

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.



Boy It's Cold in Here

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. Did you know that our hydro bill, this year from January to the end of October was \$7, 346.31. And that's just one utility bill! 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.

New Hope Friends will be having a White Elephant Christmas Celebration on Thursday, December 11, at 7 p.m., All are invited to attend and to bring a White Elephant Gift to exchange. This will be a dessert only event after the mass choir practice.

(The White Elephant is the gift you previously received and are never going to use. It really can be anything from adorable knickknacks, to gazing balls, Christmas ornaments etc. etc. etc.. Don't spend money on a gift!)

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

On **Tuesday, December 9, 6:30—7:30 pm** we will be having a Volunteer evening. If you are interested in helping please come out. During this time we will have paperwork to fill out and we will learn what to expect on the night of the dinner. Descriptions of each job will be available and we will have a chance to meet the crew from Kinbridge. Talk with Joni or Andy

St. Andrew's Hespeler Presbyterian Church December 7, 2025 Second Sunday of Advent



Joseph's Female
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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. This will be a communion service so, if you are joining us remotely, please prepare bread and wine (or substitutes) at home.

Prelude: Saviour of the Nations, Come by Johann Buttstedt

Welcome

Lighting the Candle of Peace — Steve Jones and Angie Gibson

Voice 1: The psalmist dreamed of a world where leaders govern with righteousness, and the poor are treated with dignity and justice.

Voice 2: In this new creation, the oppressed are set free, the vulnerable are protected and peace flows like a river.

Voice 1: Today, too many experience violence, poverty and persecution. Yet, they yearn to know peace.

Voice 2: We long to live in that new creation, where God's glory is revealed on earth, through justice and peace. Today, on this second Sunday of Advent, we light the candle of peace as a prayer of longing.

The candle of peace is lit.

Let us pray together: **Living God, help us to recognize your presence wherever people work for peace. Teach us to be instruments of your peace in the world. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Hymn #157 The snow lay on the ground

Prayer of approach:

L: God of wisdom and understanding, of peace and promise, you are the giver of life, and you live in us. You have welcomed us as your children and called us to live out your image with hospitality toward each other. In Jesus Christ, you offer us living water to wash away our sin and sorrow, and call us back to paths of justice and righteousness. With the Holy Spirit, you baptize us for service and life in community, refreshing us each day with your presence and purpose. Glory and honour and praise be yours, Creator, Christ and Spirit, this day and every day, now and evermore. **Amen.**

Laying Down Our Burdens

Solo: Jesus, our brother, kind and good Jane Bennett

Responsive Reading: Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

L: Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to a king’s son.

P: May he judge your people with righteousness and your poor with justice.

L: May the mountains yield prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness.

P: May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor.

L: May he live while the sun endures and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.

P: May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth.

L: In his days may righteousness flourish and peace abound,

P: until the moon is no more.

L: Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.

P: Blessed be his glorious name forever; may his glory fill the whole earth. Amen and Amen.

Gospel: Matthew 1:1-6

¹ An account of the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham.

² Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, ³ and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Aram, ⁴ and Aram the father of Aminadab, and Aminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, ⁵ and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, ⁶ and Jesse the father of King David.

And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uriah.

Hymn #124 People in darkness

Family Time

Life and Work of the Church

Celebration of our Generosity

Offertory: Deck thyself, O Beloved Soul by F. Peeters

Sermon: Joseph’s Female Ancestors Drop By

Invitation to Communion

Communion Hymn #529 O holy Father, God most dear

#539 Apostles’ Creed

#564 Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Communion of the People

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

Hymn #133 Go, tell it on the mountain

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: “Walsall” by H. Willan



Some important upcoming events

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

This Week at St. Andrew’s Hespeler

Monday: Women’s Circle	7:00 pm
Tuesday: Hope Clothing	9:00—11:30 am
Tuesday: CNT Volunteer meeting	6:30—7:30 pm
Wednesday: Bible Study	10:00 am
Wednesday: 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: Food Bank	Noon—2:00 pm
Thursday: Friends Group Christmas	7:00 pm

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

Organist:	Martin Bohl
Worship Assistant:	Allison Cann
Beadle:	Angie Gibson
Sunday School:	Donald Paddock & Wendy Seunath
Tech Team:	Laura Einwechter, Jacob Marsh & Dylan Smith
Communion Servers:	Carol White, Steve Jones, Joanne Waugh, Patrice Wappler, Marg Hunter, Laura Einwechter



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

Mission Moment: December 7

On World AIDS Day, we come together to remember the lives lost and to celebrate the progress made in combating the HIV and AIDS epidemic. In countries like Malawi, despite enormous progress, challenges persist. PWS&D, along with local partners, is ensuring that HIV testing services are available and that people have access to oral quick-test kits—a crucial tool for HIV prevention and early detection. Additionally, adolescent outreach clinics are being established to distribute condoms, helping ensure that young people can access safe sexual health options. As we mark World AIDS Day, we are reminded that the fight is not over. With continued collaboration, we can move closer to a future where HIV and AIDS are no longer prevalent.

