

### Some important upcoming events

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

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

Monday: Women's Circle	7:30 pm
Tuesday: Hope Clothing	9:00—11:30 am
Wednesday: Mobile Food Market	12:30—1:30 pm
Wednesday: Women's Circles	1:30 pm
Thursday: Food Bank	noon—2:00 pm
Thursday: Hope Clothing	Noon—2:00 pm
Saturday: Friends Group	10:00 am

### Do you like to decorate for Christmas?

We will be decorating the church for Christmas on Friday, November 21st at 10:00 am and we need your help! Some of our decorating team, Carol Gemmell & Maureen Peart have retired after years of service and we thank these ladies for all of their help over the years.

But now we need some new people to join our Decorating Team. If you are interested you can come by on decorating day or if you have any questions you can speak with Brenda Holm after church.



### Next Week's Sermon:



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

Colour Party:	Members of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 272 Hespeler
Organist:	Martin Bohl
Greeter:	Carol Johnston
Beadle:	Linda Inglis
Sunday School:	Lori Marsh
Tech Team:	Laura Einwechter, Dylan Smith, Jacob Marsh

The **Women in the Bible Study** will continue on this Wednesday November 12 at 10 am in the foyer. We will be looking at the story of Athalia, the only reigning queen in the Bible.

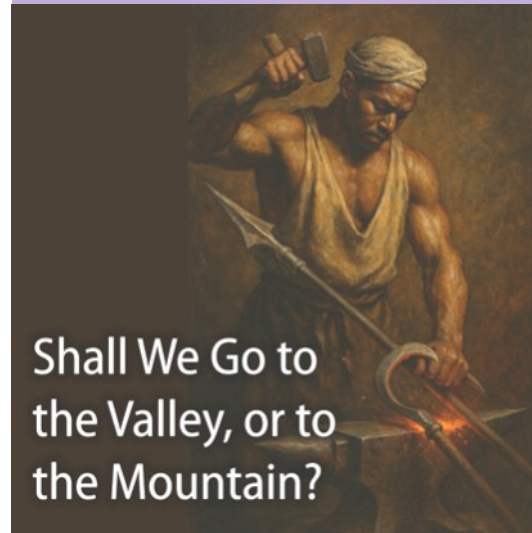


### Mission Moment: November 9

With a legacy of care and service spanning 115 years, St. Matthew's Presbyterian Church in Grand Falls-Windsor, NL, remains steadfast in its commitment to community outreach and demonstrating love through acts of kindness and support. The church's cornerstone initiatives include donations of essential items such as food, hygiene products and clothing to organizations like the Salvation Army, the local food bank and the Women's Centre. A dedicated group known as the Thistle Club, composed of skilled and hardworking women who sew and knit, contributes handmade goods and supplies to the local hospital and the Atlantic Mission Society. Through compassion, generosity and an unwavering presence, St. Matthew's continues to be a caring part of the community it serves.



# St. Andrew's Hespeler Presbyterian Church November 9, 2025 Remembrance 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: Holy, Holy, Holy by John Dykes

Entry of the Colour Party (please stand as able)

Call to Worship

L: On this day of memories, we gather to sing and to pray;

**P: we remember the past and look to the future.**

L: On this day when the guns and cannons fell silent,

**P: we come before you, God, seeking your peace.**

L: On this day of hope in the face of terror,

**P: we come before you, God, believing in your promise.**

L: Let us worship God together, in peace.



Hymn #330 O God, our help in ages past  
1. O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.  
2. Under the shadow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt secure; sufficient is thine arm alone, and our defence is sure.  
3. Before the hills in order stood, or earth received its frame, from everlasting thou art God, to endless years the same.  
4. A thousand ages in thy sight are like an evening gone, short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.  
5. Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears all our years away. They fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.  
6. O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, still be our guard while troubles last, and our eternal home.

