

### Mission Moment: March 29

In the mountains of Bamyan, Afghanistan, 65-year-old Ghulam Hussain has endured a lifetime of hardship. After losing his first wife, he cared for their infant son alone before remarrying and having three more children. He worked tirelessly as a labourer to support them. But after the death of his oldest son, Ghulam experienced severe mental health issues that left him unable to work, leaving his family in poverty. With his wife, Sabira, struggling to find work amid limited opportunities, hope came through a Cash-for-Food program supported by PWS&D. The aid allowed the family to buy essential food. "For the first time in years, my children went to bed with full stomachs," Sabira shares with deep gratitude.



### 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
Thursday: Hope Clothing	noon—2:00 pm
Thursday: St. Andrew's Pantry	noon—2:00 pm
Thursday: Maundy Thursday service	7:30 pm
Friday: Good Friday Service	10:00 am

# St. Andrew's Hespeler Presbyterian Church March 29, 2026 Palm Sunday



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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.

*We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You, because  
by Your Holy Cross You have redeemed the world*

## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

**Palm Sunday (March 29):**  
10 AM (Palm Sunday Parade into worship)  
This service will be held at 73 Queen St. E, Hespeler

**Maundy Thursday (April 2):**  
7:30 PM This will be a simple communion service as we gather around one table at 73 Queen St. E, Hespeler (due to renovations we will not be in Preston for this service this year)

**Good Friday (April 3):**  
10 AM This is a solemn service of remembrance for Jesus' suffering and death. It will be held at 73 Queen St. E, Hespeler

**Easter Sunday (April 5):**  
10 AM Join us as we celebrate the resurrection in praise, song and communion. We will celebrate at 73 Queen St. E, Hespeler

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## Spring Fling Workshops

Please join me at  
St Andrew's Hespeler Presbyterian Church Room 206  
for these small group workshops!



### Moody Minis

Mon Apr 6: class full  
Sat Apr 11: 9-11:30 or 1-3:30



### Off to the Races

Mon Apr 13: 1-3:30  
Sat Apr 18: 9-11:30 or 1-3:30

Cost \$35+hst  
All materials provided  
No experience necessary  
Coffee available

Registrations open at  
[www.DebbieEllisWatercolours.ca](http://www.DebbieEllisWatercolours.ca)

Prelude: Minuet on "Jesus Lover of My Soul" by Don Hustad

Welcome

Call to worship

L: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

**P: Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.**

L: Jesus humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross.

**P: Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.**

L: Therefore, God has exalted him and given him the name above every name.

**P: Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.**

L: Let us worship God in the name of Jesus Christ, our Servant Lord.

Processional Hymn #218 Hosanna, loud hosanna

Opening Prayer

L: God of majesty and mercy, we worship today, as the Cross looms larger on the horizon. We praise you for Jesus, the Ruler who came in humility to free us from captivity. He came in mercy to free us from the sins we recognize in ourselves, and the sins we easily overlook. He came to show us the full extent of your mercy, love and justice. So we praise you for your kindness and the strength you show to lift our burdens and shoulder them for us in Christ Jesus. We come in humility, knowing you have given us your all, to worship you as Creator, Christ and Spirit. **Amen.**

Laying Down Our Burdens

Responsive Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

L: O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever! Let Israel say,

**P: "His steadfast love endures forever."**

L: Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

**P: This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.**

L: I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

**P: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.**

L: This is the LORD's doing;

**P: it is marvelous in our eyes.**

L: This is the day that the LORD has made;

**P: let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

L: Save us, we beseech you, O LORD!

**P: O LORD, we beseech you, give us success!**

L: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD.

**P: We bless you from the house of the LORD. The LORD is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.**

L: You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;

**P: you are my God; I will extol you. O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.**

Gospel: Matthew 21:1-11

<sup>1</sup> When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup> saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. <sup>3</sup> If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." <sup>4</sup> This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet:

<sup>5</sup> "Tell the daughter of Zion,

Look, your king is coming to you,

humble and mounted on a donkey,

and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

<sup>6</sup> The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; <sup>7</sup> they brought the donkey and the colt and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. <sup>8</sup> A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup> The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

<sup>10</sup> When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" <sup>11</sup> The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

Gospel: Matthew 27:11-26 Read by Jane Bennett

Hymn #216 Hosanna

Family Time

Life and Work of the Church

Celebration of our Generosity

Offertory: Lamb of God, We Fall Before Thee by Henry Markworth

Sermon: He Rode Them Both!

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

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

Hymn #217 Ride on, ride on in majesty

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: We Bless Thee, Jesus Christ our Lord by J.S. Bach

### Some important upcoming events

Today: Palm Sunday Parade

Apr 2: Maundy Thursday Service

Apr 3: Good Friday Service

Apr 5: Easter Celebration

Apr 12: Knox Heritage Day with

Potluck lunch

May 24: Pentecost Party

Next Week's Sermon:



Stumbling Towards the Tomb in the Dark

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

Organist: Martin Bohl

Worship Assistant: Steve Marsh

Greeter: Jean McMurtrie

Beadle: Elaine McLean

Sunday School leader: Alexis Smith

Tech Team: Jacob Marsh, Dylan Smith & Laura Einwechter

Today is the final day of our "Undie Sunday" program. Many thanks to everyone who donated new underwear. We will be gifting these much needed and appreciated items to Hope Clothing.



### Let's decorate the sanctuary for Easter!

We will once again be ordering flowers to decorate the sanctuary on Easter morning. You can order the flower you want, **orders + payment are needed by March 29th**, flowers will be placed in the sanctuary and then, after worship on Easter morning, you take your flower home to enjoy. Payment can be by cash or cheque (made payable to St. Andrew's Hespeler), placed on the offering plate or given to Joni. All prices include taxes.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

In honour of: \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

6" Tulips: \$28.25 X \_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

6" Hyacinth: \$28.25 X \_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

6" Daffodils: \$28.25 X \_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

6" Hydrangea: \$45.25 X \_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

Total payment included: \_\_\_\_\_