The Great Advent Bake-Off: Family Heritage Edition!

Do you have a family recipe that is Christmas to you? Whether it's your grandmother's authentic Swedish spritz, a legendary family fudge, or a traditional holiday pastry passed down through generations, we want you to share it!

Join us on Sunday, December 13th, following our Family Christmas Service for a celebration of sweet traditions. We invite everyone to bring a plate of their favourite family heritage Christmas treat to share, along with a copy of the recipe or the story behind it.

Our panel of festive "celebrity judges" will sample the entries and award prize ribbons for Most Historic Recipe, Best Family Story, and The Ultimate Holiday Treat. Best of all, everyone gets to enjoy the goodies after the judging!

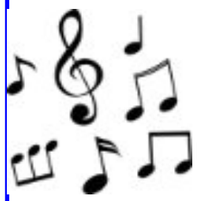
When: Following our Family Christmas service

Where: Fellowship Hall

To Register Your Treat: Sign up at the back of the church or email jsmith@standrewshespeler.ca by December 6th so we can save a spot on the tasting tables.

Bring a plate, bring a memory, and let's celebrate the seasoned traditions of our church family!

IMPORTANT: Look for ballots at the back of the sanctuary next week to apply to be a judge!



We are looking to form **small and enthusiatic team** to help us **build up our music program** by recruiting and organizing people to enhance our worship with more participation through singing or playing. We'd love to have you help us achieve this. Speak to the minister or the Clerk of Session if you would be interested in helping with this!

Next Week's Sermon:



Mission Moment: Sunday, November 22

Twenty-year-old Dipmala Kumari from Bihar, India, was forced to leave school when her family could not afford further studies and community attitudes discouraged girls' education. Her future changed when Karuna Project staff recognized her potential and helped her restart her education. With their encouragement, Dipmala enrolled in a Bachelor of Arts program, received coaching for competitive exams and completed computer training. When the Bihar Police recruitment opened, the project helped her prepare and apply. Because of the support, Dipmala is now attending police training, preparing to provide security support during local elections. Proudly supporting her family, she also plans to fund the education of two girls, giving back the support she received. The Karuna project is an initiative of the Duncan Hospital, supported by PWS&D.



This Week at St. Andrew's Hespeler

Monday: Women's Circle	1:00 pm
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: Hope Clothing	12:00 - 2:00 pm
Thursday: Food Bank	noon - 2:00 pm

Some important upcoming events

Nov 22: Cake Sunday
Nov 29: Giving Tuesday Campaign is introduced
Nov 29: First Sunday of Advent
Dec 6: The Sacrament of Holy Communion
Dec 13: Family Christmas Service
Dec 21: Longest Night Service
Dec 24: Christmas Eve Service

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

Organist:	Martin Bohl
Worship Assistant:	Carol Johnston
Beadle:	Elaine McLean
Greeter:	Patrice Wappler
Sunday School:	Alexis Smith
Tech Team	Laura Einwechter, Jacob Marsh, Dylan Marsh

Sunday, November 22, 2026

Reign of Christ 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: Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendour by W. Pelz

Welcome

Call to Worship

L: Almighty God is the first and the last, Our beginning and our end.
P: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord our God, Who was and is and is to come. Blessing and honour, glory and majesty be to our God, now and evermore.

Hymn: #363 All hail the power of Jesus' name

1. All hail the power of Jesus' name; let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem to crown him, crown him, crown him,
crown him Lord of all.

2. Crown him, ye martyrs of your God, who from his altar call;
extol the Stem of Jesse's Rod, and crown him, crown him, crown him,
crown him Lord of all.

3. Ye seed of Israel's chosen race, ye ransomed from the fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him, crown him, crown him,
crown him Lord of all.

4. Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget the wormwood and the gall,
go, spread your trophies at his feet, and crown him, crown him, crown him,
crown him Lord of all.

5. Let every tribe and every tongue, responsive to the call,
lift high the universal song, and crown him, crown him, crown him,
crown him Lord of all.

