

## Congregational Meeting

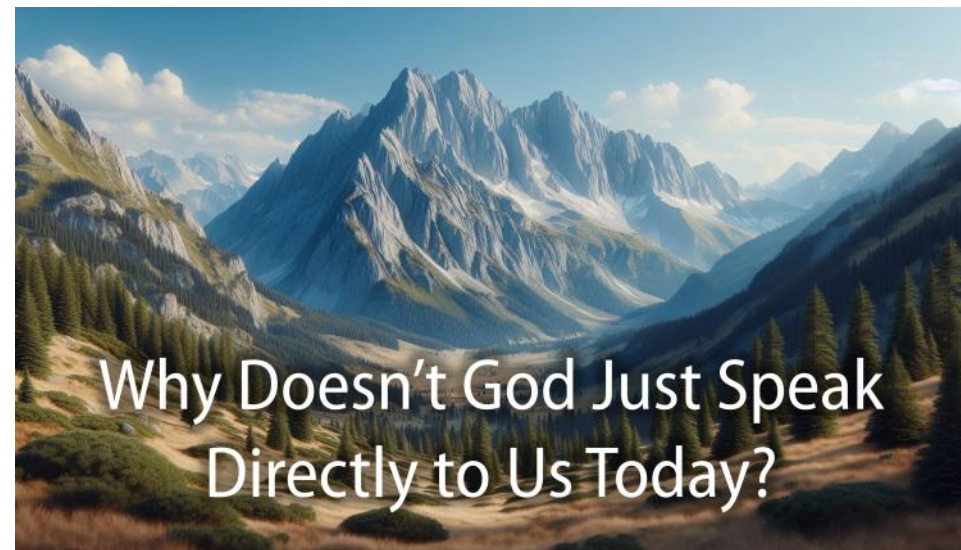


Our Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 22. Here are a few things you need to know:

- 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.

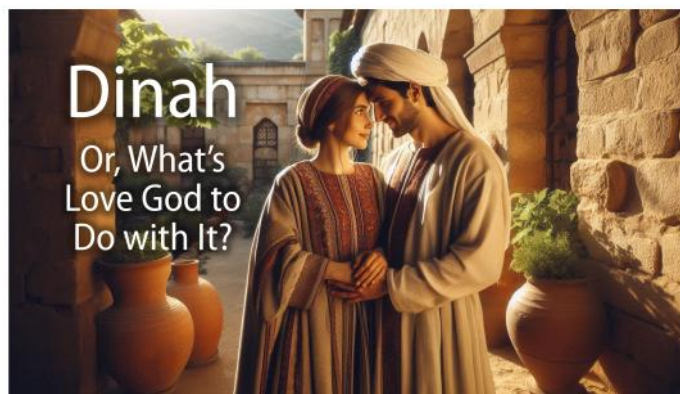
- On February 22, we will begin at 10 am with a **Review and Celebration** of all the ways that God has been at work among us over the past year. God’s actions among us will be our message for the day.
- Following worship, we will deal with **business and motions** that need to come before the congregation.
- **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@standreshespeler.ca](mailto:smcandless@standreshespeler.ca)

Next Week’s Sermon:



### Women in the Bible

The Women in the Bible Study will continue this week as we take a look at the story of Dinah. Join us at 10 am on Wednesday morning in the foyer. Coffee will be on!



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

Organist: Martin Bohl  
Worship Assistant: Allison Cann  
Beadle: Marcus Cawthra  
Greeter: Bill & Marg Hunter  
Sunday School: Alexis Smith  
Tech Team: Laura Einwechter, Jacob Marsh & Dylan Smith

### 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  
Thursday: Hope Clothing noon—2:00 pm  
Thursday: Food Bank noon—2:00 pm

### Some important upcoming events

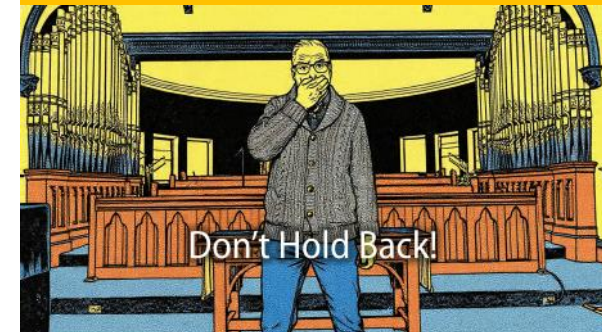
Feb 18: Financial Meeting prior to the Annual General Meeting  
Feb 19: the next Cambridge Neighbourhood Table dinner  
Feb 22: First Sunday in Lent  
Feb 22: A Year in Review Celebration  
Feb 22: Annual General Meeting  
Mar 25: Session/Deacon call out  
Mar 29: Palm Sunday Parade  
Apr 5: Easter Celebration  
May 24: Pentecost Party

### EXCITING NEWS!

Our new digital soundboard was installed this week. Please be patient with our tech team as we learn how to operate this new machine. We will be participating in training, so if you ever thought of joining this team, please speak with Joni so you can join us for the training session!



