

GIVINGTUESDAY™

Dear members and friends of St. Andrew's Hespeler Presbyterian Church

On Tuesday December 2nd, St. Andrew's is launching its annual *GivingTuesday* campaign. *GivingTuesday* is a global day of giving fueled by the power of social media and collaboration. Celebrated on the Tuesday following the U.S. Thanksgiving and the widely recognized shopping events Black Friday and Cyber Monday, *#GivingTuesday* kicks off the charitable season, when many focus on their holiday and end-of-year giving.

Our *GivingTuesday* campaign this year has a two-fold purpose. First, we'd like to minimize as much of the budgeted deficit we forecast for 2025 as a means by which to establish a strong financial footing going into 2026. In support of this, we have the commitment of matching funds to double the impact of your gift. Currently, the first \$7,500 donated to this campaign will be matched! All moneys raised from this campaign will be designated to the General Fund. The second purpose of this campaign is to increase our collective awareness of where our financial gifts to St. Andrew's are used.

We will highlight these uses of funds on the first three Sundays of December. On the fourth (and last) Sunday in December, we will celebrate both the results from our *GivingTuesday* campaign and the entire year 2025!

Please prayerfully consider your response to our 2025 *GivingTuesday* campaign.

Instructions for making 2025 *GivingTuesday* Campaign Gifts:

- *GivingTuesday* Campaign gifts can be made online at www.standrewshespeler.ca by using the "Donate Online" button. Once on the donation site, choose the **Giving Tuesday Campaign** as recipient of your gift.
- *GivingTuesday* Campaign gifts can also be either sent via mail to the church office or placed on the Sunday morning offering plate. **Please do not send cash via external mail.**
 - If making a *GivingTuesday* Campaign gift using your Offering Envelope, please clearly mark the amount to be designated to this campaign on the envelope so that it can be distinguished from your regular givings.
 - If not using your Offering Envelope, please ensure the outside of the envelope you do use clearly indicates
 - (a) **your name**,
 - (b) **your address** and
 - (c) that the amount inside is to be **designated to the *GivingTuesday* Campaign**
- All one time *GivingTuesday* Campaign gifts of \$20 or more will be receipted for tax purposes if a proper name and address is supplied.

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.



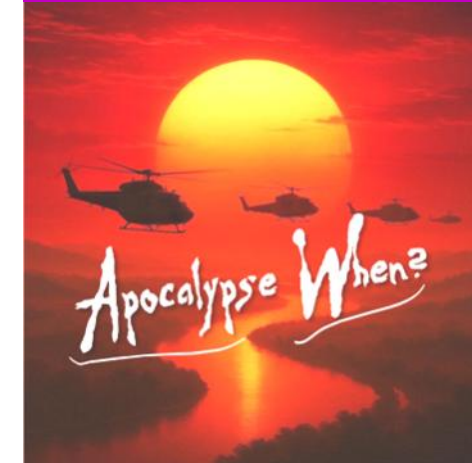
Celebration Moment ...

... let's cheer on Adria Marsh! Adria was selected to play for the Upright Rugby Rogues team in the New York City 7's Tournament this weekend. She will be playing with other top rugby talent from south western Ontario against other teams from all over the US and some international competition as well.

Adria let her dad, Steve, tag along, too. Let's just hope he remembers to behave himself or he won't be going on the next rugby trip!



St. Andrew's Hespeler Presbyterian Church November 30, 2025 First Sunday in Advent



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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: O Worship the King by M. Haydn

Welcome

Lighting the Candle of Hope Brian & Joanne Minaker

Voice 1: The prophet Isaiah announced that people of all nations will come to the mountain of the Lord and learn God's ways.

Voice 2: When we look at this suffering world, we know we need to follow God's ways.

Voice 1: God will settle disputes among the nations. Weapons will be transformed into tools for planting and growth. Nations will live in peace— no more will they prepare for war.

