

Financial Update

What follows is an update of our Year To Date (YTD) September 2025 financials:

	YTD SEPTEMBER 2025 ACTUAL	YTD SEPTEMBER 2025 BUDGET
REVENUE:		
St. Andrew's Hespeler	109,000	121,000
Knox Preston	85,000	59,000
TOTAL REVENUE	194,000	180,000
EXPENSE:		
St. Andrew's Hespeler	152,000	165,000
Knox Preston	126,000	113,000
TOTAL EXPENSE	278,000	278,000
NET INCOME		
St. Andrew's Hespeler	(43,000)	(44,000)
Knox Preston	(41,000)	(54,000)
TOTAL NET INCOME	(84,000)	(98,000)

Revenue Variance, Actual vs Budget:

St. Andrew's revenue lower than budget, primarily due to the fact a Stewardship campaign and special events happen in the last 3 months of the year, however they are budgeted evenly over the course of the year

Knox revenue higher than budget due to GST recovery not budgeted, a bequest and higher than budgeted interest & dividends

Expense Variance, Actual vs Budget:

St. Andrew's expense lower than budget, primarily due to lower Worship Services and Church Operations expenses

Knox expenses higher than budget due to higher than anticipated costs to make the church ready to be leased

Next Week's Sermon:



Advent Outreach Collection



During the season of Advent we will once again be collecting toiletries to stock St. Andrew's Pantry. Needed items include: shampoo, soaps, deodorants, shaving supplies, toothpaste and toothbrushes, cleaning supplies, Kleenex and toilet paper. Let's try to fill the space under the Christmas tree (at the front of the church) from next Sunday, November 30 until Christmas! Thank you for your support!

On Sunday, December 14th we will celebrate with our Family Christmas Service. We will need many "actors" to tell the Christmas Story this year. We will need adult actors to assist our children, so be prepared to get involved! All parts are non-speaking!

Also on December 14th we will participate in an Ugly Christmas Sweater Contest. Wear your most creative, ugly, snazzy Christmas Sweater and be prepared to have some fun. As part of the Ugly Christmas Sweater we are asking everyone, if able to bring a new or gently used sweater, hoodie, warm top to support the clients of Hope Clothing.



Session Update

The Kirk Session met this week. These were some of the items on the agenda:

- We renewed our **session covenant**
- We set the date for the Annual Meeting: **February 22**. Any written reports are to be sent to smcandless@standrewshespeler.ca by mid January (and are welcome sooner!).
- We planned towards holding monthly services along a "Messy Church" model in **Preston** in the New Year
- **Rev. Jonathan Tait**, a resource person available through the Synod, has agreed to join us and help us work through our identity moving forward.
- We agreed to host a community service during the **Hespeler Reunion**
- We agreed to purchase a **new wireless mic and receiver**. (Our previous one broke and we have been using a loaner).
- Approved revised **Christian Education Committee** guidelines.
- The session will next meet on December 10.

St. Andrew's Hespeler
Presbyterian Church
November 23, 2025
Reign of Christ



The Kind of
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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: "Allein Gott in der Hoh sei her" by Andreas Armsdorf

Welcome

Call to Worship

L: Say among the nations, The Lord reigns.

P: Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice!

L: God comes to judge the earth.

P: God will judge the world with righteousness and the people with truth.

L: Come, let us worship God in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

P: Blessing and honour, glory and power be to our God now and always.

Hymn #350 To God be the glory

Prayer of approach:

L: God of majesty and mercy, Three in One and One in Three, we give you thanks and praise for your commitment to your creation. In

Christ, you have turned the world upside down, revealing your strength through weakness, and your power through compassion. In the cross of Christ you taught us that no hopeless situation or frightening possibility is beyond your reach. We praise you for your love at work around us and within us, always able to do more than we can ask or even imagine. Receive our love and our loyalty this day, our Sovereign and our Saviour. **Amen.**

Laying Down Our Burdens

Response: #206 Jesus, remember me
Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.
Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

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Responsive Reading: Psalm 46
L: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
P: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.
L: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.
P: God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns.
L: The nations are in an uproar; the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice; the earth melts.
P: The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.
L: Come, behold the works of the LORD; see what desolations he has brought on the earth.
P: He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.
L: “Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations; I am exalted in the earth.”
P: The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Gospel: Luke 23:33-43 Read by
Hymn #358 There is a redeemer

Family Time
Life and Work of the Church
Celebration of our Generosity

Offertory: The Church's One Foundation by Paul Bunjes

Sermon: The Kind of King We Need

Prayers of the People and Lord’s Prayer
(... *forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors...*)

Hymn #363 All hail the power of Jesus’ name

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: Christ is the King! by Paul Bouman

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

Organist: Martin Bohl
Greeter: Patrice Wappler
WA: Carol Johnston
Beadle: Elaine McLean
Sunday School: Dean Davidson & Angie Gibson
Tech Team: Laura Einwechter, Jacob Marsh & Dylan Smith

This Week at St. Andrew’s Hespeler

Monday: Women’s Circle 7:00 pm
Tuesday: Hope Clothing 9:00—11:30 am
Tuesday: Evening Women’s Circle 7:00 pm
Wednesday: Bible Study 10:00 am
Wednesday: Mobile Food Market 12:30—1:30 pm
Wednesday: Women’s Circles 1:30 pm
Thursday: Hope Clothing Noon—2:00 pm
Thursday: Food Bank Noon—2:00 pm
Friday: Music & Lights Concert 6:00 pm

Some important upcoming events

Nov 30: Beginning of Advent Outreach Collection
Nov 30: Invitation to participate in the Giving Tuesday Campaign
Dec 7: The Sacrament of Holy Communion
Jan 18 First Anniversary Celebration
Dec 14 Family Christmas service with (Ugly) Christmas sweater competition!
Dec 14, 3:00 pm Mass Choir/Multi Church Christmas Service
Dec 21 Longest Night Service
Dec 24 Christmas Eve Carols & Communion service
Feb 22 Annual General Meeting

Thank you to the very talented crew who came out to decorate the sanctuary and church building this week! It looks beautiful!



The **Women in the Bible Study** will continue on this Wednesday November 26 at 10 am in the foyer. We will finally get to the amazing story of Queen Jezebel!

Mission Moment: November 23

With support from Presbyterians Sharing, Edmonton Urban Native Ministry walks alongside Indigenous families and communities, offering support, healing, and hope. This past summer, Indigenous youth leaders led a Vacation Bible School. What began as a one-week program blossomed into a summer of weekly outings, providing lasting joy and spiritual growth for the children who attended. The ministry’s Executive Director, the Rev. Tim Sungill Choi, emphasizes that these efforts go beyond immediate assistance: they are seeds of lasting transformation. Together, they are laying a foundation of faith, community, and renewed strength for a hopeful future.

