

# St. Andrew's Hespeler Presbyterian Church

## January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022 – Third Sunday after Epiphany

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**Order of Worship for January 23.** We will meet online and in person at 10 am. We strongly encourage you to attend online if possible. The link will be posted on the website. If you wish to attend in person, screening, masking and social distancing are required. The session requests that people who attend in person be fully vaccinated for Covid-19 if they are eligible and it is medically possible.

Call to worship

L: In mystery and grandeur,

**P: we encounter the God of all creation.**

L: In renewed justice and the promise of new life,

**P: we know deep love of Christ.**

L: In the wonderful diversity in every community,

**P: the Spirit of God moves among us.**

L: Let us worship the God of beauty, love, and wisdom.

**P: We will praise God, ever Three and ever One, now and always.**

Prayer of Approach and Confession

L: Creator, Christ and Spirit; you are the maker of a better world. You are the creator of lasting peace. We worship you for the gifts of peace and healing that you bring into troubled lives. You have shown us the way to work for justice, to love friend and enemy alike, to build a better world. In this time of worship, inspire us to believe our work in your name makes a difference. So may we live to bring glory to you through our commitment to you and the communion we share with so many around world as your faithful disciples.

**P: God of grace and unity, we confess we can be divisive when you have called us to unity, quarrelsome when you call us to seek peace, and critical rather than caring. We have grown used to our own ways and cannot imagine you would ask us to change even for the sake of the Gospel. Forgive us when we mistake our familiar traditions for your truth. Show us how we can witness to your love through working and worshipping together.**

L: God's mercy is from everlasting to everlasting. It shines into the world and scatters the darkness. Know that you are forgiven and forgive one another. Be at peace and walk in the newness of life, led by God's light.

**P: Thanks be to God, Amen!**

Hymn #773 Jesus bids us shine

1. Jesus bids us shine with a pure, clear light, like a little candle burning in the night. In the world is darkness, so we must shine, you in your small corner, and I in mine.

2. Jesus bids us shine, first of all for him;  
well he sees and knows it if our light grows  
dim.

He looks down from heaven to see us shine,  
you in your small corner, and I in mine.

3. Jesus bids us shine, then, for all around;  
many kinds of darkness in this world abound:  
sin and want and sorrow; so we must shine,  
you in your small corner, and I in mine.

Responsive Psalm 19

L: The heavens are telling the glory of God; and  
the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

**P: Day to day pours forth speech, and night to  
night declares knowledge.**

L: There is no speech, nor are there words;  
their voice is not heard;

**P: yet their voice goes out through all the  
earth, and their words to the end of the  
world.**

L: In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun,  
which comes out like a bridegroom from his  
wedding canopy, and like a strong man runs  
its course with joy.

**P: Its rising is from the end of the heavens,  
and its circuit to the end of them; and  
nothing is hidden from its heat.**

L: The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the  
soul; the decrees of the LORD are sure,  
making wise the simple;

**P: the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing  
the heart; the commandment of the LORD is  
clear, enlightening the eyes;**

L: the fear of the LORD is pure, enduring for  
ever; the ordinances of the LORD are true and  
righteous altogether.

**P: More to be desired are they than gold, even  
much fine gold; sweeter also than honey,  
and drippings of the honeycomb.**

L: Moreover by them is your servant warned; in  
keeping them there is great reward. But who  
can detect their errors?

**P: Clear me from hidden faults. Keep back  
your servant also from the insolent;**

L: do not let them have dominion over me.

**P: Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of  
great transgression. Let the words of my  
mouth and the meditation of my heart be  
acceptable to you, O LORD, my rock and my  
redeemer.**

Life and Work of the church

Scripture:

Luke 4:14-22 Read by Alexis Smith

<sup>14</sup> Then Jesus, filled with the power of the  
Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about  
him spread through all the surrounding  
country. <sup>15</sup> He began to teach in their  
synagogues and was praised by everyone.

<sup>16</sup> When he came to Nazareth, where he  
had been brought up, he went to the  
synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his  
custom. He stood up to read, <sup>17</sup> and the scroll  
of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He  
unrolled the scroll and found the place where it  
was written:

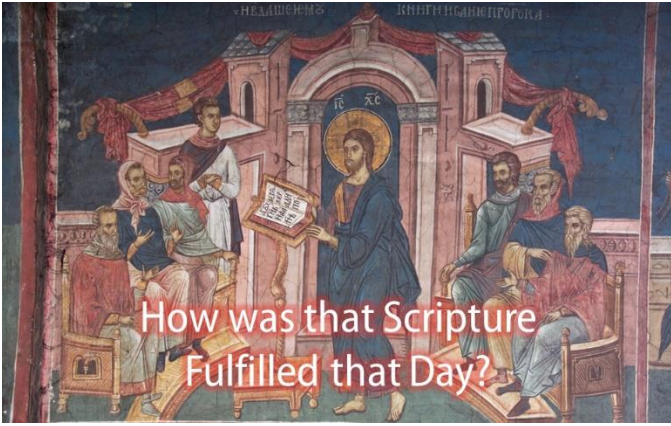
<sup>18</sup> 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me  
to bring good news to the poor.  
He has sent me to proclaim release to the  
captives  
and recovery of sight to the blind,  
to let the oppressed go free,

<sup>19</sup> to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.'

