

### Some important upcoming events

Oct 19: Birthday Cake Sunday

Oct 22 & 25—Fall workshops, there are still a few spots available

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 ?—Mass Choir/Multi Church Christmas Service \*Date & Time to be determined

Dec 21—Longest Night Service

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

Organist: Martin Bohl  
Greeter: Jean McMurtrie  
Beadle: Brenda Holm  
Worship Assistant: Vin Seunath  
Sunday School: Dean Davidson  
Tech Team: Laura Einwechter

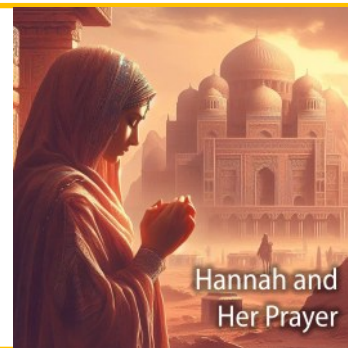
### This Week at St. Andrew's Hespeler

Tuesday: Hope Clothing	9:00—11:30 am
Tuesday: Session meeting	7:00 pm
Wednesday: Mobile Food Market	12:30—1:30 pm
Wednesday: Bible Study	<b>11:30 am</b>
Wednesday: Women's Circles	1:30 pm
Thursday: Hope Clothing	Noon—2:00 pm

We will continue to explore the possibilities with Small Groups. If you haven't already done so please take a moment or two to look at the Small Group display boards at the front of the church. These are only the beginning! If you have suggestions or questions, please talk with Joni.

We are excited to introduce and welcome The Community Neighbourhood Table (CNT) to St. Andrew's. CNT is a dinner program that will eventually bring a free dinner for the community to different areas in Cambridge 5 evenings a week. We will host our first CNT on Thursday, December 18th with a "Winter Comfort Food Night." We will need afternoon and early evening volunteers to help prepare the dinner, set up and serve/clean up. If you are interested in helping please speak with Joni.

The "Women in the Bible" Study will meet again this Wednesday, October 15 at 11:30 am. **This time only, we will start at 11:30 am and we encourage you to bring a lunch with you. Beverages will be provided.** We will be looking at the story of Hannah.



On **Sunday, October 26** we will celebrate St. Andrew's Heritage Day. Please plan to gather after worship for a potluck lunch. If you are able to bring an item to share, it would be appreciated. Please no peanuts or shellfish. We will need help to set up, serve, kitchen clean up, etc. If you can help please speak with Joni.

The Minister will be meeting with Beth Anne Fisher this week to convey the best wishes of the congregation as she begins her studies for the ministry. If you haven't yet signed the card for her, please do so at the back of the Sanctuary.



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/>

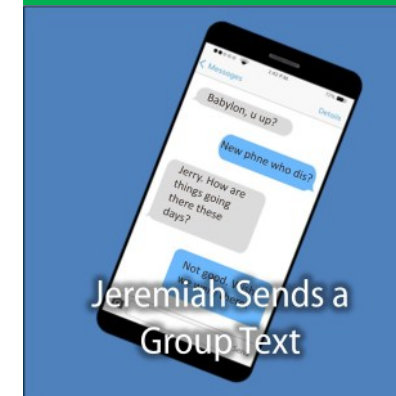
### Mission Moment: October 12, 2025



For 33-year-old Sigere Medison, a single mother in the Balaka District in Malawi, life took a harsh turn when an El Niño weather phenomenon affected her community. "El Niño left a devastating impact on our lives. We used to eat only once a day and sometimes we would go to bed without food. Being a mother of four, with two children under the age of five, it wasn't easy for me," Sigere shares. Relief came when PWS&D and Canadian Foodgrains Bank implemented an emergency response with the help of local partner CARD. Sigere received monthly cash transfers for five months. "Since November, life has been smooth. My family has been able to eat throughout the day. I am forever grateful," Sigere shares with a smile.



## St. Andrew's Hespeler Presbyterian Church October 12, 2025 Thanksgiving Sunday



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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: Prelude on "Nun danket all und bringet ehr" by Robert Lau  
Welcome

### Call to Worship:

L: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

**P: We will worship the Lord with gladness and come into God's presence with song.**

L: Know that it is the Lord God who made us, and we are God's people.

**P: We will enter God's gates with praise and thanksgiving.**

L: Let us give thanks to God this day and bless God's holy name.