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Prayer of approach:  
L: God of might and mercy, we come to you today, proclaiming your power and your promise in a world where there are many things that frighten us. Today we proclaim your power to defeat the forces that work against your hope for the world. We proclaim your love that cracks open our hearts and draws us to you and to one another. We proclaim your promise in Jesus Christ that nothing can separate us from your love. Strengthen us in this hour of worship to live out our trust in your power and promise in friendship with Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Peace Meditation

Joel 3:9-12  
<sup>9</sup> Proclaim this among the nations:  
Consecrate yourselves for war; stir up the warriors.  
Let all the soldiers draw near; let them come up.  
<sup>10</sup> Beat your plowshares into swords  
and your pruning hooks into spears;  
let the weakling say, "I am a warrior."  
<sup>11</sup> Come quickly,  
all you nations all around; gather yourselves there.  
Bring down your warriors, O LORD.  
<sup>12</sup> Let the nations rouse themselves  
and come up to the valley of Jehoshaphat,  
for there I will sit to judge all the neighbouring nations.


Responsive Reading: Micah 4:1-5  
L: In days to come the mountain of the LORD's temple shall be established as the highest of the mountains and shall be raised up above the hills.  
**P: Peoples shall stream to it, and many nations shall come and say: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths."**  
L: For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of

the LORD from Jerusalem.  
**P: He shall judge between many peoples and shall arbitrate between strong nations far away;**  
L: they shall beat their swords into plowshares  
**P: and their spears into pruning hooks;**  
L: nation shall not lift up sword against nation;  
**P: neither shall they learn war any more;**  
L: but they shall all sit under their own vines and under their own fig trees, and no one shall make them afraid,  
**P: for the mouth of the LORD of hosts has spoken.**  
L: For all the peoples walk, each in the name of its god,  
**P: but we will walk in the name of the LORD our God forever and ever.**

Mark 12:38-44 Read by Jane Bennett

Hymn #740 Make me a channel of your peace  
1. Make me a channel of your peace:  
where there is hatred, let me bring your love;  
where there is injury, your healing power,  
and where there's doubt, true faith in you.  
2. Make me a channel of your peace:  
where there's despair in life let me bring hope;  
where there is darkness, only light,  
and where there's sadness, ever joy.  
3. O Spirit, grant that I may never seek  
so much to be consoled as to console,  
to be understood as to understand,  
to be loved as to love with all my soul.  
4. Make me a channel of your peace:  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
in giving to all that we receive,  
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

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Children's Song: Sing Peace Around the World  
Family Time: Light a Candle for Peace  
Life and Work of the Church  
Celebration of our Generosity  
Offertory: Meditation by Roland Packer  
Sermon: Shall We Go to the Valley, or to the Mountain?  
Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer  
(... *forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors...*)  
Hymn #743 Lead on, eternal Sovereign  
1. Lead on, eternal Sovereign, we follow in your way;  
loud rings your cry for justice, your call for peace this day:  
through prayerful preparation, your grace will make us strong,  
to carry on the struggle to triumph over wrong.

2. Lead on, eternal Sovereign, we follow not with fear,  
for in each human conflict your words of strength we hear:  
that when we serve with gladness, you will not let us fall,  
our trust is in your promise that love will conquer all.  
3. Lead on, eternal Sovereign, till sin's fierce war shall cease  
and all your saints together will sing a hymn of peace;  
then all in your dominion will live with hearts set free,  
to love and serve each other for all eternity.

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Act of Remembrance (Please remain standing as able)  
Last Post  
Two minutes Silence  
Reveille  
L: They went with songs to the battle, they were young,  
Straight of limb, true of eye, steady and aglow.  
They were staunch to the end against odds uncounted;  
They fell with their faces to the foe.  
They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning  
We will remember them.  
**P: We will remember them**

#833 O Canada  
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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Exit of the Colour Party (Please remain standing)  
Postlude: Ayre of Four Parts by John Dowland

Churches throughout our Presbytery are facing hard choices. The Presbytery of Waterloo-Waterloo has arranged for a workshop entitled **"Churches Making Hard Choices: Practicing the Art of Discernment."** This workshop will be led by Rev. Jonathan Tait, the Synod Regional Minister for Congregational Health. It will take place on Tuesday, November 11 at 7:00 pm at Westside Presbyterian Church, 130 Victoria Ave, Cambridge. All are welcome. The workshop will last for one hour and be followed by a time of refreshment provided by the people of Westside. All are welcome. Please let Rev. Scott know if you are planning to attend.