Voice 2: We cling to that promise and light this candle of hope, inspired by a vision of a world where children grow into adulthood, and parents live to old age.

The candle of hope is lit.

Let us pray together: **Living God, make us more aware of your presence. We trust your promises and wait with hopeful hearts. Come, Lord Jesus. Amen.**

Hymn #122 Oh come, oh come, Emmanuel (Verse 1,2,6,7)

Prayer of approach:
L: Almighty and everlasting God, You hold all our days in your hands, and embrace us in your everlasting arms. In a tired and violent world, you are hope. In a hectic and busy world, you are peace. In a hurting world, you are comfort. In Jesus Christ, you bring love into this world, and call us to embody his love in all we do and say. In our worship this day, we offer you our love and loyalty, Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit. Make us one in worship and service, so that the world will see your hope at work in us and through us, making all things new. **Amen.**

Laying Down Our Burdens

Solo: Lord, you were rich Jane Bennett

Responsive Reading: Psalm 122
L: I was glad when they said to me, “Let us go to the house of the LORD!”
P: Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.
L: Jerusalem—built as a city that is bound firmly together. To it the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, as was decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the LORD.
P: For there the thrones for judgment were set up, the thrones of the house of David.
L: Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
P: “May they prosper who love you. Peace be within your walls and security within your towers.”
L: For the sake of my relatives and friends I will say, “Peace be within you.”
P: For the sake of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek your good.

Gospel: Matthew 24:36-44

Hymn #119 Hope is a star

Family Time

Life and Work of the Church

Celebration of our Generosity

Offertory: Once in Royal David's City by Donald Johns

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 #131 Tomorrow Christ is coming (Tune 218)

Benediction

Choral Response to benediction (*Tune: Infant Holy #143*)
Stars were gleaming, shepherds dreaming Oh, the night was dark and chill
Angels’ story, manger glory Shepherds heard it on the hill
Ah, that singing, hear it ringing Earthward winging, praises bringing
Christ, the babe was born for you Christ, the babe was born for you

Postlude: Rejoice, the Lord is King by Austin Lovelace.

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

Organist: Martin Bohl
Greeter: Sylvia Brooks
Worship Assistant: Jane Bennett
Beadle: Patrice Wappler
Sunday School: Donald Paddock & Wendy Seunath
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: Session Meeting	7:00 pm
Wednesday: Mobile Food Market	12:30—1:30 pm
Wednesday: Women’s Circles	1:30 pm
Thursday: Hope Clothing	Noon—2:00 pm
Thursday: St. Andrew’s Pantry	Noon—2:00 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
Dec 7: Wear your winter coat today. Boy it’s cold in here!
Dec 14 Family Christmas service with (Ugly) Christmas sweater competition!
Dec 14, 3:00 pm: Mass Choir/Multi Church Christmas Service
Dec 18: the first Cambridge Neighbourhood Table dinner
Dec 21: Longest Night Service
Dec 24: Christmas Eve Carols & Communion service
Dec 28: *Giving Tuesday* wrap up celebration
Jan 18: First Anniversary Celebration
Feb 22: Annual General Meeting

Next Week’s Sermon:



Joseph’s Female
Ancestors Drop By



The **Women in the Bible Study** will conclude for this year next Wednesday December 10 at 10 am in the foyer. We will look into the story of Mary — yes, **that** Mary.

Mission Moment: November 23

With support from Presbyterians Sharing, the Joint Christian Committee for Social Service offers an Electronics/Computer training program in the Sabra/Shatilla Palestinian refugee camp in the southern part of Beirut, Lebanon. Established in 1962, a one-year certificate program of computer assembling and maintenance incorporates both theory and hands-on practical experience. Teachers try to simplify the material and make it interesting for students who often have only an intermediate level of prior education. A popular recent addition to the program is the repair of cellular phones. Equipping young people with skills and vocations that allow them to enter the workforce quickly, thus generating income to support themselves and their families, is especially essential in refugee communities.

