

**St. Andrew's Hespeler
Presbyterian Church
February 20th, 2022
Seventh Sunday after Epiphany**

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Monday—Friday 9am-12pm

Order of Worship for February 20. We will meet online and in person at 10 am. 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: Take delight in the Lord;

P: For God will give us the desires of our hearts.

L: Trust in the Lord;

P: For God will give us security and strength.

L: Come, let us commit our ways to the Lord.

P: Let us worship the One who is our refuge in any time of trouble.

Prayer of Approach and Confession

L: Faithful God, You have gathered your people in faithfulness throughout many generations. You have offered your blessing to us through their examples, and led the Church through many changes and challenges by your Spirit. Draw near to us this day to guide us in these uncertain times. Root our faithfulness in the compassion and courage we meet in Jesus. Renew us through your steadfast love so that we may dare to trust our future to you. All praise and honour are yours, O God, Source, Saviour and Spirit of Life.

P: Gracious God, you test the mind and search the heart, so you know the thoughts and intentions we keep hidden. Trusting in your wisdom and mercy, we confess the ways we have failed to love one another, the times we looked the other way when someone needed help, and the ways our actions betrayed your goodness.

Keep a brief silence.

P: Forgive us for missing opportunities to share your love, and carrying grudges that keep us from offering the forgiveness we hope for. Renew us with your mercy to become more merciful to others we meet, in the example of Christ our Lord.

L: Hear and believe the good news: anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life is gone, and new

life has begun. Trust that you are forgiven by God's generous love, and have the courage to forgive one another for Christ's sake.

P: We will, Amen!

Hymn #374 Oh for a thousand tongues to sing

1. Oh for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of God's grace.

2. Jesus, the name that charms our fears,
and bids our sorrows cease—
'tis music in the sinner's ears;
'tis life and health and peace.

3. He speaks, and listening to his voice
new life the dead receive;
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice;
the humble poor believe.

4. Hear him, you deaf; you voiceless ones,
your tongues again employ;
you blind, behold your Saviour comes,
and leap, you lame, for joy!

5. My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
and spread through all the earth abroad
the honours of thy name.

Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40

L: Do not fret because of the wicked;

P: do not be envious of wrongdoers,

L: for they will soon fade like the grass,

P: and wither like the green herb.

L: Trust in the LORD, and do good; so you will live in the land, and enjoy security.

P: Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

L: Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will act.

P: He will make your vindication shine like the light, and the justice of your cause like the noonday.

L: Be still before the LORD, and wait patiently for him;

P: do not fret over those who prosper in their way, over those who carry out evil devices.

L: Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath.

P: Do not fret—it leads only to evil.

L: For the wicked shall be cut off,

P: but those who wait for the LORD shall inherit the land.

L: Yet a little while, and the wicked will be no more; though you look diligently for their place, they will not be there.

P: But the meek shall inherit the land, and delight themselves in abundant prosperity.

L: The salvation of the righteous is from the LORD; he is their refuge in the time of trouble.

P: The LORD helps them and rescues them;

L: he rescues them from the wicked, and saves them,

P: because they take refuge in him.

Scripture: (other lectionary readings below)

Luke 6:27-38

Read by Allison Cann

²⁷ "But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸ bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹ If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰ Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. ³¹ Do to others as you would have them do to you.

³² "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³ If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴ If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. ³⁵ But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. ³⁶ Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

³⁷ "Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸ give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

Offertory: Prelude on "Our Father" by Garth Edmundson
Martin Bohl

Celebration of our Generosity



Sermon: "Love your Enemies" (Yup, even in Ottawa)

Breakouts

Hymn #726 May the God of hope go with us every day
May the God of hope go with us every day,
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
bringing light and hope to every land and race.
Praying, let us work for peace,
singing, share our joy with all.
working for a world that's new,
faithful when we hear Christ's call.

Prayers of the people (using chat to share requests)

Benediction

Other Lectionary Readings

Genesis 45:3-11

³ Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

⁴ Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵ And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶ For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. ⁷ God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸ So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. ⁹ Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come

down to me, do not delay. ¹⁰You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.'

¹⁵And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

³⁵But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" ³⁶Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. ³⁷And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. ³⁸But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.

⁴²So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. ⁴³It is sown in dishonour, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. ⁴⁴It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. ⁴⁵Thus it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. ⁴⁶But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. ⁴⁷The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. ⁴⁸As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. ⁴⁹Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven.

⁵⁰What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

The Annual General Meeting for the congregation of St. Andrew's Hespeler is being planned for **Sunday, March 6, 2022**. People will be able to attend and participate in the meeting online or in person. The meeting will begin at about 11:15 am. An Annual Report is being prepared for this meeting. A financial meeting (a chance to ask in-depth financial questions) will be held by Zoom on the Wednesday before — Wednesday, March 2 at 7:00 pm. Links will be published closer to the date.



Mission Moment – Sunday, February 20

ARISE Ministry is a Toronto-based ministry that offers outreach, case management and spiritual care to individuals involved in the sex trade. In response to the explosion of the online sex trade in recent years, the staff and volunteers at ARISE have expanded their outreach ministry online through an app called "Freedom Signal," which has allowed them to communicate and establish relationships with victims of online sex trafficking and exploitation. This type of virtual outreach has meant that staff and volunteers have been able to connect people to resources and support in a way that is not always possible in street-level outreach. ARISE Ministry receives support from Presbyterians Sharing.



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Let us Join in Prayer

Sunday, February 20 (World Day of Social Justice) We give thanks and pray for human rights defenders and organizations, like KAIROS, which support them.

Monday, February 21 We give thanks and pray for the staff and volunteers of ARISE Ministry in Toronto, Ontario, who provide meaningful outreach and spiritual care to victims of sexual exploitation.

Tuesday, February 22 We give thanks and pray for the new members of the Cutting Edge of Mission Committee: Dr. Rick Allen (St. Andrew's PC in Toronto, Ontario), the Rev. Dr. Nancy Cocks (St. John's PC in Medicine Hat, Alberta) and Elizabeth Phillipson (St. Andrew's PC in Ottawa, Ontario).

Wednesday, February 23 We pray for PCC mission staff as they look for new ways to safely help our partners around the world.

Thursday, February 24 We thank God for the staff and volunteers of Tyndale St-Georges Community Centre, who create a safe, loving and empowering space for the community of Little Burgundy in Montreal, Quebec.

Friday, February 25 We pray for the members of the Canadian ecumenical working group for the United Nations International Decade for People of African Descent (2015–2024).

Saturday, February 26 We pray for the people, ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Eastern Han-Ca.

Next Week's Sermon:

Behind
the Veil



News for Families

- Please start saving small plastic containers for use at Easter time
- Thank you to everyone who came onto Zoom to play Jeopardy last night. Hope that you had a good time and maybe learned something about our church!
- Faith @ Home Boxes will be delivered on Monday, February 28th.
- Don't forget to check out our Google Classroom. It is posted on our website, Facebook page and twitter each Saturday morning. You are free to check in whenever you have time throughout the week. There are Bible readings, stories to listen to and activities to find, all new each week.

We need your help! Our offsite location of the Cambridge Food Bank could use the following items: size 5 & 6 diapers, milk (preferably is cartons), vegetables (potatoes) or fruit, cheese, diabetic ensure. We have several members with dietary restrictions which is making it difficult to find nutritional food for them. We have our offsite location open to members every Thursday. If you have any questions or can help, please contact Joni (jsmith@standrewshespeler.ca)