

# 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](http://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

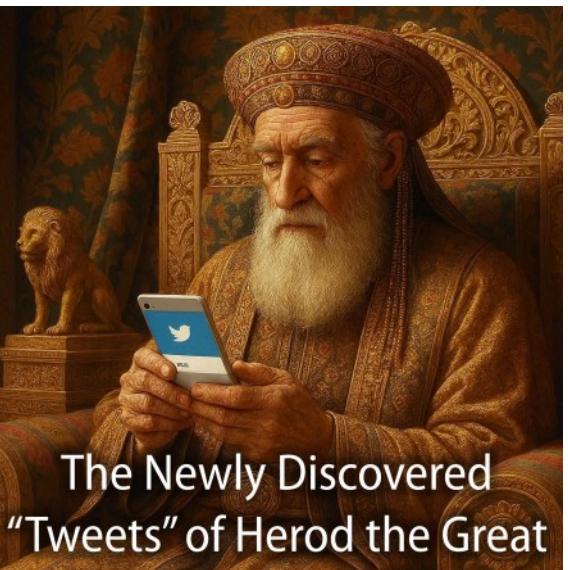
During the season of Advent we will once again be collecting toiletries to stock St. Andrew's Pantry. Needed items include: shampoo, soaps, deodorants, shaving supplies, toothpaste and toothbrushes, cleaning supplies, Kleenex and toilet paper. Let's try to fill the space under the Christmas tree (at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

#### Let's Be the Hands and Feet of Jesus!

We believe we are called by God to serve the people in our community. Currently we do so in a variety of ways. Hope Clothing provides good, clean clothes that are either new or gently used to anyone in our community free of charge. We provide food once a month with our St. Andrew's Pantry. We partner with the Cambridge Food Bank to host an off-site location two times per month. The House of Friendship partners with us to enable connections with our community and the Hespeler Outreach Worker. And this past Thursday we hosted our first Cambridge Neighbourhood Table, a free meal for members of our community. We are currently building relationships and connections with Preston organizations to explore serving the Preston community as well. By contributing to the Giving Tuesday Campaign you help bring all of these services to the Hespeler and Preston communities.

Sunday School is going on vacation for December 28 and January 4. We will resume on January 11th. On December 28 we will be celebrating our *Giving Tuesday* Campaign results and we would love it if the children and families wanted to come and help us make a big noise! This is the Sunday that wearing pj's to church is acceptable! There will be quiet activities in the Family Space for children.

#### Next Week's Sermon:



# St. Andrew's Hespeler Presbyterian Church

## December 21, 2025

### Fourth Sunday of 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: Fughetta by J.S. Bach

Welcome

Lighting the Candle of Peace (Ray Czerwonka & Carol White)  
Voice 1: An angel of the Lord declared, "God is with us"—this is the greatest gift of love.

Voice 2: Yet even at Christmas, love is often measured by gifts and material things.

Voice 1: But God's love can come through people: a king named David, a prophet named Nathan, and Mary and Joseph. In a baby, God's love was made real among us.

Voice 2: Can we believe that God's love is revealed through people? On this fourth Sunday of Advent, we light the candle of love, a light for our world.

*The candle of love is lit.*

