

Congregational Meeting



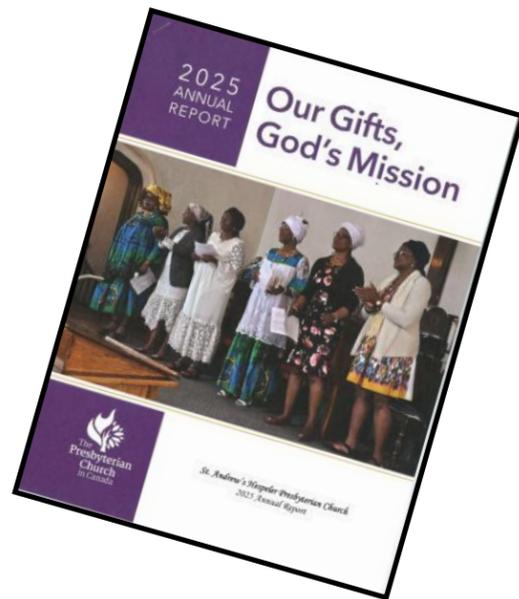
Our Annual Congregational Meeting is being held today. Here are a few things you need to know:

- We will begin at 10 am (or at the end of the gold medal hockey game as the case may be) 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 take a short break and some refreshments will be made available at the back of the sanctuary. We encourage you to take a break and grab some coffee or tea and then return to your seats so that we can deal with the **business and motions** that need to come before the congregation.

- Annual Reports** are available to be picked up at the back of the sanctuary if you do not yet have one or if you forgot to bring it today. Thank you to everyone who contributed so much work to prepare this report.

- Thank you to Joni Smith who prepared our review and celebration this morning.



Next Week's Sermon:



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

Organist:	Martin Bohl
Sunday School leaders:	no Sunday School today
Worship Assistant:	Steve Marsh
Greeter:	Carol Johnston
Beadle:	Sylvia Brooks
Tech team:	Jacob Marsh & David Paetkau

This Week at St. Andrew's Hespeler

Tuesday: Hope Clothing	9:00 am—11:30 am
Wednesday: Mobile Food Market	12:30 - 1:30 pm
Wednesday: Bible Study	Noon
Thursday: Hope Clothing	noon—2:00 pm
Thursday: Food Bank	noon—2:00 pm

Some important upcoming events

Feb 22: First Sunday in Lent
 Feb 22: A Year in Review Celebration
 Feb 22: Annual General Meeting
 Mar 1: Celebration of Communion
 Mar 25: Session/Deacon call out
 Mar 29: Palm Sunday Parade
 Apr 5: Easter Celebration
 May 24: Pentecost Party

Today is the First Sunday in Lent and this is the Sunday we traditionally

start a new challenge for collecting something for one of our outreach programs. So today, we will start our **"Undie Sunday"** challenge! Underwear is often a much needed item for many people who access Hope Clothing, but we do not accept

donations of used underwear. This Lent we are asking for donations of new underwear, underwear for everyone, children, men, women. If you can help out with this challenge, we will be collecting until Palm Sunday. And this time we will **NOT** be modelling our donations!!



St. Andrew's Hespeler Presbyterian Church February 22, 2026 A Year in Review Celebration!



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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: We Believe in Triune God by J.C. Bach

Welcome

Call to worship

L: Friends, for the sake of love, we are here

P: Gathering as the body of Christ

L: Reflecting on our call to be the church

P: Deciding how best to embody Christ in the world

L: Striving for justice, compassion,

P: humility, and peace

L: Letting the unity of our oneness in Jesus draw us together:

P: We are not alone, we live in God's world. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to

proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone.

Hymn #328 This is my Father's world

Opening Prayer

L: Generous God, giver of every good and perfect gift, we lift our voices today to express our thanks and praise. For family and friends, for our homes and this church community, and for your abiding and life-giving presence, we say thank you. For your love, which knows no bounds, and for empowering us to share your love with others, we sing your praise. Make us deeply aware of your presence today—this Year in Review Celebration Sunday—as we gather together to worship in Jesus' name. Amen.

Laying Down Our Burdens

Responsive Psalm 32

L: Count yourself lucky, how happy you must be—you get a fresh start, your slate's wiped clean.

P: Count yourself lucky—God holds nothing against you and you're holding nothing back from him.

L: When I kept it all inside, my bones turned to powder, my words became daylong groans.

P: The pressure never let up; all the juices of my life dried up.

L: Then I let it all out; I said, "I'll come clean about my failures to God." Suddenly the pressure was gone—my guilt dissolved, my sin disappeared.

P: These things add up. Every one of us needs to pray; when all hell breaks loose and the dam bursts we'll be on high ground, untouched.

L: God's my island hideaway, keeps danger far from the shore, throws garlands of hosannas around my neck.

P: Let me give you some good advice; I'm looking you in the eye and giving it to you straight:

L: "Don't be ornery like a horse or mule that needs bit and bridle to stay on track."

P: God-defiers are always in trouble; God-affirmers find themselves loved every time they turn around.

L: Celebrate God. Sing together—everyone! All you honest hearts, raise the roof!

Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11 Read by Brenda Holm

Hymn #475 I am the church! You are the church!

Family Time

Life and Work of the Church

Celebration of our Generosity

Offertory: Built on the Rock the Church Doth Stand
by Theodore Hoelty-Nickel

Celebration & Reflection: A Year in Review

A Moment of Remembrance

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

Hymn #635 Brother, sister, let me serve you

1. Brother, sister, let me serve you; let me be as Christ to you; pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.

2. We are pilgrims on a journey, and companions on the road; we are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.

3. I will hold the Christ-light for you in the night-time of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.

4. I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh I'll laugh with you; I will share your joy and sorrow, till we've seen this journey through.

5. When we sing to God in heaven, we shall find such harmony, born of all we've known together of Christ's love and agony.

6. Chosen family, let me serve you; let me be as Christ to you; pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.

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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: Trumpet Voluntary by J. Clarke

Women in the Bible Study

The Women in the Bible Study will continue this week with a look at the two troubling stories of Hagar.

We will meet on Wednesday, February 25.

Please note that we will meet at Noon this time. As Rev. Scott has a chapel service in the morning.



World Day of Prayer 2026



The Hespeler World Day of Prayer will be held this year at **Warner Mennonite Church**, 1725 Beaverdale Rd., Cambridge on Friday March 6, 2026.

It will start at 1:30 pm.

The service this year was written by the ladies of Nigeria.

The theme is: **I Will Give You Rest: Come**
Matthew 11 : 28-30

Mission Moment: February 22

Amidst a war, political upheaval, and various challenges, a congregation in the Reformed Church of Transcarpathia, Ukraine, has been providing nourishment and service to their community. The Reformed Church of Chop operates a social kitchen that serves weekly meals to

economically disadvantaged, mentally and physically disabled, and elderly members of the community. Since 2023, Presbyterians Sharing has helped purchase ingredients and tools as well as monthly stipends for those serving in the ministry. Through grace, the number of served meals has doubled, and the community has experienced communal, physical and spiritual sustenance.

