

St. Andrew's Hespeler Presbyterian Church

January 24, 2021

3rd Sunday after Epiphany

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Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9am-12pm

Order of Online Worship for January 24

We will meet online for as long as people want to stay on at 10 am. The link will be sent out by email and posted on the website. The sanctuary is closed for in-person worship until the province revises its orders.

Call to worship

L: God alone is our rock and our salvation.

P: We will not be shaken!

L: Trust in God at all times, O people.

P: We will pour out our hearts to God, our refuge.

L: In this time of worship, let us turn our lives to God and accept the good news.

P: We will listen for Christ's call and follow him.

Prayers of approach and confession

L: Lord Jesus Christ, you have called us together as your people. You have called us your friends and invited us to follow you. And so your church has grown from scattered homes in ancient times—to a worldwide community, embracing men and women, old and young, from many nations and cultures. In our worship today, inspire us to wonder at the miracle of your church. Help us see the privilege we share to be part of your people across the ages and across the continents. It is your love that keeps drawing us to you and to each other, and so we offer our wonder and praise with millions of people who also gather in your name this day.

P: God of all the ages, we gather in worship week by week, hoping to encounter your presence. But we confess it's not easy to

hear your voice. Sometimes we get distracted by what's happening around us. Sometimes we get confused by conflicting views of what you expect from us. Sometimes we feel challenged and resist a new word from you. We confess it is hard to turn our lives around when we think we already know where we're going. Lord, have mercy upon us.

L: Friends in Christ, believe in the good news. God's steadfast love endures forever. Trust that God's forgiveness is for you. Be at peace with God, with yourself and with each other, in the name of Christ our Lord.

P: We will, Amen!

Responsive Reading Psalm 62:5-12

L: For God alone my soul waits in silence, for my hope is from him.

P: He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken.

L: On God rests my deliverance and my honour;

P: my mighty rock, my refuge is in God.

L: Trust in him at all times, O people;

P: pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us.

L: Those of low estate are but a breath, those of high estate are a delusion;

P: in the balances they go up; they are together lighter than a breath.

L: Put no confidence in extortion, and set no vain hopes on robbery; if riches increase, do not set your heart on them.

P: Once God has spoken; twice have I heard this: that power belongs to God, and steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord. For you repay to all according to their work.

Ongoing life of the church

Scripture: Jonah 3,4 (see below)

Celebration of our Generosity

Prayers of the people (using chat to share requests)

Sermon: Rev. Scott McAndless will preach a live sermon over Zoom. The sermon title is:



Benediction

There are some goodies in the mailbox at the church (the one marked "bulletins") that is free for anyone to pick up.

You will find:

- The new Jan/Feb edition of Today is now here!
- The Dec-January edition of Our Daily Bread
- The winter issue of Presbyterian Connection!
- Printed copies of this bulletin each week.
- Printed copies of Scott's most recent sermon each week.

2021 Offering Envelopes are available. Please arrange to get yours.

Sunday School News!

Our weekly recordings will be posted every Sunday. Please check the website, Facebook & Twitter to find the weekly lesson, read-aloud or video for each group.

For families of young children, are you looking for some good videos, etc. that your children can watch? You could try these two youtube channels: Waumba Land and Wondermore Kids.

HELP! Do you have any quart sized sealer jars that I could have? If you do please let me know. Once the stay-at-home directive is lifted we can arrange for a pick up or drop off. I need them for the beginning of Lent (the First Sunday in Lent is February 21, 2021). Thank you! ~Joni

(jsmith@standrewshespeler.ca)

Who wants to have some fun? We will be hosting a **Scavenger Hunt** (suitable for everyone) on Saturday, February 13, 2021. Because we need to stay distanced this will be a PHOTO Scavenger Hunt. Photo proof will need to be submitted on February 13, so hopefully you have a way to take photos and send them in. There will be prizes, too! For complete directions or any information and to sign up, please contact Joni (jsmith@standrewshespeler.ca). On Sunday, February 14th, 10:50 (ish) am, we will stay on or join the worship zoom (and in person if allowed at that time), watch a fun slideshow and announce the winners.