Hymn #803 Come, ye thankful people, come

### Prayer of Approach

L: Gracious and Loving God, we gather in this season of thanksgiving, struck by the colours of the leaves, the last warm breezes, birds flying south in formation. Such beauty speaks to us of your goodness, and your desire to provide what each of your creatures needs. As we gather, renew our sense of gratitude for every good

gift you offer us. Especially we praise you for the gift of Christ Jesus who teaches us how to walk in the world you love and offers us grace and compassion to share with those we meet. Receive our love and gratitude in his name, and by your Spirit, empower us to live gratefully each and every day. **Amen.**

Laying Down our Burdens

Responsive Psalm 66:1-12

L: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;

**P: sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise.**

L: Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds! Because of your great power, your enemies cringe before you.

**P: All the earth worships you; they sing praises to you, sing praises to your name.”**

L: Come and see what God has done:

**P: he is awesome in his deeds among mortals.**

L: He turned the sea into dry land; they passed through the river on foot.

**P: There we rejoiced in him, who rules by his might forever, whose eyes keep watch on the nations— let the rebellious not exalt themselves.**

L: Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of his praise be heard,

**P: who has kept us among the living and has not let our feet slip.**

L: For you, O God, have tested us;

**P: you have tried us as silver is tried.**

L: You brought us into the net; you laid burdens on our backs;

**P: you let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water; yet you have brought us out to a spacious place.**

Video Reading: Luke 17: 11-19

Read by Sylvia Brooks

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-9, 24-32

<sup>1</sup> These are the words of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the exiles and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon.

<sup>4</sup> Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: <sup>5</sup> Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. <sup>6</sup> Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. <sup>7</sup> But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf,



for in its welfare you will find your welfare. <sup>8</sup> For thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Do not let the prophets and the diviners who are among you deceive you, and do not listen to your dreams that you dream, <sup>9</sup> for it is a lie that they are prophesying to you in my name; I did not send them, says the LORD.

<sup>24</sup> To Shemaiah of Nehelam you shall say: <sup>25</sup> Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: In your own name you sent letters to all the people who are in Jerusalem and to the priest Zephaniah son of Maaseiah and to all the priests, saying, <sup>26</sup> The LORD himself has made you priest instead of the priest Jehoiada, so that there may be officers in the house of the LORD to control any madman who plays the prophet, to put him in the stocks and the collar. <sup>27</sup> So now why have you not rebuked Jeremiah of Anathoth, who plays the prophet for you? <sup>28</sup> For he has actually sent to us in Babylon, saying, “It will be a long time; build houses and live in them, and plant gardens and eat what they produce.”

<sup>29</sup> The priest Zephaniah read this letter in the hearing of the prophet Jeremiah. <sup>30</sup> Then the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah: <sup>31</sup> Send to all the exiles, saying, Thus says the LORD concerning Shemaiah of Nehelam: Because Shemaiah has prophesied to you, though I did not send him, and has led you to trust in a lie, <sup>32</sup> therefore thus says the LORD: I am going to punish Shemaiah of Nehelam and his descendants; he shall not have anyone living among this people to see the good that I am going to do to my people, says the LORD, for he has spoken rebellion against the LORD.

Hymn #802 For the fruits of all creation

Family Time

Life and Work of the Church

Celebration of Generosity

Offertory: Praise and Thanksgiving by Thomas Gieschen

Sermon: Jeremiah Sends a Group Text

Prayers of the People and Lord’s Prayer

Hymn #807 We plough the fields and scatter

Benediction

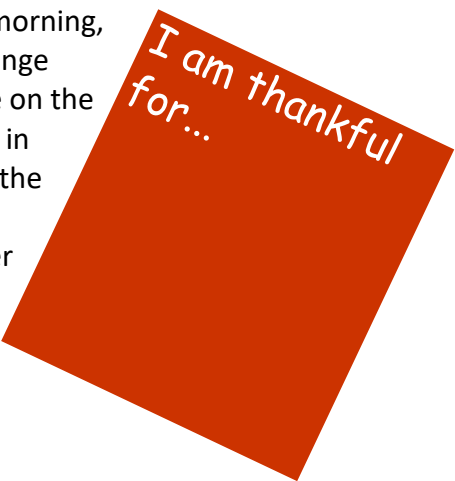
Choral Response:

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: “Nun danket alle Gott” by Georg Kaufmann

When you received this bulletin this morning, you should have received a slip of orange paper. Please take a moment to write on the paper something you are thankful for in your personal life, in the church or in the world today. Leave it in the offering plate for prayer requests. The minister will lift these items up in our prayers today. If you are on Zoom, please type your response into the chat before the “Prayers of the People.”



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](mailto: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

Next Week’s Sermon:

