

World Day of Prayer 2026



The Hespeler World Day of Prayer will be held this year at **Wanner 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

Next Week's Sermon:



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

Organist: Alexis Smith
Sunday School leaders: Lori Marsh
Worship Assistant: Marcus Cawthra
Greeter: Brenda Holm
Beadle: Joanne Waugh
Tech team: Jacob Marsh & Laura Einwechter

This Week at St. Andrew's Hespeler

Monday: Women's Empowerment group 1:00 pm
Tuesday: Hope Clothing 9:00 am—11:30 am
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Wednesday: Mobile Food Market 12:30 - 1:30 pm
Wednesday: Soundboard Training 6:15 pm
Thursday: Hope Clothing noon—2:00 pm
Thursday: St. Andrew's Pantry noon—2:00 pm
Friday: World Day of Prayer (at Wanner Mennonite Church) 1:30 pm
Saturday: Hope Clothing 10:00 am—noon

Some important upcoming events

Mar 4: Soundboard Training
Mar 8: Cake Sunday!
Mar 25: Session/Deacon call out
Mar 29: Palm Sunday Parade
Apr 5: Easter Celebration
May 24: Pentecost Party

Today is the Second Sunday in Lent and during this season, we

traditionally have challenge for collecting something for one of our outreach programs. So today, we will continue 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 March 1, 2026 Communion Sunday



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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

Welcome

Call to worship

L: Into life's challenges and questions comes the Mystery of God,
P: and God's truth opens our eyes.

L: Into our routines and rituals walks the presence of Christ,
P: and God's love brings healing and hope.

L: Into our traditions and conclusions blows the wind of the Spirit,
P: and God's people are born from above.

L: We gather in Jesus' name to encounter God's grace and glory.
P: Let us worship God with open hearts and minds.

Hymn #81 Unto the hills around

1. Unto the hills around do I lift, up my longing eyes:
oh whence for me shall my salvation come, from whence arise?
From God the Lord doth come my certain aid,
from God the Lord who heaven and earth hath made.

2. He will not suffer that thy foot be moved: safe shalt thou be.
No careless slumber shall his eyelids close, who keepeth thee.
Behold, he sleepeth not, he slumbereth ne'er,
who keepeth Israel in his holy care.

3. Jehovah is himself thy keeper true, thy changeless shade;
Jehovah thy defence on thy right hand himself hath made,
and thee no sun by day shall ever smite;
no moon shall harm thee in the silent night.

4. From every evil shall he keep thy soul, from every sin:
Jehovah shall preserve thy going out, thy coming in.
Above thee watching, he whom we adore
shall keep thee henceforth, yea, forevermore.

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Opening Prayer

L: God of majesty and mercy, Christ, both Lord and Servant, Spirit of new life, your mystery embraces the vast reaches of the universe and yet you are present with us in the course of our daily lives. Even the tiniest spark of your wisdom illuminates the greatest complexities. With the smallest gesture of your love, you renew our hope. Deepen our sense of your holy presence this day. Assure us that your love will never let us go. We offer our praise and our prayers this day to you, Holy God, Holy One and Holy Three, with humble hearts and faith that seeks understanding. **Amen.**

Laying Down Our Burdens

Responsive Psalm 121

L: I lift up my eyes to the hills—from where will my help come?

P: My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

L: He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.

P: He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

L: The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade at your right hand.

P: The sun shall not strike you by day nor the moon by night.

L: The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

P: The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.

Gospel: John 3:1-17 Read by Brenda Holm

Hymn #674 In the bulb there is a flower

1. In the bulb there is a flower, in the seed, an apple tree,
in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

2. There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;
there's a dawn in every darkness bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

3. In our end is our beginning, in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing, in our life, eternity,
in our death, a resurrection, at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

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Family Time

Life and Work of the Church

Celebration of our Generosity

Offertory

Sermon: Nick at Night

Communion Hymn #526 Lift up your hearts / Sing Alleluia

1. Lift up your hearts unto the Lord, lift up your hearts unto the Lord.
Sing hallelujah, sing hallelujah; lift up your hearts unto the Lord!

2. In Christ the world has been redeemed; in Christ the world has been redeemed.

Sing hallelujah, sing hallelujah; in Christ the world has been redeemed.

3. His resurrection sets us free; his resurrection sets us free.

Sing hallelujah, sing hallelujah; his resurrection sets us free.

4. Therefore, we celebrate the feast; therefore, we celebrate the feast.

Sing hallelujah, sing hallelujah; therefore, we celebrate the feast.

5. Sing hallelujah to the Lord! Sing hallelujah to the Lord!

Sing hallelujah, sing hallelujah, sing hallelujah to the Lord!

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Celebration of Communion

#539 Apostles' Creed

Invitation

#564 The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Words of Remembrance

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of God's People

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

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

Hymn #368 Let Christian faith and hope dispel

1. Let Christian faith and hope dispel the fears of guilt and woe;
the Lord Almighty is our friend, and who can prove a foe?

2. The Saviour died, but rose again triumphant from the grave,
and pleads our cause at God's right hand, omnipotent to save.

3. Who then can e'er divide us more from Jesus' saving love,
or break the sacred chain that binds the earth to heaven above?

4. Let troubles rise and terrors frown, and days of darkness fall;
through Christ all dangers we'll defy, and more than conquer all.

5. Nor death, nor life, nor earth, nor hell, nor time's destroying sway
can e'er erase us from his heart, or make his love decay.

6. Each future period that will bless as it has blessed the past;
Christ loved us from the first of time; Christ loves us to the last.

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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

Mission Moment: March 1

After Susheela Devi's husband died from a chronic illness, she struggled to support her four daughters while running a small cosmetic shop. To ease her financial burdens, two of her daughters were forced into early marriage, and one tragically died during childbirth, leaving Susheela to care for the newborn. With insufficient government aid, her remaining daughters dropped out of school. Through the Karuna Project in India, PWS&D provided resources to help Susheela revive her cosmetic business, enabling her to support her family. The project also educated her on the dangers of child marriage, prompting her to re-enroll her daughters in school and invest in their futures. Determined, she says, "I will make them study well so they are capable of taking care of themselves."