# St. Andrew’s Hespeler Presbyterian Church February 8, 2026 Fifth 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: Morning Prayer by Tchaikowsky

Welcome

Call to worship

L: Just as sunrise breaks through the darkness each day,

**P: So God’s grace, mercy and justice shine forth.**

L: We gather, with devotion and doubt, with weariness and wonder;

**P: trusting that God’s peace and love are present here.**

L: Come and worship as you are, knowing you are loved.

**P: We come, rejoicing, to praise God’s holy name.**

Hymn #712 Arise, your light is come

Opening Prayer

L: Holy One, Light of the world, Almighty God, in whom we live, and trust and hope, at the beginning of creation, you called order out of chaos and formed the sun and moon and stars to shine in the

darkness and to lighten the way. And you call us and give us a purpose and vocation and you strengthen us to follow you. So turn us now from our ways of chaos and discontent to follow your ways of justice, wisdom and grace through Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, we pray. **Amen.**

Laying Down Our Burdens

Responsive Psalm 112

L: Praise the LORD! Happy are those who fear the LORD, who greatly delight in his commandments.

**P: Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed. Wealth and riches are in their houses, and their righteousness endures forever. They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright; they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.**

L: It is well with those who deal generously and lend, who conduct their affairs with justice. For the righteous will never be moved;

**P: They are not afraid of evil tidings; their hearts are firm, secure in the LORD. Their hearts are steady; they will not be afraid; in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.**

L: They have distributed freely; they have given to the poor; their righteousness endures forever; their horn is exalted in honour.

**P: The wicked see it and are angry; they gnash their teeth and melt away; the desire of the wicked comes to nothing.**

Gospel: Matthew 5:13-20

Prophets: Isaiah 58:1-12

<sup>1</sup> Shout out; do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet!

Announce to my people their rebellion,

to the house of Jacob their sins.

<sup>2</sup> Yet day after day they seek me

and delight to know my ways,

as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness

and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;

they ask of me righteous judgments;

they want God on their side.

<sup>3</sup> “Why do we fast, but you do not see?

Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?”

Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day

and oppress all your workers.

<sup>4</sup> You fast only to quarrel and to fight

and to strike with a wicked fist.

Such fasting as you do today

will not make your voice heard on high.



<sup>5</sup> Is such the fast that I choose,  
a day to humble oneself?  
Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush  
and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?

Will you call this a fast,  
a day acceptable to the LORD?

<sup>6</sup> Is not this the fast that I choose:  
to loose the bonds of injustice,  
to undo the straps of the yoke,  
to let the oppressed go free,  
and to break every yoke?

<sup>7</sup> Is it not to share your bread with the hungry  
and bring the homeless poor into your house;  
when you see the naked, to cover them  
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

<sup>8</sup> Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,  
and your healing shall spring up quickly;  
your vindicator shall go before you;  
the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.

<sup>9</sup> Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;  
you shall cry for help, and he will say, “Here I am.”

If you remove the yoke from among you,  
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,

<sup>10</sup> if you offer your food to the hungry  
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,  
then your light shall rise in the darkness  
and your gloom be like the noonday.

<sup>11</sup> The LORD will guide you continually  
and satisfy your needs in parched places  
and make your bones strong,  
and you shall be like a watered garden,  
like a spring of water  
whose waters never fail.

<sup>12</sup> Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;  
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;  
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,

the restorer of streets to live in.

Hymn #714 Wordless, ancient earth’s foundations

Family Time

Life and Work of the Church

Celebration of our Generosity

Offertory: I am Trusting Thee Lord Jesus by Ludwig Lenel

Sermon: *Don’t Hold Back*

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

Hymn#723 Lord, in this broken world

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: Largo by G. F. Handel

Mission Moment: February 8

For the past 112 years, the members of Zion Church in Charlottetown have had to make their way down the stairs to the main reception hall and up the stairs to the Youth Centre and Sunday school classrooms. Thanks to a congregational loan from The Presbyterian Church in Canada, all three floors of this historic church will soon be accessible to anyone with mobility issues. Finding a location that would structurally work for the installation of a three-storey lift wasn’t an easy task. All those who made this badly needed addition a reality are to be commended for their tireless efforts. While fundraising efforts are now underway, it was the financial support of the PCC that allowed this project to come to fruition.

