



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.



The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Beth Ramsay and family on the recent death of her husband, Al. Al previously served this congregation as an elder. There were many times that Al also shared his gifts of preaching with us as well. We keep Beth and her family in our prayers at this difficult time.

Mission Moment: Sunday, October 4

We are God's people, called to serve with the unique gifts God has entrusted to each of us. As members of a denomination united by faith, shared governance, history, and mission, we are stronger when we work together. Through Presbyterians Sharing, Presbyterians across Canada join in proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ and sharing God's love and hope in our communities, across the country and around the world. Gifts to Presbyterians Sharing strengthen congregations, bring hope to vulnerable people, support the PCC's commitment to confession, truth, and reconciliation with Indigenous people, seek justice, and share Christ's love in practical and meaningful ways. Together, we can accomplish far more than any congregation or



This Week at St. Andrew's Hespeler

Tuesday: Hope Clothing	9:00—11:30 am
Tuesday: Session Meeting	7:00 pm
Wednesday: Mobile Food Market	12:30 - 1:30 pm
Thursday: St. Andrew's Pantry	noon—2:00 pm
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Some important upcoming events

Today: World Day of Communion
 Oct 18: Run Scott, Run! Accepting Pledges for the 1/2 Marathon run
 Oct 25: St. Andrew's Heritage Day, with potluck lunch
 Nov 7: Annual Dream Auction
 Nov 8: Remembrance 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:	Elaine McLean
Beadle:	Patrice Wappler
Greeter:	Ellen Smith
Sunday School:	Joni & Alexis Smith
Tech Team	Laura Einwechter, Dylan Smith, Jacob Marsh

Sunday, October 4, 2026 World Communion Sunday



The Stone from the Reject Pile

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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 on "Quebec" by Gordon Young

Welcome

Call to Worship

L: The banqueting table is prepared and God calls us to the feast.

P: We have come from east and west, from north and south, to sit at Christ's table.

L: Here compassion, love, and grace pour out like fine wine.

P: Here we taste the bread of life, bread for our journey.

L: There are gifts of God for all the people of God.

P: Let us taste and see that the Lord is good!

Hymn: #530 I come with joy

Opening Prayer

L: Steadfast God, as the seasons change, we know you to be ever-constant and 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 touch desperate

lives. We praise you for your love that works for reconciliation among neighbours and nations in this divided world. May we see the face of Jesus as we break bread at his table. Renew our hope by the gift of your Spirit at work among us, so that we can live to praise you as one God now and always with the whole Church that bears Jesus’ name. **Amen.**

Laying Down Burdens

Psalm 118:19-29

L: Open to me the gates of the Temple; I will go in and give thanks to the LORD!

P: This is the gate of the LORD; only the righteous can come in.

L: I praise you, LORD, because you heard me, because you have given me victory.

P: The stone which the builders rejected as worthless turned out to be the most important of all.

L: This was done by the LORD;

P: what a wonderful sight it is!

L: This is the day of the LORD's victory;

P: let us be happy, let us celebrate!

L: Save us, LORD, save us!

P: Give us success, O LORD!

L: May God bless the one who comes in the name of the LORD!

P: From the Temple of the LORD we bless you. The LORD is God; he has been good to us. With branches in your hands, start the festival and march around the altar.

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

P: I will proclaim your greatness. Give thanks to the LORD, because he is good, and his love is eternal.

Matthew 21:33-46 read by Jane Bennett

Philippians 3:4-14

⁴ If any of you think you can trust in external ceremonies, I have even more reason to feel that way. ⁵ I was circumcised when I was a week old. I am an Israelite by birth, of the tribe of Benjamin, a pure-blooded Hebrew. As far as keeping the Jewish Law is concerned, I was a Pharisee, ⁶ and I was so zealous that I persecuted the church. As far as a person can be righteous by obeying the commands of the Law, I was without fault. ⁷ But all those things that I might count as profit I now reckon as loss for Christ's sake. ⁸ Not only those things; I reckon everything as complete loss for the sake of what is so much more valuable, the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have thrown everything away; I consider it all as mere garbage, so that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be completely united with him. I no longer have a righteousness of my own, the kind that is gained by obeying the Law. I now have the righteousness that is given through faith in Christ, the righteousness that comes from God and is based on faith. ¹⁰ All I want is to know Christ and to experience the power of his resurrection, to share in his sufferings and become like him in his death, ¹¹ in the hope that I myself will be raised from death to life.

¹² I do not claim that I have already succeeded or have already become perfect. I keep striving to win the prize for which Christ Jesus has already won me to himself. ¹³ Of course, my friends, I really do not think that I have already won it; the one thing I do, however, is to forget what is behind me and do my best to reach what is ahead. ¹⁴ So I run straight toward the goal in order to win the prize, which is God’s call through Christ Jesus to the life above.

Hymn: #526 Lift up your hearts / Sing Alleluia

Family Time

Life and Work of the Church

Celebration of our Generosity

Offertory: O God, Though Righteous God by Max Reger

Sermon: The Stone from the Reject Pile

Invitation to Communion

Communion Hymn #543 Here, O my Lord, I see thee (v. 1-3)

Confession of Faith: #539 The Apostles’ Creed

#564 Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Communion of the People

Prayers of the People

... forgive us our debts and we forgive our debtors...

Hymn #78 This is the day

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: O Worship the King by Willem Mudde



Today’s communion was prepared by Jean and Ray Godin

Today’s communion will be served by Dean Davidson, Linda Inglis, Steve Jones, Patrice Wappler, Joanne Waugh and Carol White..



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)

Next
Week’s
Sermon:

