

### SMALL GROUP HIGHLIGHT

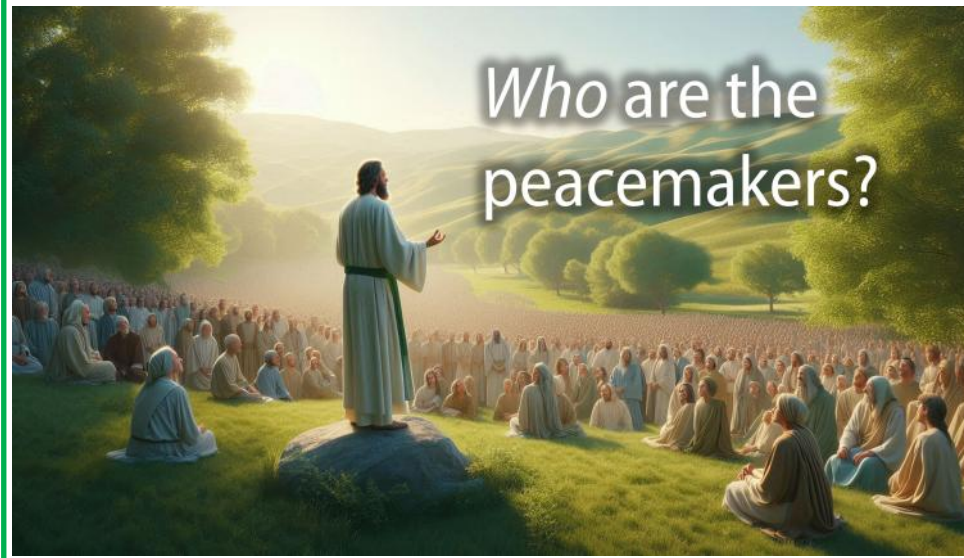
Today we are highlighting our **Hospitality Team**.

#### We are looking for volunteers!

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 Week's Sermon:



### Congregational Meeting



Our Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 22. Here are a few things you need to know:

- One the Wednesday before (February 18) at 7:00 pm there will be a **"Financial Meeting."** This will be an opportunity to go over financial information and budget and ask any detailed questions.
- On February 22, we will begin at 10 am with a **Review and Celebration** of all the ways that God has been at work among us over the past year. God's actions among us will be our message for the day.
- Following worship, we will deal with **business and motions** that need to come before the congregation.
- **Annual Reports** will be distributed before the meeting. We will make them available as soon as possible and at least one week prior to the meeting.
- All reports and now due and financial books to be audited should also be submitted. Send to [smcandless@standrewshespeler.ca](mailto:smcandless@standrewshespeler.ca)

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

Organist:	Martin Bohl
Worship Assistant:	Steve Marsh
Beadle:	Elaine McLean
Greeter:	Angie Gibson
Sunday School:	Wendy Seunath
Tech Team:	Laura Einwechter, Jacob Marsh & Dylan Smith

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

Tuesday: Hope Clothing	9:00 am—11:30 am
Tuesday: Women's Empowerment Group	7:00 pm
Wednesday: Mobile Food Market	12:30 - 1:30 pm
Thursday: Hope Clothing	noon—2:00 pm
Saturday: Puzzle Swap Meet	10:00 am—noon

#### Some important upcoming events

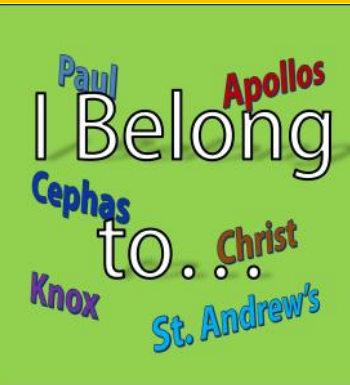
- Jan 31: Puzzle Swap
- Feb 18: Financial Meeting prior to the Annual General Meeting
- Feb 19: the next Cambridge Neighbourhood Table dinner
- Feb 22: First Sunday in Lent
- Feb 22: A Year in Review Celebration
- Feb 22: Annual General Meeting
- Mar 29: Palm Sunday Parade
- Apr 5: Easter Celebration
- May 24: Pentecost Party

The **Women in the Bible Study** will

continue this Wednesday, January 28 at 10 am. Coffee (and heat) will be on in the Foyer and we hope you can join us. We will be looking at some later non-canonical developments around the Marys in the Bible.



# St. Andrew's Hespeler Presbyterian Church January 25, 2026 Third Sunday After Epiphany



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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: Allein Gott in der Hoeh Sei Ehr by J. Kirnberger

Welcome

Call to worship

L: The Lord is our light and salvation.

**P: We will not be afraid.**

L: Behold the beauty of the Lord!

**P: God will shelter us on any day of trouble and set us high upon a rock.**

L: Let God's people shout for joy!

