

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.

Next week, on Sunday October 25, we will be celebrating our St. Andrew's Hespeler heritage. Following worship, we will enjoy a Pot Luck lunch in the lower hall. Please bring something to share if you can. (No nuts and no shellfish, please)

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to the family of Gary Reeve who passed away on October 12. Please remember Penny and the family in your prayers.

Mission Moment: Sunday, October 18

Journey for Hope is a Canada-wide fundraiser for PWS&D food security work around the world. This year marks the sixth year that participants from coast to coast have raised funds to support food security in the world. Teams walk, roll, bike or take part in other activities their communities love. Ultimately, Journey for Hope is about partnership—people across Canada working together to plan local events that raise funds for the church's work to ensure that marginalized families in places like the Sudan, Gaza, Malawi, Pakistan, Nepal, Guatemala, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and Ethiopia have reliable access to nutritious food. Journey for Hope is just one way to get involved.



This Week at St. Andrew's Hespeler

Tuesday: Hope Clothing	9:30-11:00 am
Tuesday: Women's Circle	1:30 pm
Wednesday: Mobile Food Market	12:30 - 1:30 pm
Thursday: Food Bank	12:00 - 2:00 pm
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Some important upcoming events

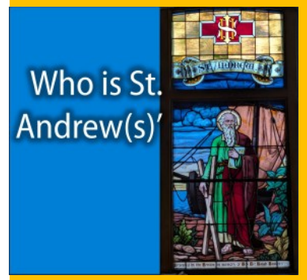
Oct 18: The kids of our congregation are running 21k in Scott's place
Oct 25: St. Andrew's Heritage Day, with potluck lunch
Nov 7: Annual Dream Auction
Nov 8: Remembrance Sunday
Nov 22: Cake Sunday
Nov 29: Giving Tuesday Campaign is introduced
Nov 29: First Sunday of Advent

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

Organist:	Martin Bohl
Worship Assistant:	Allison Cann
Beadle:	Joanne Waugh
Greeter:	Elaine McLean
Sunday School:	Wendy Seunath
Tech Team	Laura Einwhechter, Dylan Smith, Jacob Marsh

Sunday, October 18, 2026

21st Sunday after Pentecost



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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: prelude - Praeambulum by J.H. Scheidemann

Welcome

Call to Worship
L: Let us sing to the LORD a new song.
P: We will bless God's name from day to day.
L: Let us declare God's marvelous deeds among all the people;
P: For God is great and greatly to be praised.
L: Let us praise God for God's strength and beauty.
P: We will bring God honour and glory as we worship God's holy name.

Hymn: #392 O holy Dove of God descending
1. O holy Dove of God descending, you are the love that knows no ending;
all of our shattered dreams you're mending: Spirit, now live in me.

2. O holy Wind of God now blowing. you are the seed that God is sowing;
you are the life that starts us growing: Spirit, now live in me.

3. O holy Rain of God now falling, you make the word of God enthralling;
you are that inner voice now calling: Spirit, now live in me.

4. O holy Flame of God now burning, you are the power of Christ returning;
you are the answer to our yearning: Spirit, now live in me.

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Opening Prayer

L: Holy God, your mysterious presence stretches to the furthest reaches of the universe, yet you draw near to us in Christ Jesus. In him, you walk beside us, guiding us with wisdom, loving us with boundless grace. We praise you that your love embraces the whole creation, yet you find a place and a purpose for us mortals. Your Spirit gives us the energy and insight we need to serve you. Creator, Christ and Spirit, we are humbled in your presence. In our worship we offer you our love and loyalty, now and always. **Amen.**

Laying Down Burdens

Responsive Reading

L: Patient God, we confess we need your mercy.
P: We claim to be your people, but we forget to love as you do.
L: We claim to seek your guidance, but we follow our own ways.
P: Forgive us, O God, Amend who we are and direct who you would have us be for the sake of Christ, our Saviour and Friend.

John 1:35-42

35 The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, 36 and
as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of
God!” 37 The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus.
38 When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What
are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated
means Teacher), “where are you staying?” 39 He said to them, “Come
and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they
remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon.
40 One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was
Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. 41 He first found his brother Simon and
said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated
Anointed). 42 He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said,
“You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is
translated Peter).

Isaiah 43:16-21

16 Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the
mighty waters,
17 who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior;
they lie down; they cannot rise; they are extinguished, quenched like a
wick:
18 Do not remember the former things or consider the things of old.
19 I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth; do you not
perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.
20 The wild animals will honour me, the jackals and the ostriches,
for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my
chosen people,
21 the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my
praise.

Hymn: #634 Will you come and follow me

1. Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don’t know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known;
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

2. Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

3. Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?

4. Will you love the “you” you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you’ve found to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?

5. Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I’ll go where your love and footsteps show,
Thus I’ll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

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Family Time

Life and Work of the Church

Celebration of our Generosity

Offertory: Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing by David Johnson

Sermon: Who is St. Andrew(s)?

Prayers of the People

… forgive us our debts and we forgive our debtors…

Hymn #641 One more step along the world I go

1. One more step along the world I go. One more step along the world I go.
From the old things to the new keep me traveling along with you.

Refrain: *And it’s from the old I travel to the new*
Keep me traveling along with you.

2. Round the corners of the world I turn. More and more about the world I learn.
All the new things that I see you’ll be looking at along with me. *Refrain*

3. As I travel through the bad and good keep me traveling the way I should.
Where I see no way to go, you’ll be telling me the way, I know. *Refrain*

4. Give me courage when the world is rough. Keep me loving though the world is tough.
Leap and sing in all I do. Keep me traveling along with you. *Refrain*

5. You are older than the world can be. You are younger than the life in me.
Ever old and ever new, keep me traveling along with you. *Refrain*

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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: Intermezzo on "Lyons" by Don Hustad

Our guest preacher this morning is Mr. Steve Marsh. He is an elder and the clerk of session of our congregation. Thank you, Steve, for stepping in to share the word with us this morning!

Next Week’s Sermon



The Bible Study (now called History, Archeology and the Bible) will start up again on **Wednesday, October 28** at 10:00 am in the Foyer. There will be coffee and tea. Our topic this week:

The Seventy, the Masoretes
and the Qumran Community.
How our Old Testament came to us.