<sup>20</sup> And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to  
the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in  
the synagogue were fixed on him. <sup>21</sup> Then he  
began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has  
been fulfilled in your hearing.' <sup>22</sup> All spoke well  
of him and were amazed at the gracious words  
that came from his mouth. They said, 'Is not  
this Joseph's son?'

Offertory: Largo by G.F. Handel      Martin Bohl

Celebration of our Generosity



Sermon: "How was that Scripture Fulfilled that Day?"

Hymn #765 We've a story to tell to the nations

1. We've a story to tell to the nations  
that shall turn their hearts to the right,  
a story of truth and mercy,  
a story of peace and light,  
a story of peace and light,  
for the darkness shall turn to dawning,  
and the dawning to noon-day bright,  
and Christ's great kingdom shall come on earth,  
the kingdom of love and light.

2. We've a song to be sung to the nations  
that shall lift their hearts to the Lord,  
a song that shall conquer evil  
and shatter the spear and sword,  
and shatter the spear and sword,  
for the darkness shall turn to dawning,  
and the dawning to noon-day bright,  
and Christ's great kingdom shall come on earth,  
the kingdom of love and light.

3. We've a message to give to the nations,  
that the Lord who reigneth above  
hath sent us his Son to save us,  
and show us that God is love,  
and show us that God is love,  
for the darkness shall turn to dawning,  
and the dawning to noon-day bright,  
and Christ's great kingdom shall come on earth,  
the kingdom of love and light.

Prayers of the people (using chat to share requests)

Benediction

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Other Lectionary Readings

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

<sup>1</sup>All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. <sup>2</sup>Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. <sup>3</sup>He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law.

<sup>5</sup>And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the

people stood up. <sup>6</sup>Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, 'Amen, Amen', lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshipped the LORD with their faces to the ground.

<sup>8</sup>So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

<sup>9</sup>And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, 'This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep.' For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. <sup>10</sup>Then he said to them, 'Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this

day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.'

1 Corinthians 12:12-31

<sup>12</sup> For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup> For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

<sup>14</sup> Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. <sup>15</sup> If the foot were to say, 'Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>16</sup> And if the ear were to say, 'Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>17</sup> If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? <sup>18</sup> But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. <sup>19</sup> If all were a single member, where would the body be? <sup>20</sup> As it is, there are many members, yet one body. <sup>21</sup> The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you', nor again

the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you.' <sup>22</sup> On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, <sup>23</sup> and those members of the body that we think less honourable we clothe with greater honour, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; <sup>24</sup> whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior member, <sup>25</sup> that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. <sup>26</sup> If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it.

<sup>27</sup> Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. <sup>28</sup> And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. <sup>29</sup> Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? <sup>30</sup> Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? <sup>31</sup> But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

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## Annual Meeting

The Annual General Meeting for the congregation of St. Andrew's Hespeler is being planned for **Sunday, March 6, 2022**. We will have more detail on how we will carry out this meeting as it gets closer. An Annual Report is being prepared for this meeting. Any submissions to the Annual Report should be sent to the office ([office@standrewshespeler.ca](mailto:office@standrewshespeler.ca)) by the end of the month please.

## Can you Help?

Our Google Classroom is in search of readers again! Every week we have a different person read a short scripture lesson. Some people only record their voice, while others get quite creative with their editing. However you are able to record we would love to add more connections for our children. These recordings are also now shown in worship as one of our weekly scripture lessons. People who are worshipping with us in person and those online enjoy seeing someone new each week. We can help with recording if needed! Please speak with Joni Smith if you have questions or are able to record a lesson or two. ([jsmith@standrewshespeler.ca](mailto:jsmith@standrewshespeler.ca))



The sign announcement was a prize won in our Dream Auction 2021.

The rose on the communion table is placed in celebration of the birth of Penelope Sheila Nixon on January 5th. Congratulations to the Nixon family, parents Corey & Claire and Nana & Papa (Karen & Glen)!

## News for Families

- please start saving small plastic containers for use at Easter time
- Mark February 19th in your calendar, something fun is being planned for our entire church community. This will be family friendly! Hint: do you know your St. Andrew's trivia?
- Don't forget to check out our Google classroom each week. New ones are posted on Saturday mornings. You can go through the classroom as you have time throughout your week.

2022 Envelopes have been prepared by the Treasurer. You may pick them up in the sanctuary, come by the office or let us know if we can help you get them in some other way.