We are in the process of planning for Lent and Easter and we all know that is going to be different again this year. Plans will involve staying connected in different ways; a Zoom dinner and conversation, interactive participation in worship (look for information on Lenten packages or suggestions coming soon)

Don't forget that we are still able to order gift cards from Fundscrip. This is a really easy way to support St. Andrew's. For information please contact Laura @ fundscrip@standrewshespeler.ca.

We will be participating in another online book study for Lent. We have not yet decided on which book to study. More information will be coming next week. If you have any interest in joining us, please speak with Joni (jsmith@standrewshespeler.ca).

Because of the new Stay-At-Home protocols, Paula will be in the office on Monday mornings only. She will work from home on the other days. If you need to reach her, please send an email, or call the church and leave a message, and she will get back to you.

The ANNUAL MEETING is scheduled for Sunday, March 21st. Please mark your calendars! You can begin submitting your reports to Paula at office@standrewshespeler.ca at any time.

Next Week's Sermon:

KNOWLEDGE
PUFFS UP
love builds up

And Coming Soon to a Zoom Service near you:

During the Auction last fall, our minister put a sermon topic up for auction. The winning bidder would be able to choose the sermon topic or title of his/her choice. That item was won by Andy Cann, who has requested a sermon on "Storms" (How to survive them. How to come out of them stronger.) This sermon will be preached sometime in February. Stay tuned!



Mission Moment – January 24, 2020

Providing Food for the Displaced

In Syria, conflict continues to plague the population, causing over six million people to become internally displaced. As a result, many people are faced with a lack of access to food, loss of employment, high prices and inflation, making them very vulnerable.

COVID-19 has only exacerbated the situation.

Working with partners at Canadian Foodgrains Bank, Presbyterian World Service & Development is providing food baskets to 7,400 families to help meet daily food requirements. During these times of uncertainty, the food baskets will provide a source of sustenance for the families.



Prayer Partnership

Sunday, January 24 We pray that, with the support of food baskets provided by PWS&D partners, the many Syrians facing food insecurity due to ongoing conflict will find the sustenance they need.

Monday, January 25 We pray for children, and that their parents and guardians demonstrate the kind of love we have been shown by God.

Tuesday, January 26 We give thanks for the beauty of God's creation, and pray that we cherish the earth and treat it wisely.

Wednesday, January 27 We pray for vacant congregations; may they find ministers who will help them faithfully live out Christ's calling.

Thursday, January 28 We pray and give thanks for Phulu Rai, manager at the New Life Psychiatric Rehabilitation Center in Nepal, and the staff, for their dedication as they care for residents.

Friday, January 29 We pray for healthcare workers who put their own health and life at risk every day to bring healing and comfort to those who suffer.

Saturday, January 30 We pray for the staff and volunteers serving in the Presbyterian Church Archives as they preserve the church's historical records.

Today's Lectionary Readings

Jonah 3,4

¹ The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, ² 'Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.' ³ So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. ⁴ Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, 'Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!' ⁵ And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

⁶ When the news reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, removed his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. ⁷ Then he had a proclamation made in Nineveh: 'By the decree of the king and his nobles: No human being or animal, no herd or flock, shall taste anything. They shall not feed, nor shall they drink water. ⁸ Human beings and animals shall be covered with sackcloth, and they shall cry mightily to God. All shall turn from their evil ways and from the violence that is in their hands. ⁹ Who knows? God may relent and change his mind; he may turn from his fierce anger, so that we do not perish.'

¹⁰ When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

¹ But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. ² He prayed to the LORD and said, 'O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. ³ And now, O LORD, please

take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.' ⁴ And the LORD said, 'Is it right for you to be angry?' ⁵ Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

⁶ The LORD God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. ⁷ But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. ⁸ When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, 'It is better for me to die than to live.'

⁹ But God said to Jonah, 'Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?' And he said, 'Yes, angry enough to die.' ¹⁰ Then the LORD said, 'You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labour and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. ¹¹ And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?'

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

²⁹ I mean, brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, ³⁰ and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, ³¹ and those who deal with the world as though they

had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

Mark 1:14-20

¹⁴ Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵ and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

¹⁶ As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. ¹⁷ And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fish for people.' ¹⁸ And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹ As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰ Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.