

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 now until Christmas! Thank you for your support!

Oh, oh now what?

A Giving Tuesday Campaign update! Any donations to our Giving Tuesday Campaign will be directed to our General Fund so that we can direct the funds where they are most needed.

What happens when something unexpected happens? We can plan as much as we can, but just like in our personal lives things happen here unexpectedly that just can't be planned. For instance, we found out this summer that the big stained glass window at the back of the sanctuary was in desperate need of care which included scraping all of the old paint off, properly sealing the wood and then repainting. If this had not been done promptly we were risking the health of the wood framing surrounding the panes. The cost of this job was just a bit over \$6000.00.

Please consider how you might contribute to our Giving Tuesday Campaign this year. Any givings toward this campaign must be marked to be counted in the grand total that will be celebrate on Sunday, December 28th.

Our very first Cambridge Neighbourhood Table (CNT) dinner will be served on **Thursday, December 18th at 5:00 pm.**

The doors will open at 4:45 pm with the meal being served between 5:00—6:30 pm.

Please enter from the back of the church. Elevator access will be available, enter through the top parking lot (glass doors).

Everyone is welcome to join us!

Longest Night

Next Sunday, December 21, is the Longest Night of the year. It is our custom on this night to hold a extra evening service for those who are struggling to find cheer and comfort at this time of year. We also remember and take time to grieve the people that we may have lost. If this sounds like a service that would minister to you this year, please join us at **7:30 pm** in the sanctuary. The service will include communion and candlelighting.

St. Andrew's Hespeler Presbyterian Church December 14, 2025 Third Sunday of Advent Family Christmas Service



Who will show us the way?

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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: In Dulci Jubilo by J.S. Bach

Welcome

Call to Worship:

L: God's Spirit has led us here.

P: And where the Spirit of the Lord is there is Peace

L: God's Spirit has led us here.

P: And where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is Hope.

L: God's Spirit has led us here.

P: And where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is Joy.

L: God's Spirit has led us here.

P: And where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is Love.

L: There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in the place,

ALL: And we know that it's the Spirit of the Lord!

Prayer for Understanding
All: God of truth and wisdom, send us your Holy Spirit to teach us through the scriptures and the story told today. Lead us to understand your truth more fully, and our hearts to live out your wisdom in the example of Jesus, your Living Word. Amen

Gospel: Luke 2:1-20
¹ At that time Emperor Augustus ordered a census to be taken throughout the Roman Empire. ² When this first census took place, Quirinius was the governor of Syria. ³ Everyone, then, went to register himself, each to his own hometown.

⁴ Joseph went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to the town of Bethlehem in Judea, the birthplace of King David. Joseph went there because he was a descendant of David. ⁵ He went to register with Mary, who was promised in marriage to him. She was pregnant, ⁶ and while they were in Bethlehem, the time came for her to have her baby. ⁷ She gave birth to her first son, wrapped him in cloths and laid him in a manger—there was no room for them to stay in the inn.

⁸ There were some shepherds in that part of the country who were spending the night in the fields, taking care of their flocks. ⁹ An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone over them. They were terribly afraid, ¹⁰ but the angel said to them, “Don't be afraid! I am here with good news for you, which will bring great joy to all the people. ¹¹ This very day in David's town your Savior was born—Christ the Lord! ¹² And this is what will prove it to you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”

¹³ Suddenly a great army of heaven's angels appeared with the angel, singing praises to God: ¹⁴ “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace on earth to those with whom he is pleased!”

¹⁵ When the angels went away from them back into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us.”

¹⁶ So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph and saw the baby lying in the manger. ¹⁷ When the shepherds saw him, they told them what the angel had said about the child. ¹⁸ All who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said. ¹⁹ Mary remembered all these things and thought deeply about them. ²⁰ The shepherds went back, singing praises to God for all they had heard and seen; it had been just as the angel had told them.

Hymn #133 Go, tell it on the mountain

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Life and Work of the Church

Who Will Show us the Way?

Carol: #164 O Little Town of Bethlehem (v 1 & 2)

Carol: #143 Infant holy, Infant lowly
Carol: #138 While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks By Night (v 1-2)
Carol: #173 We Three Kings (v1-4)

Celebration of our Generosity
Offertory: Away in a Manger sung in praise by Jane Bennett
Prayers of the People and Lord’s Prayer
(... *forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors...*)

Christmas Carol: #161 What child is this
Ugly Christmas Sweater competition!

Hymn: #153 Joy to the World

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: Hark! The Herald Angels Sing by David Schack

The **Voices of Christmas** service, together with our friends from Crieff, Doon and Duff’s will happen this afternoon at **3:00 pm**. What a great opportunity to invite friends and neighbours! The minister is looking for a few volunteers to stay for a while after the service today to fold and assemble the bulletins for this afternoon.

Next Week’s Sermon



Some important upcoming events

Dec 14, Giving Tuesday Campaign, “oh, oh, now what?”
Today, 3:00 pm: Mass Choir/Multi Church Christmas Service
Dec 18: the first Cambridge Neighbourhood Table dinner; doors open at 4:45 pm
Dec 21, 7:30 pm: Longest Night Service
Dec 24, 7:00 pm: Christmas Eve Carols & Communion service
Dec 28, 10:00 am: *Giving Tuesday* wrap up celebration
Jan 18, 10:00 am: First Anniversary Celebration
Feb 22: Annual General Meeting

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

Organist: Martin Bohl
Beadle: Brenda Holm
Greeter: Jean Godin
Sunday School: No Sunday School today
Tech Team: Laura Einwechter, Jacob Marsh & Dylan Smith
Leaders: Donald Paddock, Alexis Smith, Lori Marsh, Angie Gibson & Wendy Seunath
Actors: The children, families and young at heart of St. Andrew’s

Candles and Communion on Christmas Eve

Join us at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary on Christmas Eve (Wednesday December 24) for a service of carols, reflections on the coming of Emmanuel and communion.

This Week at St. Andrew’s Hespeler

Monday: Women’s Circle	7:00 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: Hope Clothing	Noon—2:00 pm
Thursday: CNT	4:45—7:00 pm
Thursday: Friends Group Christmas	7:00 pm

(CNT = Cambridge Neighbourhood Table)

Mission Moment: December 14

Shaibu Mohammed, a 7-year-old boy from Gbanterago in northern Ghana, was born with a disability caused by prolonged labour, and has never walked. Due to a lack of transportation, his parents were unable to enroll him in school. One day, Shaibu’s mother walked to the PWS&D -supported Community-Based Rehabilitation Programme (CBR) office to report her son’s situation and seek help. After a home visit and assessment, the CBR team provided Shaibu with a tricycle. Additionally, the Inclusive Education Officer coordinated with Gbanterago Primary School for his enrollment. Grateful, his mother said, “My child can now go to school like other kids in our community. What a great relief! Thank you so much for this kind gesture.”

