

Some important upcoming even

Sep 20 & Oct 22 & 25—Fall workshops

Sep 28: The Sacrament of Baptism followed by a Baptism Tea

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

Greeter: Jean Godin

Beadle:

Worship Assistant: Sylvia Brooks

Sunday School: Alexis Smith

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

Thursday: Vision Team meeting

Today, following worship, we will join together downstairs to enjoy a time of fellowship with a pot luck lunch. If you are able, please bring some food to share. (Please do not bring anything that contains

nuts

or seafood.)

All help to set out the lunch and clean up will be appreciated.

Following our lunch we will continue our discussion about our identity together. We hope to hear from the work that our teams did over the summer and consider how we may continue this journey towards better defining who God is calling us to be in this time and place.



Church Potluck

Next Week's Sermon



Save The Date!!

What: Our Annual Dream Auction

Where: St. Andrew's Hespeler Presbyterian Church

When: Saturday November 8, 2025

Time: 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Our annual Live & Silent Auction is being held Saturday November 8, 2025. Back by popular demand, Gary Stewart has graciously agreed to be our live auction auctioneer again this year! Our New Hope Friends group will be providing desserts, tea and coffee beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Please think about a talent you have that could be auctioned as part of our live auction. Items or services auctioned as part of our talent auction in the past include hand made scones, pies, a delivered or hosted dinner, a morning of yard clean up to name a few. We also reach out to local businesses for donations to be part of our silent auction table. There is a live auction sign up sheet at the back of the sanctuary beginning today.

Please reach out to Joni Smith or Donald Paddock (dpadd5323@rogers.com) if you have any questions or you know of a local business who would donate to our Silent Auction Table. Also, our committee is always looking for more hands to assist so if you'd like to help, talk to Joni or Donald.

This is a really fun night out. Please consider bringing your extended family and friends.

Looking forward to seeing you on Saturday November 8th!!

Donald Paddock & Joni Smith
Conveyors - Dream Auction

Mission Moment: September 14

Next week (on September 21) we will celebrate the global event, International Day of Peace. Established by the United Nations in 1981, it allows individuals, groups, and nations to reflect on and take action to promote peace within their communities. Today, peace can feel distant as wars and emergencies unfold in Sudan, Gaza, Ukraine, Haiti, Yemen, and elsewhere. Yet, even in the darkest moments, inspired by our faith, we find hope in the work being done to bring relief. PWS&D is committed to fostering peace by providing lifesaving aid, psychosocial support, hygiene kits and medical supplies to those affected by conflict in the world. As we mark this day, let us reflect on Jesus' words: "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God" (Matthew 5:9).



St. Andrew's Hespeler Presbyterian Church September 14, 2025 Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost



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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: Dearest Jesus, At Your Word by Paul Manz

Welcome

Call to Worship:

L: O God, you have searched us and known us.

P: You know when we sit down and when we rise up.

L: You discern our thoughts from far away.

P: Before a word is on our tongues, Lord, you know it completely.

L: Such knowledge is too wonderful for us, and so we humble ourselves in worship.

P: In this hour, search us and know our hearts, O God, and lead us in the way everlasting.

Hymn #348 Tell me the stories of Jesus

1. Tell me the stories of Jesus I love to hear,
things I would ask him to tell me if he were here:
scenes by the wayside, tales of the sea,
stories of Jesus, tell them to me.

2. First, let me hear how the children stood round his knee,
and I shall fancy his blessing resting on me:
words full of kindness, deeds full of grace,
all in the lovelight of Jesus’ face.

3. Tell me about the disciples from far and near,
and I will listen among them eager to hear.
Whose loaves and fishes did Jesus bless,
showing the people God’s tenderness?

4. Tell me, in accents of wonder, how rolled the sea,
tossing the boat in a tempest on Galilee,
and how the Master, ready and kind,
chided the billows and hushed the wind.

5. Into the city I’d follow the children’s band,
waving a branch of the palm tree high in my hand;
one of his heralds, yes, I would sing
loudest hosannas: Jesus is King!

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Prayer of Approach

L: Storytelling God, we gather in your presence this day, called by the stories of your people over the centuries. You are the source of wisdom we seek, Your mercy eases the troubles that stir our hearts. And we come to praise you, for your stories have the power to challenge us and change us. Draw near to us as we draw near to you this day. Tell us the stories that will change our lives, through the grace of Jesus Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Laying Down our Burdens

Hymn #400 Spirit of the living God (v. 2)

2. Spirit of the living God, move among us all; make us one in heart and mind; make us one in love:
humble, caring, selfless, sharing. Spirit of the living God, fill our lives with love!

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Responsive Psalm 14

L: Fools say in their hearts, “There is no God.”

P: They are corrupt; they do abominable deeds; there is no one who does good.

L: The LORD looks down from heaven on humankind to see if there are any who are wise, who seek after God.

P: They have all gone astray; they are all alike perverse; there is no one who does good, no, not one.

L: Have they no knowledge, all the evildoers who eat up my people as they eat bread and do not call upon the LORD?

P: There they shall be in great terror, for God is with the company of the righteous. You would confound the plans of the poor, but the LORD is their refuge.

L: O that deliverance for Israel would come from Zion!

P: When the LORD restores the fortunes of his people, Jacob will rejoice; Israel will be glad.

Video Reading: Luke 15:1-10, Read by Elaine

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: *Refrain*

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Family Time

Life and Work of the Church

Celebration of Generosity

Offertory: O Saviour, Precious Saviour, by Healey Willan

Sermon: God at Work at the Wheel

Prayers of the People and Lord’s Prayer

Hymn #661 We give thee but thine own

1. We give thee but thine own, whate’er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

2. May we thy bounties thus as stewards true receive,
and gladly, as thou blessest us, to thee our first fruits give.

3. To comfort and to bless, to find a balm for woe,
to tend the lonely in distress is angels’ work below.

4. The captive to release, to God the lost to bring,
to teach the way of life and peace, it is a Christ-like thing,

5. and we believe thy word, though dim our faith may be
whate’er for thine we do, O Lord, we do it unto thee.

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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 by Johann Krieger

We haven’t printed the “Daily Prayers” in this week’s bulletin, but you can always find them here:

<https://presbyterian.ca/category/daily-prayer/>



We need to record some more bible readings! On Wednesday, September 17 @ 10:00 am we will gather in the sanctuary to record. If you’ve never tried it, please come and find out how it works. Readings are supplied to you, we record you reading and then we make a video with the recording. These recordings are used in worship and posted to our Sunday School YouTube channel. Please talk with Joni if you have any questions.

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
SUNSET SAIL



OPTION #1



OPTION #2



