



welcome to join us.

We will need lots of help for the lunch! We will need help to get the food out, replenish the food and drink tables and clean up.

The hall will be set up following the funeral service on Saturday if anyone would like to help at that time as well.

Many hands make light work!

Some important upcoming events

Jan 17: Funeral Services for Bill Carter in the sanctuary

Jan 18: First Anniversary Celebration, with potluck lunch

Jan 31: Puzzle Swap

Feb 22: First Sunday in Lent

Feb 22: A Year in Review Celebration

Feb 22: Annual General Meeting

Apr 5: Easter Celebration

May 24: Pentecost Party



SMALL GROUP HIGHLIGHT

Today we are highlighting our **Hospitality Team**.

As the new year begins we want to build our Hospitality Team with the goal of having a coffee/tea fellowship after every Sunday morning worship service and being able to help with other times when we have potluck lunches, etc.

Our Hospitality Team leaders are Brenda Holm and Jean Godin. If you have any questions about what is required please speak with either lady. There is a sign up sheet at the back of the sanctuary

Next Sunday, January 18th we will be celebrating our 1st Anniversary! We will celebrate after worship by sharing a potluck lunch together. If you are able to bring an (peanut and shellfish free) item to share with others that would be great. If you are not able, or forget, know you are

Thank you!

Thank you to the group who came in Tuesday morning to record our Bible readings for the next 4 months! We were happy to welcome a new reader this time and we had lots of fun!

Thank you to the team of decorators who came in to dismantle the Christmas tree, to take down the Christmas decorations and put them all away. This is a big job and we are grateful to this group for continuing to make our sanctuary warm and inviting throughout the year.



Thank you to Andy Cann for keeping the snow and ice cleared outside for all of us. And thank you for keeping inside of the church clean. Thank you to Vern Platt for keeping the upstairs washrooms clean, too. Both men are filling in for Glen while he recovers. Thank you to Ray Godin for always doing our nightly security walk throughs and checks.

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

Organist:	Martin Bohl
Worship Assistant:	Vin Seunath
Beadle:	Jean Godin
Greeter:	Kathy Bott
Sunday School:	Wendy Seunath
Tech Team:	Laura Einwechter, Jacob Marsh & Dylan Smith

This Week at St. Andrew's Hespeler

Monday: Women's Empowerment Group 1:00 pm

Tuesday: Hope Clothing, closed to shoppers this week

Wednesday: Mobile Food Market 12:30 - 1:30 pm

Wednesday: Women's Empowerment Group: 1:30 pm

Thursday: Hope Clothing, Closed to shoppers this week

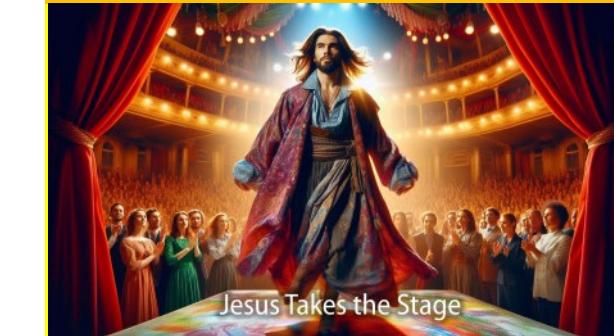
Thursday: CNT (Cambridge Community Table) 5:00 pm

Saturday: Funeral Service for Bill Carter 11:00 am

St. Andrew's Hespeler Presbyterian Church

January 11, 2026

Baptism of Jesus



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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: Prelude - Trio by L. Chaumont

Welcome

Call to worship

L: We are called to serve in the name of Jesus, God's beloved Son,

P: God calls us by name because we are beloved.

L: God calls us to be a light to the nations.

P: We wait for God's teaching and to learn justice.

L: We are witnesses to God's goodness and grace who claims and loves us.

P: God's name be praised!