**P: For Christ calls us and claims us as his own.**

L: Come and worship in unity and love; let us rejoice together!

Hymn #472 We are God's people

1. We are God's people, the chosen of the Lord,  
born of the Spirit, established by the word;  
our cornerstone is Christ alone, and strong in him we stand:  
oh let us live transparently, and walk heart to heart and hand in hand.



2. We are God’s loved ones, the bride of Christ our Lord,  
for we have known it, the love of God outpoured;  
now let us learn how to return the gift of love once given:  
oh let us share each joy and care and live with a zeal that pleases  
heaven.
3. We are the body of which the Lord is head,  
called to obey him, now risen from the dead;  
he wills us be a family, diverse yet truly one:  
oh let us freely give our gifts, and so shall God’s work on earth be  
done.
4. We are a temple, the Spirit’s dwelling place,  
formed in great weakness, a cup to hold God’s grace;  
alone, we die, for on its own each ember loses fire:  
yet joined in one the flame burns on to give warmth and light, and to  
inspire.

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Opening Prayer

L: Gracious God, you are our light and our salvation, you are peace and  
you are grace, you are healing and you are love. You send comfort  
and courage to relieve our tears and fears in the shadows of fear  
and doubt. And you call us to lives of meaning and to follow you in  
your ways of justice, truth and goodness. We offer our praise in love  
and loyalty for you are always with us. **Amen.**

Laying Down Our Burdens

Responsive Reading: Psalm 27:1, 4-9

L: The LORD is my light and my salvation;

**P: whom shall I fear?**

L: The LORD is the stronghold of my life;

**P: of whom shall I be afraid?**

L: One thing I asked of the LORD; this I seek:

**P: to live in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold  
the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in his temple.**

L: For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will  
conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a  
rock.

**P: Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I  
will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and  
make melody to the LORD.**

L: Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me!

**P: “Come,” my heart says, “seek his face!” Your face, LORD, do I seek.  
Do not hide your face from me.**

L: Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my  
help.

**P: Do not cast me off; do not forsake me, O God of my salvation!**

Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23 (Read by Laurna Chopping-Clark)

Letter: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

<sup>10</sup> Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord  
Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no

divisions among you but that you be knit together in the same mind and  
the same purpose. <sup>11</sup> For it has been made clear to me by Chloe’s people  
that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. <sup>12</sup> What I  
mean is that each of you says, “I belong to Paul,” or “I belong to Apollos,”  
or “I belong to Cephas,” or “I belong to Christ.” <sup>13</sup> Has Christ been  
divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name  
of Paul? <sup>14</sup> I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and  
Gaius, <sup>15</sup> so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. <sup>16</sup> I  
did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know  
whether I baptized anyone else. <sup>17</sup> For Christ did not send me to baptize  
but to proclaim the gospel—and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the  
cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

<sup>18</sup> For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are  
perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Hymn: #471 We are one in the Spirit

1. We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,  
we are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,  
and we pray that all unity will one day be restored  
and they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,  
and they’ll know we are Christians by our love.

2. We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,  
we will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,  
and together we’ll spread the news that God is in our land,  
and they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,  
And they’ll know we are Christians by our love.

3. We will work with each other, we will work side by side,  
we will work with each other, we will work side by side,  
and we’ll guard each one’s dignity and save each one’s pride,  
and they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,  
and they’ll know we are Christians by our love.

4. All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,  
and all praise to Christ Jesus, who is God’s only Son,  
and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one,  
and they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,  
and they’ll know we are Christians by our love.

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Family Time

Life and Work of the Church

Celebration of our Generosity

Offertory: Blessing by Lani Smith

Sermon: Paul’s Anniversary Card to Us

Prayers of the People and Lord’s Prayer

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

Hymn #481 Blest be the tie that binds

1. Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;  
the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

2. Before our Maker’s throne we pour our ardent prayers;  
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.

3. We share each other’s woes, each other’s burdens bear,  
and often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.

4. When we asunder part, it gives us keenest pain,  
but we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.

5. This glorious hope revives our courage on the way:  
in perfect friendship we shall live in God’s eternal day.

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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: Andante Con Moto by C. Fink

Mission Moment: January 25

Place of Hope Indigenous Presbyterian Church in Winnipeg, MB, led by  
the Rev. Margaret Mullin and the dedicated clerk and Session,  
continues to grow in numbers despite the many losses experienced by  
those attending and connected to this special congregation. Meeting  
each Sunday afternoon in the hall at St. John’s Presbyterian Church, this  
congregation boasts a  
very large number of  
children, and the room  
is filled with music,  
caring and joy each  
week. Supported by  
Presbyterians Sharing,  
as are all eight of the  
NIMC (National  
Indigenous Ministry  
Council) ministries, the  
connections this  
ministry has made with  
its membership  
provide, as the name  
suggests, a place of hope and true belonging for its membership.

