



Please think about a talent you have that could be auctioned as part of our live auction. Items or services auctioned as part of our talent auction in the past include hand made scones, pies, a delivered or hosted dinner, a morning of yard clean up to name a few. We also reach out to local businesses for donations to be part of our silent auction table. There is a live auction sign up sheet at the back of the sanctuary.

Please reach out to Joni Smith or Donald Paddock (dpadd5323@rogers.com) if you have any questions or you know of a local business who would donate to our Silent Auction Table. Also, our committee is always looking for more hands to assist so if you'd like to help, talk to Joni or Donald.

If you have not yet picked up the **Fall Newsletter**, make sure to take one today and maybe deliver to someone not here or who might be interested in our activities!



Mission Moment: Sunday, September 20

International Day of Peace is a worldwide event celebrated annually on September 21. Established by the United Nations in 1981, it provides a chance for individuals, groups and nations to reflect on and take action to promote peace within their communities. Today, peace feels elusive as we bear witness to conflicts and emergencies in Iran, Sudan, Gaza, Haiti, Yemen and elsewhere. Yet, even in the darkest times, inspired by our faith, we find hope in the efforts to bring relief. PWS&D is dedicated to promoting peace by delivering lifesaving aid to those affected by conflict around the world and by engaging in advocacy to decry injustices. As we observe this day, let us reflect on Jesus' words: "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God" (Matthew 5:9).



This Week at St. Andrew's Hespeler

Monday: Women's Circle	1:00 pm
Tuesday: Hope Clothing	9:00—11:30 am
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Wednesday: Mobile Food Market	12:30 - 1:30 pm
Thursday: St. Andrew's Pantry	noon—2:00 pm
Thursday: Hope Clothing	noon—2:00 pm
Thursday: CNT (dinner)	5:00—7:30 pm
Saturday: Hope Clothing	10:00 am—noon

Some important upcoming events

Sep 14: St. Andrew's Fall workshops begin—registration needed
 Sep 27: Fire Drill Sunday —boy it's hot in here!
 Oct 4: World Day of Communion
 Nov 7: Annual Dream Auction

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

Organist:	Martin Bohl
Worship Assistant:	Jane Bennett
Beadle:	Vern Platt
Greeter:	Lynn Platt
Sunday School:	Wendy Seunath.
Tech Team	Laura Einwhechter, Dylan Smith, Jacob Marsh

Sunday, September 27, 2026

Healing and Reconciliation 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: Andante by Mendelssohn

Welcome

Call to Worship

L: We come to worship because we love God.

P: All creation praises God's goodness and love.

L: We come to worship seeking healing and wholeness.

P: Through God's son, compassion, love, and grace flow in abundance.

L: We come to worship, yearning to be transformed:

P: Guided by the Spirit of God, we work to build a more peaceful and just world.

L: Let us worship God together!

Hymn: #270 The head that once was crowned

Opening Prayer
L: Steadfast God, as the seasons change, we see that you are still at work in the world, transforming hearts and situations. You have shown us the true face of love in Jesus Christ, reaching out with healing and hope to those who are hurting, lost or alone. We praise you for your love that works for respect, connection and peace among neighbours and nations in this divided world. May we see the face of Jesus in each person we meet. Renew our hope by the gift of your Spirit at work among us, so that we can live to praise you with the whole Church that bears Jesus’ name. **Amen.**

Laying Down Burdens

Psalm 25:1-9
L: To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.
P: O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me.
L: Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame;
P: let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.
L: Make me to know your ways, O LORD;
P: teach me your paths.
L: Lead me in your truth and teach me,
P: for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.
L: Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.
P: Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!
L: Good and upright is the LORD;
P: therefore he instructs sinners in the way. He leads the humble in what is right and teaches the humble his way.

Matthew 21:23-32 read by Brenda Holm

Philippians 2:1-13
¹ If, then, there is any comfort in Christ, any consolation from love, any partnership in the Spirit, any tender affection and sympathy,
² make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or empty conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not to your own interests but to the interests of others. ⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
⁶ who, though he existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped,
⁷ but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, assuming human likeness. And being found in appearance as a human,
⁸ he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.
⁹ Therefore God exalted him even more highly and gave him the name that is above every other name,

¹⁰ so that at the name given to Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹ and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.
¹² Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence but much more now in my absence, work on your own salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³ for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Hymn: #348 Tell me the stories of Jesus

Family Time

Life and Work of the Church

Celebration of our Generosity

Offertory: Lord of All Hopefulness by Ronald Arnatt

Sermon: Make My Joy Complete

Prayers of the People
... forgive us our debts and we forgive our debtors...

Hymn #363 All hail the power of Jesus’ name

Benediction
Choral Response
Go now in peace... never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.
Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there, watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

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Postlude: Postlude on Mckee by Robert Powell

Next Week’s Sermon:



Run Scott, Run!

This year Rev. Scott has challenged himself to run the half marathon (21 km) at the Toronto Waterfront Marathon on **Sunday, October 18, 2026**



Scott will be accepting pledges for his run. A pledge sheet will be at the back of the sanctuary soon. All pledges will be donated to St. Andrew’s General Fund.



A sign up sheet is now at the back of the sanctuary for you to sponsor and encourage Scott!

There are 2 ways to sponsor Scott:

a total pledge for the run

OR

by each kilometer Scott run

(Scott is running the 1/2 marathon of 21 km)

September 30th is the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, also called Orange Shirt Day. It is a national day of memory for the generations of Indigenous children taken to residential schools: for people who are Survivors, intergenerational Survivors, their families and communities, and for the children who never made it home.

Consider wearing orange clothing on that day as a symbol of your solidarity with survivors and take this opportunity to learn more about this difficult history.