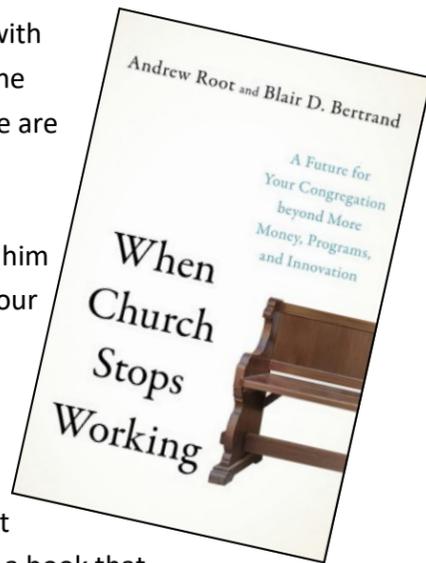


Today is the Fourth Sunday in Lent and during this season, we traditionally have challenge for collecting something for one of our outreach programs. So today, we will continue our “Undie Sunday” challenge! Underwear is often a much needed item for many people who access Hope Clothing, but we do not 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!!



The session met this past Wednesday with Rev. Jonathan Tait, a consultant from the Synod. He listened intently to where we are in our amalgamation journey and our embrace of our new identity as a congregation. We will be meeting with him again soon and he will assist us to find our best next steps. In the meantime, he recommended that the book “When Church Stops Working” may be helpful and some of our elders will be obtaining the book to read it and pass it around to others who are interested in a book that speaks to the real challenges of being the church today.



Next Week’s Sermon:



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

Organist: Martin Bohl
 Worship Assistant: Angie Gibson
 Greeter: Patrice Wappler
 Beadle: Carol Johnston
 Sunday School leader: Donald Paddock & Angie Gibson
 Tech Team: Dylan Smith, 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
 Tuesday: Mental Health Workshop 7:00 pm
 Wednesday: Women in the Bible Study 10:00 am
 Wednesday: Preston Work Day 10:00 am
 Wednesday: Mobile Food Market 12:30 - 1:30 pm
 Wednesday: Special Session Meeting 7:00-9:00
 Thursday: Hespeler Work Day 10:30 am
 Thursday: Hope Clothing noon—2:00 pm
 Thursday: CNT 5:00—6:30 pm

Some important upcoming events

Mar 18: Preston Work Day!
 Mar 19: Hespeler Work Day!
 Mar 19: CNT (Cambridge Neighbourhood Table)
 Mar 25: Session/Deacon call out
 Mar 29: Palm Sunday Parade
 Apr 5: Easter Celebration
 May 24: Pentecost Party



Cambridge Neighbourhood Table (CNT) reduces social isolation and strengthens communities by bringing neighbours together through shared meals and meaningful connection. It is supported Kinbridge Community Association and is always a wonderful meal. We will be hosting our third dinner this Thursday and doors open at 4:45 pm. All are welcome, so why not come and invite somebody who could use the support?

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 March 15, 2026
 Fourth Sunday in Lent**



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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: Souvenir by Marcel Dupre
 Welcome
 Call to worship
 L: The Lord is our Shepherd.
P: God leads us by still waters.
 L: Christ restores our souls.
P: The Spirit leads us in right paths.
 L: Let us worship God who is always with us.
P: We will praise our God, trusting in God’s goodness and mercy!

Hymn #636 When voices are confusing (to tune #742)

1. When voices are confusing, when right and wrong are blurred,
we need your help in choosing the way to be preferred;
our feet are prone to wander in paths untrue, untried:
O Christ, our strong commander, become our trusted guide.

2. When truth is hard to follow when fact is hard to find,
when crowd-appeals are shallow, reshape, renew our mind.
Your ways we would be learning: oh make our choices clear,
that we, the more discerning, the more may persevere.

3. Our lives are yours: oh take us and shape our destiny;
through willing service make us all you would have us be.
Confirm this high endeavour against the reign of strife;
great Love, be ours forever, the Way, the Truth, the Life

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Opening Prayer

L: Gracious and loving God, you are the Source of all that sustains us.
You are compassion, embracing us when we call for mercy. You are
mercy, guiding us through anxious times. You are wisdom, revealing
truth to challenge and renew us. Holy One, you bless us with your
presence day by day, so we turn to you in worship, as Creator, Christ
and Spirit, offering you our love and loyalty, our prayers and our
praise, **Amen.**

Laying Down Our Burdens

Responsive Psalm 23

L: The LORD is my shepherd;

P: I shall not want.

L: He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still
waters;

P: he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

L: Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil,

P: for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

L: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

P: you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

L: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

P: and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

Gospel: John 9:1-12 Read by Joanne Waugh

Hymn #655 Give me oil in my lamp

1. Give me oil in my lamp; keep me burning;
give me oil in my lamp, I pray.

Give me oil in my lamp; keep me burning;
keep me burning till the break of day.

Refrain:

Sing hosanna, sing hosanna, sing hosanna to the Servant King;
sing hosanna, sing hosanna, sing hosanna, let us sing!

2. Give me joy in my heart; keep me praising;
give me joy in my heart, I pray.

Give me joy in my heart; keep me praising;
keep me praising till the break of day.

3. Give me peace in my heart; keep me loving;
give me peace in my heart, I pray.

Give me peace in my heart; keep me loving;
keep me loving till the break of day.

4. Give me love in my heart; keep me serving;
give me love in my heart, I pray.

Give me love in my heart; keep me serving;
keep me serving till the break of day.

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Family Time

Life and Work of the Church

Celebration of our Generosity

Offertory: Oh, Bless the Lord, My Soul by H. Willan

Sermon: Did He Hear What They Said?

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

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

Hymn #654 O God of Bethel, by whose hand

1. O God of Bethel, by whose hand thy people still are fed,
who through this weary pilgrimage hast all thy servants led:

2. our vows, our prayers, we now present before thy gracious throne;
as thou hast been our faithful God, so always be our own.

3. Through each perplexing path of life our wandering footsteps guide;
give us each day our daily bread, and raiment fit provide.

4. Oh spread thy covering wings around, till all our wanderings cease,
and at our God's own loved abode our souls arrive in peace.

5. Such blessings from thy gracious hand our humble prayers implore,
and thou shalt be our chosen God and portion evermore.

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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: Postlude by J. Fischer

Shared Work, Fellowship (and Pizza!)

Preston work day! We need your help as we start to refresh and clean our space in Preston to welcome the community in and start some new programs. It is March Break and some of our youth are going to be helping us. Our first work day will be on **Wednesday, March 18 from 10:00 am - about 12:30 pm.** We will begin with the main room by removing all of the tables, chairs, wall hangings, etc. and then tearing out the old carpet. We hope to leave this time and space ready to paint on the next work day. We will share a lunch (provided) together at the end of our work time. When removing the carpet people will be required to wear masks which will be provided. We would love to have anyone stop by to check out the space and the plans we are making, drop in for a chat, drop in to pick up a broom, come in for a coffee. For anyone who has not already seen our space in Preston this would be a great time to come for a visit. If you can help out, please speak with either Steve Jones or Joni.



Hespeler work day! On **Thursday, March 19th from 10:30 am - noon(ish)** our youth will be in to help Brenda sort through, organize and store all of the decorating supplies. If there is enough help, we can also tidy up and organize the supplies that are currently sitting behind the choir loft. We will end with a pizza lunch together. If you can help out, please speak with Joni.

Mission Moment: March 15

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