

Some important upcoming events

Oct 5—The Sacrament of Holy Communion
Oct 5—Small Group Sunday: Explore the possibilities!
Oct 19: Birthday Cake Sunday
Oct 22 & 25—Fall workshops
October 26: St. Andrew's Heritage Day
Nov 8— Annual Dream Auction (a great time to do some Christmas shopping) Auction donation sheet is at the back of the sanctuary
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: Lynn Platt
Beadle: Vern Platt
Worship Assistant: Jane Bennett
Sunday School: Donald Paddock
Tech Team: Jacob Marsh, Dylan Smith, Laura Einwechter

This Week at St. Andrew's Hespeler

Monday: Women's Circles
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: Food Pantry Noon—2:00 pm

Attention singers and music lovers! Our mass choir/multi church Christmas service is being planned for Sunday, December 21 at 10:30 am. We are blessed to have Nancy Tilt as our choir director again this year.

Next Week's Sermon



She has already made plans and has chosen two (2) pieces for the mass choir to sing together. If you are interested in being a part of this mass choir please speak with Joni Smith or Jane Bennett so that they can send you the YouTube links for you to listen to and start practicing on your own. More details will follow regarding practice times, etc.

The "Women in the Bible" Study will start up again on Wednesday, October 1, at 10 am. We will meet in the foyer and coffee will be on for 10. Everyone is welcome. (It is not just for women!) This week we'll look at key examples of "Biblical Womanhood."



The flowers at the front of the sanctuary are placed in loving memory of Alice den Hartog, in honour of her birthday today.
With love, from her family.



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/>

Mission Moment: September 28

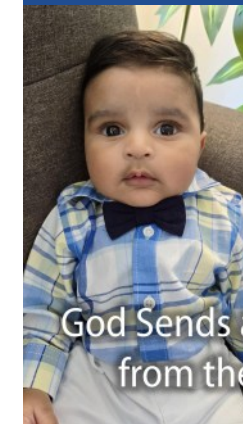


Presbyterians
Sharing

Through generous gifts to Presbyterians Sharing, Place of Hope Indigenous Presbyterian Church is planting seeds of faith in the hearts of many children. These young ones grow up to become disciples and leaders, sharing and nurturing the love of Jesus in the lives of other children and youth. Sunday School lessons focus on the Seven Sacred Teachings and the Fruit of the Spirit, guiding children and youth to apply these important principles in their daily lives. Despite the challenges many of these children face, including family and friends struggling with addiction and illness, these lessons help cultivate resilience, hope, and the understanding that no act of kindness is too small. Whether it's offering a smile, carrying a bag of groceries, or helping a friend, everyone can share God's love.



St. Andrew's Hespeler Presbyterian Church September 28, 2025 Celebration of Baptism



God Sends a Message
from the Spirit

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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: Folk Song by Cecil Gibbs

Call to Worship:

L: Friends, Arsalan and Amun have some Good News for us.

P: What's the Good News?

Parents (at the back of the sanctuary): *We have a son!*

Sisters: And we have a brother!

L: Praise God! We have new life among us. Let all the people say Amen.

P: Amen!

L: What is his name?

Parents: *He is called Ruhaan*

L: Why do you bring him here?

Parents: *That he may be blessed by God and included in God's community.*

P: Do you know that he needs to go through the waters of baptism?

Parents: *Yes we do, may we enter?*

L: May they enter?
P: Yes! We rejoice with you in the gift of your son, and we promise to provide you with a circle of belonging in which he will have a place. As friends, we will offer a home to worship God and learn the Sacred Story.

Hymn #521 Child of blessing, child of promise

Affirmations:
L: Please join me as we welcome this new life among us.
P: Little child, welcome to this world, this amazing and scary world. Welcome to light and dark, hot and cold, good and evil. Welcome to love and hate, truth and lies, good times and bad. Welcome to the long human pilgrimage from birth to death. Anything can happen here; everything is possible. Some things must be chosen; others left behind. Welcome to the real world and this circle of friends. Here we turn to God for help in making the choices that lead to life.

L: Ruhaan, for you Jesus Christ came into the world; for you he passed through the waters of baptism; for you he broke bread with sinners and outcasts; for you he endured the agony of the cross; for you he triumphed over death. You, little child, know nothing of this. How will you ever know? Who will ever tell you?

Parents: We will!
L: Ruhaan, this is too big a job for your parents alone. Who is going to help them?

P: We will!
Witnesses: And so will we!

L: Ruhaan, who will protect and nourish you until that day when you turn to God and say yes to God’s life of compassion, justice and peace?

Parents: We will!
L: Who is going to help them?

P: We will!
Witnesses: And so will we!

Baptismal Prayer
Heavenly Father, we thank you for the wonder of children and the gift of new life. We give thanks for this child who you love and sustain with your all-powerful hand. As Jesus knew love and discipline within a human family, may this child grow in strength and wisdom. As Mary knew the joys and pains of motherhood, give these parents your sustaining grace and love. May this child know your love, your wisdom and your care. May he grow up to live a life which glorifies you and brings blessing to others.

Bless these waters of baptism we pray. May they be signs of our new life in Christ, our incorporation into the body of Christ, and the hope that we all hold close. In Christ’s name we pray, Amen.

Act of Baptism

Welcome:
L: Friends, this is Ruhaan, a son of God!
P: Welcome, Ruhaan!
The Light of Christ
Arsalan William and Anum Saleem
Responsive Psalm 91: 1-6, 14-16
L: You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, will say to the LORD,
P: “My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust.”
L: For he will deliver you from the snare of the hunter and from the deadly pestilence;
P: he will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and defense.
L: You will not fear the terror of the night or the arrow that flies by day
P: or the pestilence that stalks in darkness or the destruction that wastes at noonday.
L: Those who love me, I will deliver;
P: I will protect those who know my name.
L: When they call to me, I will answer them;
P: I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue them and honor them. With long life I will satisfy them and show them my salvation.

Video Reading: Luke 16:19-31 Read by Sylvia
Acts 16:6-15
⁶They went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia. ⁷When they had come opposite Mysia, they attempted to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them; ⁸so, passing by Mysia, they went down to Troas. ⁹During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.” ¹⁰When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

¹¹We therefore set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, ¹²and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. ¹³On the Sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, “If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.” And she prevailed upon us.

Hymn #757 Come sing, O church, in joy!

Family Time

Life and Work of the Church

Celebration of Generosity
Offertory: Lord Jesus Christ, my Life, my Light by J.S. Bach
Sermon: God Sends a Message From the Spirit
Prayers of the People and Lord’s Prayer
Hymn #765 We’ve a story to tell to the nations
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: March by G. F. Handel

This morning we are very happy to welcome Ruhaan, son of Arsalan and Anum and brother of Iliena and Arya into the life of the church through baptism. We also welcome Ruhaan’s Godparents, Amir Nadeem and Samia Amir. The family would like to invite us all to join them for tea and cake to celebrate after the service.



FALL WORKSHOPS

October 25, 2025

The morning and afternoon workshops are the same, so you can do one of each, watercolour painting with Debbie Ellis Watercolours or candle making with Strawberry Sunshine. You must pre-register for each workshop.

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