

Some important upcoming events

- Apr 5: Easter Celebration
- Apr 12: Knox Heritage Day with Potluck lunch
- Apr 26: Mission Awareness Sunday
- May 24: Pentecost Party

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

- Organist: Martin Bohl
- Worship Assistant: Allison Cann
- Greeter: Jean Godin
- Beadle: Angie Gibson
- Sunday School leader: Alexis Smith
- Tech Team: Jacob Marsh, Dylan Smith & Laura Einwechter



The beautiful Easter flowers are placed in the sanctuary this morning in memory of:

- Loved ones, by Brenda Holm
- Family & Friends, by Ray & Jean Godin
- Family, by Laurie & Donald Paddock
- Love ones, by Margret & Bill Hunter
- Sam & Verna Johnston, William & Margaret Drake and Norris Clayton, by the Johnston family
- Marion & Wallace Sloan and Helen & Gardner Einwechter, by Laura, Gail & Glen Einwechter

Women in the Bible Study

This Wednesday at 10 am on in the Parlor at the Hespeler location!



Coffee on at 9:45!
 We will look at the story of the slave girl who loved her master.

This Week at St. Andrew's Hespeler

- Monday: Spring Fling Workshop 12:30 pm
- Tuesday: Hope Clothing 9:00 am—11:30 am
- Tuesday: Session meeting 7:00 pm
- Wednesday: Mobile Food Market 12:30 - 1:30 pm
- Thursday: Hope Clothing noon—2:00 pm
- Thursday: Food Bank noon—2:00 pm
- Saturday: Spring Fling Workshops all day

Next Sunday, April 12 we will enjoy a potluck lunch together as we celebrate Knox Preston Heritage Day! If you are able to bring an item of potluck (peanut & shellfish free) to share that would be wonderful.

We will also need help to set up, in the kitchen, take down & clean up!

This morning in Sunday School we will share The Great Feast together (communion). We will be serving fresh fruit, goldfish & water. If your child(ren) has any food allergies please let Joni or our Sunday School leader, Alexis know.

Mission Moment: April 5

In Malawi, Debora was raised by her grandparents after her father died and her mother left due to mental health struggles. Unsure how to afford secondary school, she received support to fund her studies and to pay for meals and accommodations at university. "What I've learned is to be kind—to be kind not just to people so close to you, because you guys never knew about me. You never knew I existed, but you still had a heart to give," Debora shares. She hopes her experience motivates girls in her village: "And me, being a girl, when they look at me, they get inspired and some are even going back to school." PWS&D supports the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian's Ekwendeni Hospital AIDS Program in Malawi in this initiative.



St. Andrew's Hespeler Presbyterian Church April 5, 2026 Easter



Stumbling Towards the Tomb in the Dark

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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: Erschienen ist der herrliche Tag / The wonderful day has arrived by JG Walther

Welcome

Call to worship

L: Christ is risen!

P: He is risen indeed!

L: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death.

P: Hallelujah!

L: This is the Good News – the grave is empty and Christ is risen.

P: Hallelujah!

L: Let us worship God with Easter joy!

Hymn #243 Jesus Christ is risen today
1. Jesus Christ is risen today, hallelujah!
Our triumphant holy day, hallelujah!
Who did once upon the cross, hallelujah!
Suffer to redeem our loss, hallelujah!

2. Hymns of praise then let us sing hallelujah!
Unto Christ our heavenly King, hallelujah!
Who endured the cross and grave, hallelujah!
Sinners to redeem and save, hallelujah!

3. But the pains which he endured hallelujah!
Our salvation have procured; hallelujah!
Now above the sky he's King, hallelujah!
Where the angels ever sing, hallelujah!

4. Sing we to our God above, hallelujah!
Praise eternal as his love; hallelujah!
Praise him, all ye heavenly host, hallelujah!
Father, Son and Holy Ghost, hallelujah!

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Opening Prayer

L: Holy and Eternal God, perfect in love and endless in grace, governor of the days and seasons, creator of all things visible and invisible; filled with glory, majesty and honour, on this first day you began creation, bringing order and life out of chaos. On this first day you began your new creation, raising Jesus Christ from the powers of death. On this first day, we gather to join with all creation to worship and honour you as the Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit, now and always. **Amen.**

Laying Down Our Burdens

Responsive Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

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: The LORD is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.

There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:

P: "The right hand of the LORD does valiantly; the right hand of the LORD is exalted; the right hand of the LORD does valiantly."

L: I shall not die, but I shall live and recount the deeds of the LORD.

The LORD has punished me severely, but he did not give me over to death. 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.

Gospel: John 20:1-18, Read by Jane Bennett

Hymn #249 The day of resurrection

1. The day of resurrection – earth, tell it out abroad,
the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God!
From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky,
our Christ hath brought us over with hymns of victory.

2. Our hearts be pure from evil, that we may see aright
the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light,
and, listening to his accents, may hear, so calm and plain,
his own "All hail!" and, hearing, may raise the victor strain.

3. Now let the heavens be joyful, let earth its song begin,
let the round world keep triumph, and all that is therein;
invisible and visible, their notes together blend,
for Christ the Lord hath risen, our joy that hath no end.

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Family Time

Life and Work of the Church

Celebration of our Generosity

Offertory: Jesus Christ our great Redeemer by JS Bach

Sermon: Stumbling Towards the Tomb in the Dark

Invitation to Communion

Communion Hymn: #254 Jesus is risen from the grave (v. 1,2,5-7)

1. Jesus is risen from the grave; Jesus is risen from the grave;
Jesus is risen from the grave. Hallelujah!

2. Jesus was seen by Mary; Jesus was seen by Mary;
Jesus was seen by Mary Hallelujah!

5. Jesus will meet his people; Jesus will meet his people;
Jesus will meet his people. Hallelujah!

6. Jesus is here in bread and wine; Jesus is here in bread and wine;
Jesus is here in bread and wine. Hallelujah!

7. Jesus will live forever; Jesus will live forever;
Jesus will live forever. Hallelujah!

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#539 The Apostles' Creed

Eucharistic Prayer

Communion of the People

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

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

Hymn #255 Now let the vault of heaven resound

1. Now let the vault of heaven resound in praise of love that doth
abound,

"Christ hath triumphed, hallelujah"

sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear, repeat their song of glory here,
"Christ hath triumphed, Christ hath triumphed!" Hallelujah, hallelujah,
hallelujah!

2. Eternal is the gift he brings; wherefore our heart with rapture sings,
"Christ hath triumphed, Jesus liveth!"

now doth he come and give us life; now doth his presence still all strife
through his triumph; Jesus reigneth! Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

3. Oh fill us, Lord, with dauntless love; set heart and will on things
above,

that we conquer through thy triumph; grant grace sufficient for life's
day,

that by our life we ever say, "Christ hath triumphed, and he liveth!
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

4. Adoring praises now we bring, and with the heavenly blessed sing,
"Christ hath triumphed, hallelujah!" Be to the Father and our Lord,
to Spirit blest, most holy God, thine the glory never ending! Hallelujah,
hallelujah, hallelujah!

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Benediction

Choral Response #780 (Three-fold Amen)

Postlude: Risen is the Holy Christ by S Saxton

Next Week's Sermon:

