

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

Organist: Martin Bohl
Greeters: Elaine McLean
Beadle: Carol Johnston
Worship Assistant: Steve Marsh
Sunday School: Lori Marsh
Tech Team: Alexis Smith & Dylan Smith

This Week at St. Andrew's Hespeler

Tuesday: Hope Clothing 9:00—11:30 am
Thursday: Hope Clothing Noon—2:00 pm
Thursday: St. Andrew's Pantry Noon—2:00 pm

Mark Your Calendars!

Our **Annual Dream Auction** will be held on Saturday, October 19th!
This Dream Auction would be a great time to start your Christmas shopping!



Are you looking for a birthday gift, graduation gift!?

Our May specials will be a great idea
Winners, Home sense, Marshalls, Aerie, American Eagle, Kernels Popcorn.

Help your church by ordering cards by the last Sunday in the Month

Crieff, Doon, Duffs, Knox & St. Andrew's Summer Worship Experiment!

Congregations have often been left to sink or swim on their own. But, recognizing that, in the midst of the present struggles, we need to find creative ways to support one another, five congregations have chosen to try something different for the summer to see if it leads to new possibilities and creative solutions for the future.

We have decided to come together as one congregation during these weeks. We will worship in several church locations but worship as one.

We will provide live feeds and recordings of the services as local technology permits, but it is our hope that, as much as possible, everyone will attend together in person and we will make the most of the opportunity to get to know one another as siblings in Christ.

Next week we will have available **Guide Books** for the summer. In the Guide Book you will find the summer schedule, which church we are worshipping at and the directions to each church.

Watch for **"Passports"** for our children & young people, too.

DAILY PRAYERS

The Presbyterian Church in Canada



Prayer Partnership
Engaging in God's Mission
Through Word and Action

Sunday, May 12 (Christian Family Sunday) All Christians are members both of a human family and of the church, the household of God. We honour our parents who gave us life, and also the church which has nurtured us in faith.

Monday, May 13 We pray for those living in poverty in a world where the gap between rich and poor continues to grow.

Tuesday, May 14 We pray for families rising above poverty with educational opportunities and vocational training offered through PWS&D's support.

Wednesday, May 15 We pray for the members of the Women's Missionary Society, that they will connect with former friends and make new friends at the 110th Anniversary Celebration and that these friendships will continue for many years to come.

Thursday, May 16 We pray for Winnipeg Inner City Missions as it works to build a brighter future where individuals, children, and their families in Winnipeg's inner city have greater opportunities to break the cycle of poverty.

Friday, May 17 (International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia) We pray for an end to hatred and discrimination that targets LGBTQI2+ people. As a church, we commit to working for the flourishing of all people.

Saturday, May 18 We pray for the people, ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Superior.

Mission Moment: May 12

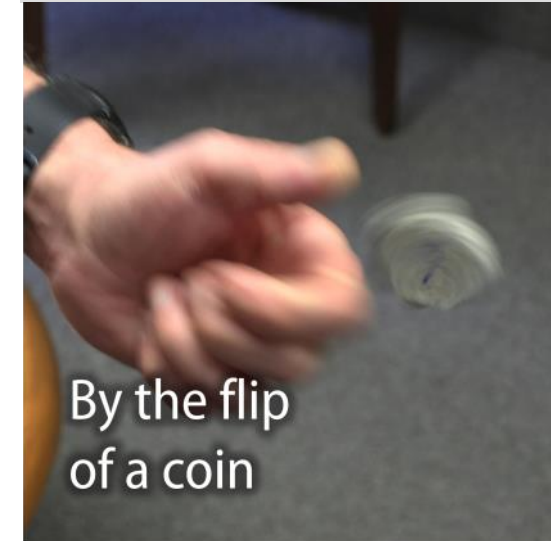


Somalia faces an acute hunger crisis, worsened by the most severe drought in four decades. With failed crops, widespread water shortages and reduced livestock productivity, Nafiso Hussein's family and thousands more had to abandon their homes in search of relief. Hunger and extreme conditions affected Nafiso's son Hadi, whose health had deteriorated critically. In the displaced persons camp where they had sought refuge, Hadi was quickly referred to the stabilization centre for treatment, and under this initiative,



his health significantly improved. Nafiso is grateful for her son's recovery, "He is well now, and I am happy to see him play and laugh like before." PWS&D, with partners at Canadian Foodgrains Bank, provides funding to train community nutrition workers who identify and screen severely malnourished children.

**St. Andrew's Hespeler Presbyterian Church
May 12, 2024
Christian Family 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: Andante by E. Fellowes

Welcome

Call to Worship:

L: Clap your hands, all you peoples;

P: We will shout to God with songs of joy.

L: For God is awesome, reigning over all the earth!

P: We will sing praises to God every day.

L: Let us worship God with all we have to offer.

P: We will offer God our love – heart, body, mind and soul!

Hymn #457 Now thank we all our God

1. Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done, in whom God's world rejoices,
who from our mother's arms has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

2. Oh may this bounteous God through all our life be near us, with ever-joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us, and keep us all with grace, and guide us when perplexed, and free us from all ills in this world and the next.

3. All praise and thanks to God who reigns in highest heaven, the Father and the Son and Spirit now be given, the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore, for thus it was, is now and shall be evermore.

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Prayer of Approach

L: God of promise and purpose, we praise with thankful hearts. As the beauty of the seasons change the beauty of your world lifts our hearts in praise. You lifted up Jesus to be by your side, and so we know he is always by our side as the future opens before us. Show us the promise and purpose in our own lives – how we can unfurl with new life, and move into the future empowered by the Holy Spirit, embraced by the love of Christ our Lord. Amen.

