Some important upcoming events

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 ?—Mass Choir/Multi Church Christmas Service (date tp be decided)

Dec 21—Longest Night Service

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

Organist: Alexis Smith
Greeter: Ellen Smith
Beadle: Carol Johnston
Worship Assistant: Elaine McLean

Sunday School: Dean Davidson & Wendy Seunath

Tech Team: Jacob Marsh, Dylan Smith, Laura Einwechter Communion servers: Carol Johnston, Linda Inglis. Steve Jones, Nancy

English, Joanne Waugh and Patrice Wappler

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 Bank Noon—2:00 pm

Attention singers and music lovers! Our mass choir/multi church Christmas service is being planned for December. We are blessed to have Nancy Tilt as our choir director again this year. She has already made

Next Week's Sermon



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.



Through Word and Action

Sunday, October 5 (World Communion Sunday)
We give thanks for the global Christian
community and all who gather around God's Holy
Table this Sunday.

Monday, October 6 We pray for the people, ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Essex-Kent.

Tuesday, October 7 In this season of harvest, we give thanks for the farm at Crieff Hills Retreat Centre, and for the farm staff who work alongside our Creator to produce an abundance of fruit,

vegetables, honey, maple syrup, meat, herbs, eggs and flowers.

Wednesday, October 8 We pray for the members of the Hope and Possibilities Change Leadership Team, that they may be blessed with the wisdom, courage, insight and love of God as they seek a path towards faithful and renewed ministry.

Thursday, October 9 We pray for the ecumenical faculty at Vancouver School of Theology as they educate and form students for thoughtful, engaged and generous Christian leadership in The Presbyterian Church in Canada.

Friday, October 10 We pray for members of the National Indigenous Ministries Council as they plan for an Indigenous Spirituality retreat in 2026.

Saturday, October 11 (Coming Out Day/International Day of the Girl Child) We pray that Two-Spirit and LGBTQIA+ people who are planning to come out for the first time will receive love and support from their families, friends and church communities.

Mission Moment: October 5

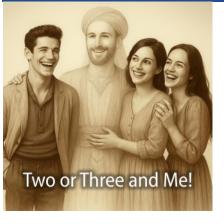
Through Regional Resourcing Grants, The Presbyterian Church in Canada supports camps across the country that offer safe, welcoming spaces for children and youth. These camps nurture young hearts and minds by planting seeds of faith while providing opportunities for fun, discovery, and personal growth. From high ropes and canoeing to crafts and coding, they inspire curiosity and adventure, all while sharing the message of God's love. Many camps continue their ministry into the fall and winter, hosting

retreats and day programs for school groups and communities. In doing so, they extend their impact beyond the summer months, nurturing faith and connection among people of all ages.

Presbyterians



St. Andrew's Hespeler Presbyterian Church October 5, 2025 World Communion Small Group Sunday



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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

Call to Worship:

L: We come as guests invited to a table.

P: We come to celebrate with friends and neighbours.

L: Jesus Christ, our Friend and Saviour, invites us to gather.

P: We gather with his friends around the world.

L: Come and worship with hearts full of God's praise and promise.

P: We worship God in gladness, for God's faithfulness endures forever.

Hymn #634 Will you come and follow me

Prayer of Approach

Gracious and Generous God, you spread a banquet table and make room for all to come: friend and foe, healed and sick, hopeful and hopeless. You feed our desires with goodness and fill our longing with steadfast love. We worship you with grateful praise, together with all your people, here and everywhere, who break bread at your table and

who share the cup. We celebrate our life together in Christ and offer our love and loyalty to you, O God, source of all goodness, through Jesus Christ, who shares our flesh, and your Holy Spirit who prays within us. **Amen.**

Preparing our Hearts for Communion

Responsive Psalm 37:1-9

L: Do not fret because of the wicked;

P: do not be envious of wrongdoers,

L: for they will soon fade like the grass

P: and wither like the green herb.

L: Trust in the LORD and do good; live in the land and enjoy security.

P: Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

L: Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will act.

P: He will make your vindication shine like the light and the justice of your cause like the noonday.

L: Be still before the LORD, and wait patiently for him;

P: do not fret over those who prosper in their way, over those who carry out evil devices.

L: Refrain from anger and forsake wrath.

P: Do not fret—it leads only to evil.

L: For the wicked shall be cut off,

P: but those who wait for the LORD shall inherit the land.

Matthew 18:15-20

¹⁵ "If your brother or sister sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If you are listened to, you have regained that one. ¹⁶ But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷ If that person refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church, and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸ Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹ Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

Luke 24:13-35

¹³ Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶ but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷ And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸ Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" ¹⁹ He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things

about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰ and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹ But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²² Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³ and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴ Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him." ²⁵ Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" ²⁷ Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

²⁸ As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹ But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. ³² They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" ³³ That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴ They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" ³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Hymn #656 Jesus, friend of all the children

Family Time

Life and Work of the Church

Celebration of Generosity

Sermon: Two or Three and Me!

Celebration of Communion

Invitation

Communion Hymn #263 They set out on their homeward road (Tune #539)

#539 The Apostles' Creed

#564 Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Communion of the People

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Hymn #635 Brother, sister, let me serve you

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.

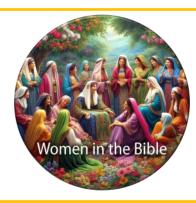
God will be there, watching from above.

Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

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Fellowship and Small Groups

The "Women in the Bible" Study will start up again on Wednesday, October 15. This time only, we will start at 11:30 am., and we encourage you to bring a lunch with you. Beverages will be provided.



SAT OCT 25

9-11:30 OR 1-3:30

A WINTER SUNSET

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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