy Spirit, you nourish us each day to inspire acts of hospitality and kindness to those we meet. As we worship you, fill us with your living water to refresh our faith, and make us a blessing to others as we serve you in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Laying Down our Burdens

Responsive Psalm 81:1, 10-16

L: Sing aloud to God our strength;

P: shout for joy to the God of Jacob.

L: I am the LORD your God, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt.

P: Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.

L: “But my people did not listen to my voice; Israel would not submit to me.

P: So I gave them over to their stubborn hearts, to follow their own counsels. O that my people would listen to me, that Israel would walk in my ways!

L: Then I would quickly subdue their enemies and turn my hand against their foes. Those who hate the LORD would cringe before him, and their doom would last forever.

P: I would feed you with the finest of the wheat, and with honey from the rock I would satisfy you.”

Luke 14:12-24

¹² [Jesus] said also to the one who had invited him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers and sisters or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. ¹³ But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. ¹⁴ And you will be blessed because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

¹⁵ One of the dinner guests, on hearing this, said to him, “Blessed is anyone who will eat bread in the kingdom of God!” ¹⁶ Then Jesus said to him, “Someone gave a great dinner and invited many. ¹⁷ At the time for the dinner he sent his slave to say to those who had been invited, ‘Come, for everything is ready now.’ ¹⁸ But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, ‘I have bought a piece of land, and I must go out and see it; please accept my regrets.’ ¹⁹ Another said, ‘I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to try them out; please accept my regrets.’ ²⁰ Another said, ‘I have just been married, and therefore I cannot come.’ ²¹ So the slave returned and reported this to his master. Then the owner of the house became angry and said to his slave, ‘Go out at once into the streets and lanes of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind, and the lame.’ ²² And the slave said, ‘Sir, what you ordered has been done, and there is still room.’ ²³ Then the master said to the slave, ‘Go out into the roads and lanes, and compel people to come in, so that my house may be filled. ²⁴ For I tell you, none of those who were invited will taste my dinner.’”

Hymn: I Cannot Come

Refrain: I cannot come, I cannot come to the banquet, Don’t trouble me now, I have married a wife, I have bought me a cow, I have fields and commitments, That cost a pretty sum, Pray hold me excused I cannot come.

1. A certain man held a feast On his fine estate in town.
He laid a festive table, He wore a wedding gown,
He sent out invitations To his neighbors far and wide,
But when the meal was ready Each of them replied: *Refrain*

2. The master rose up in anger Called his servants by name, said
Go into town, fetch the blind and the lame
Fetch the peasant and the pauper For this I have willed:
My banquet must be crowded, And my table must be filled. *Refrain*

3. When all the poor had assembled There was still room to spare,
So the master demanded: Go search everywhere.
Search the highways and the byways, And tell them to come in
My table must be filled Before the banquet can begin. *Refrain*

4. Now God has written a lesson For all humankind:
If we are slow in responding He may leave us behind.
He is preparing a banquet For that great and glorious day,
When the Lord and Master calls Us be certain not to say:

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Family Time

Life and Work of the Church

Celebration of Generosity

Offertory: Intermezzo by H. Willan

Sermon: What Johnny Taught Me About God’s Kingdom

Prayers of the People and Lord’s Prayer

Hymn #592 I, the Lord of sea and sky
1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Refrain: Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night;
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people’s pain.
I have wept for love of them: they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? *Refrain*

3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them; my hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? *Refrain*

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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 on "Duke Street" by Robert Lau

FALL WORKSHOPS

Saturday, September 20th; 9:00—11:30 am & 1:00—3:30 pm

The morning and afternoon workshops are the same, so you can do one of each, watercolour painting with Debbie Ellis Watercolours or sign painting with My Sister’s Ideas.
You must pre-register for each workshop.
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SAT SEPT 20
9-11:30 OR 1-3:30
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