Laying Down our Burdens

Responsive Psalm 1

L: Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked or take the path that sinners tread or sit in the seat of scoffers,

P: but their delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law they meditate day and night.

L: They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither.

P: In all that they do, they prosper.

L: The wicked are not so but are like chaff that the wind drives away. Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous,

P: for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

Video Reading: John 17:6-19 Read by Sylvia Brooks

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

¹⁵ In those days Peter stood up among the brothers and sisters (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, ¹⁶ “Brothers and sisters, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus, ¹⁷ for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.”

²¹ “So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²² beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.” ²³ So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴ Then they prayed and said, “Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵ to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which

Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” ²⁶ And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was added to the eleven apostles.

Hymn #700 Praise our Maker, peoples of one family

1. Praise our Maker, peoples of one family: God is love, God is love!
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2. Love our Saviour, followers of Jesus: God is love, God is love!
Love our Saviour, followers of Jesus: God is love, God is love!

3. Care for others, children of the Spirit: God is love, God is love!
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Family Time

Life and Work of the Church

Celebration of our Generosity

Offertory

Offering - My Jesus, I Love Thee by D. Hustad

Sermon: By the Flip of a Coin

Prayers of the People

Hymn: #642 O Master, let me walk with thee

1. O Master, let me walk with thee in lowly paths of service free;
tell me thy secret; help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.

2. Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear winning word of love;
teach me the wayward feet to stay, and guide them in the homeward way.

3. Teach me thy patience; still with thee in closer, dearer company,
in work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in trust that triumphs over wrong,

4. in hope that sends a shining ray far down the future’s broadening way,
in peace that only thou canst give, with thee, O Master, let me live.

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Benediction

Choral Response #620 Go now in peace

1. Go now in peace; though friends must part, your presence lives in every heart.
Your gifts to us no words can tell: go now in peace, in Christ go well.

2. Go now in hope, and hopeful stay, though shadowed valleys hide your way;
through good and evil, joy and pain, with God, in Spirit, you remain.

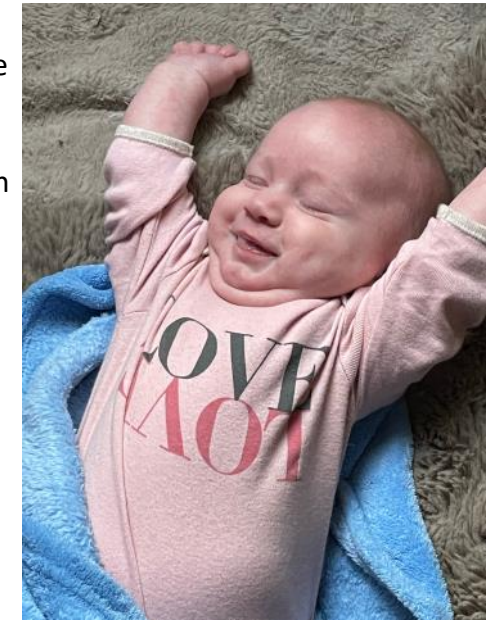
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Postlude: Postlude by M. Koch

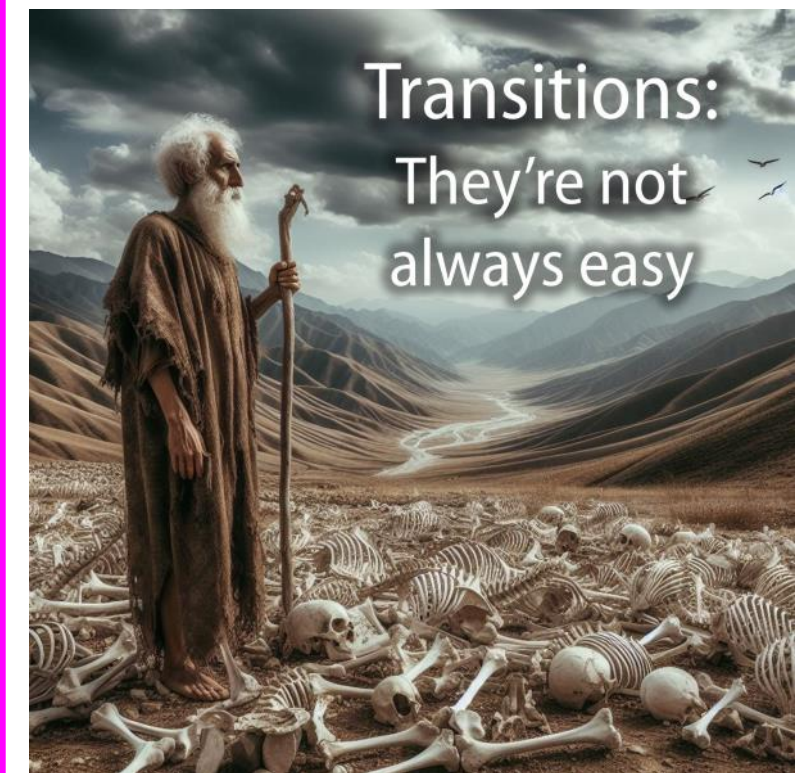
The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada will be meeting in Waterloo the first week in June. Our minister and elder, Vern Platt, will be commissioners this year.

There will be commissioners coming in from far afield and we have the opportunity to invite some to join us for worship on June 2. In order to do that, we would need to have volunteers to pick up some commissioners on Sunday morning and to offer hospitality after the service. If you would be interested in doing that, please speak to the minister or clerk of session.

We will have the wonderful opportunity next week to celebrate the baptism of Frances, the daughter of David and Bryce and sister of Blake and Rylie. Please join us as we celebrate this family and ask God to bless them!



Next Week’s Sermon:



The **Women in the Bible Study** will continue Wednesday, May 22.