Hymn #681 We have heard a joyful sound

Prayer of approach:

L: Creator God, you formed the heavens and stretched them over us; you spread out the earth and made it fruitful. From your glory, you came to us in Jesus, your Son, to touch the earth with healing and

hope. We praise you for all the gifts you have given us in Christ and in creation. In the strength of the Spirit, we come to renew our commitment to you, to serve in the name of Christ Jesus, who is one with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and always. **Amen!**

Laying Down Our Burdens

Responsive Reading: Psalm 29

L: Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,

P: ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

L: Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name;

P: worship the LORD in holy splendour.

L: The voice of the LORD is over the waters;

P: the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over mighty waters.

L: The voice of the LORD is powerful;

P: the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.

L: The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars;

P: the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

L: He makes Lebanon skip like a calf

P: and Sirion like a young wild ox.

L: The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire. The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

P: The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl and strips the forest bare, and in his temple all say, "Glory!"

L: The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;

P: the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.

L: May the LORD give strength to his people!

P: May the LORD bless his people with peace!

Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17 (Read by Jean Godin)

Hymn: Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

1. Amazing grace how sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now I'm found Was blind but now I see

2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed

My chains are gone I've been set free My God my Saviour has ransomed me

And like a flood His mercy rains Unending love amazing grace

3. The Lord has promised good to me His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be As long as life endures

4. The earth shall soon dissolve like snow The sun forbear to shine
But God who called me here below Will be forever mine
Will be forever mine You are forever mine

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Family Time

Life and Work of the Church

Celebration of our Generosity

Offertory: Sweet Hour of Prayer by W. Bradbury

Sermon: Jesus Takes the Stage

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

(... *forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors...*)

Hymn #680 Christ, of all my hopes the ground

Benediction

Choral Response #755 Go ye, go ye into the world

1. Go ye, go ye into the world, and make disciples of all the nations.

Go ye, go ye into the world, and I will be with you there!

2. Go ye, go ye into the world, and take the gospel to all the people.

Go ye, go ye into the world, and I will be with you there!

3. Go ye, go ye into the world, and tell the story to all believers.

Go ye, go ye into the world, and I will be with you there!

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Postlude: Postlude by G. Frescobaldi

Next Week's Sermon:



The rose placed on the communion table celebrates the birth of Hazel Taylor, granddaughter of Angie Gibson and great granddaughter of Carol White. She was born on December 31.

A Few Highlights from the Session meeting this week:

- Planning for the Annual Meeting. **All reports and now due and financial books to be audited should also be submitted.** Send to smcandless@standrewshespeler.ca
- Purchase of a new soundboard was approved. Funding will come from the Memorial fund
- We began the long-range planning process for property in Preston

Contact the minister if you need the link for this workshop:

OBSERVATIONS FROM THE

MISSIONAL EDGE



**Free Workshop
hosted by the Presbytery
of Waterloo Wellington**

TUES JANUARY 13 2026

7:00 pm - 8:00 pm via Zoom

Together with the Rev. Andrew Hyde we will reflect on the important role that "misfit" ministries play in the church, the possibilities and challenges that exist at the edges of our presbytery, and the common themes that mark vital ministry.

Rev. Hyde has served as chaplain for UofG's Ecumenical Campus Ministry since 2015 and is part of a leadership-sharing arrangement with Two Rivers Church. Rev. Hyde is an ordained minister of the United Church of Canada.



Mission Moment: January 11

"The lack of drinking water in the home is tiring and disappointing," explained 28-year-old Carolina Coronado. "During this year, the water pressure of the piped [municipal] system has decreased a lot. We have asked the community authorities for the expansion of drinking water, which hasn't been possible due to the low water pressure." To help respond to this challenge in Guatemala, PWS&D, together with our partner, the Maya-Mam Association of Research and Development, provided water tanks to families in need. Carolina explains: "The water tank will be very useful to me. Now I will be able to continue planting vegetables in my family garden. I am very grateful."