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Opening Prayer

L: Most holy God, you are known to us as the Almighty, Eternal Ruler and Everlasting. We call you our Shepherd and Guide. We praise you with many names, but you are beyond our imagination, so much greater than our words. We know you in the stories of Jesus, and in him we see your love in action, reaching out to the world. You move in us and through us by your Spirit, drawing us to you, sending us to live out your word. God most holy, Three in One and One in Three, we praise you with our lips and with our lives to offer you honour and love, now and always. **Amen.**

Laying Down Burdens

Responsive Psalm 95:1-7a

L: O come, let us sing to the LORD;
P: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
L: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
P: let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!
L: For the LORD is a great God and a great King above all gods.
P: In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also. The sea is his, for he made it, and the dry land, which his hands have formed.
L: O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!
P: For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

Matthew 25:31-46 Read by Brenda Holm

Hymn #376 Lord, the light of your love is shining

1. Lord, the light of your love is shining
in the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us.
Set us free by the truth you now bring us.
Shine on me; shine on me.

Chorus: Shine, Jesus, shine; fill this land with the Fathers glory;
blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow; flood the nations with grace and mercy;
send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light!

2. Lord, I come to your awesome presence,
from the shadows into your radiance;
by your blood I may enter your brightness.
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness.
Shine on me; shine on me. *Chorus*

3. As we gaze on your kingly brightness,
so our faces display your likeness,
ever changing from glory to glory:
mirrored here may our lives tell your story.
Shine on me; shine on me. *Chorus*

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Family Time

Life and Work of the Church

Celebration of our Generosity

Offertory: For All Your Saints by W. Barlow

Sermon: Sheep & Goats

Prayers of the People

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

Hymn #274 Crown him with many crowns

1. Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon the throne:
hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died to be
your Saviour and your matchless King through all eternity.

2. Crown him the Son of God, before the worlds began;
let all who tread where he has trod, crown him the Son of Man,
who every grief has known that wrings the human breast,
and takes and bears them for his own, that all in him may rest.

3. Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing who died and rose on high,
who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

4. Crown him the Lord of peace whose kingdom is at hand;
from pole to pole let warfare cease and Christ rule every land!
A city stands on high; Christ's glory it displays,
and there the nations Holy cry in joyful hymns of praise.

5. Crown him the Lord of years, the Source, the End of time,
Creator of the rolling spheres in majesty sublime.
All hail. Redeemer, hail, for you have died for me;
your praise shall never, never fail through all eternity!

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Benediction

Response: #731 Shalom chaverim
Farewell, dear friends, stay safe, dear friends, have peace, have peace.
We'll see you again, we'll see you again, Have peace, have peace

Shalom chaverim, shalom chaverim. Shalom, shalom.
Le hitraot, le hitraot, shalom, shalom.

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Postlude: Christ is the King by P. Bouman



Did you know that we have a Leading With Care Policy at St. Andrew's? This policy is designed to create a safe place for everyone who attends church and uses our beautiful facility.

Recently we have had some problems with how the facility is used and how equipment and belongings of other groups have been mistreated and damaged. With that in mind, this is a gentle reminder that we should not be using other groups' equipment. All of us, including children, should stay in the areas where we meet.

For instance, during coffee time following church we should all be enjoying our time together in the Fellowship Hall/kitchen area, with a small group of adults using the newer kitchen for clean up. For families of children under 16 years old, this means keeping our children within eye sight. Please make sure as a parent/guardian you are with your children at all times.

And this is where the village comes in … if you notice any children or young people using any part of the facility unattended today's service. The more people available will make it so much easier. Thank you. please redirect them to their family.

If you have any questions about the Leading With Care Policy please speak with Joni Smith

The decorating for the Advent season will take place this Wednesday. November 25th at 10:00 a.m. This will require a lot of assistance. If you would like to participate, please contact Brenda Holm at 226-606-6551 or speak to her following today's service. The more people available will make it so much easier. Thank you.

