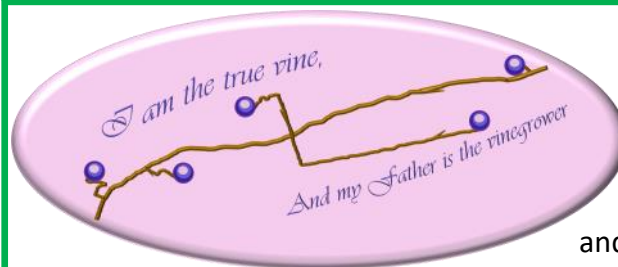


We are grateful to those who were involved in worship this morning:

Organist: Martin Bohl
Greeters: Sylvia Brooks
Beadle: Jean Godin
Worship Assistant: Joanne Waugh
Sunday School: Lori Marsh
Tech Team: Laura Einwechter, Dylan Smith

This Week at St. Andrew's Hespeler

Tuesday: Hope Clothing 9:00—11:30 am
Thursday: Hope Clothing Noon—2:00 pm



Please pick up a copy of the "Guidebook to Adventure" that explains our summer experiment and why we are engaging in it.

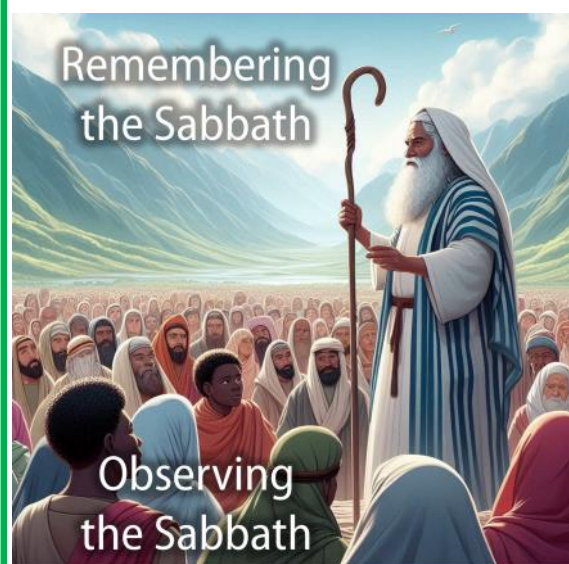
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Are you looking for a birthday gift, graduation gift!? Our May specials will be a great idea. Winners, Home sense, Marshalls, Aerie, American Eagle, Kernels Popcorn. Help your church by ordering cards. **Orders need to be in today for this month's order.**

An update on our Little Library.

Last August our Little Library was vandalized and pretty much destroyed. A community artist has volunteered to build us a new one as a way to give back to his community. There were some unexpected delays, but work has begun and the library is going to be beautiful. Thank you for your patience as we wait for the install.

Next Week's Sermon:



DAILY PRAYERS

The Presbyterian Church in Canada



Prayer Partnership

Engaging in God's Mission Through Word and Action

Sunday, May 26 (Healing & Reconciliation Sunday) We pray for healing for Indigenous families and communities, both within and outside the church, who are struggling with intergenerational trauma from residential schools and other forms of colonial violence. We ask that God guide our church and congregations in ways that uphold Indigenous rights and reject anti-Indigenous racism.

Monday, May 27 We pray for our mission partners in Canada and around the world, supported through our gifts to Presbyterians Sharing.

Tuesday, May 28 We pray for retired ministers and professional church workers, and for those preparing for retirement.

Wednesday, May 29 We give thanks that the PCC is involved ecumenically within Canada and beyond, and pray for the councils of the church that bring various denominations together for worship, fellowship, ministry and mission: the World Council of Churches, World Communion of Reformed Churches and the Canadian Council of Churches.

Thursday, May 30 We pray for the students enrolled in theological colleges that are preparing to serve at a rural or remote congregation this summer.

Friday, May 31 We pray that God may strengthen the hands and hearts of farmers in Afghanistan who are working tirelessly to restore their land and livelihoods after facing repeated droughts.

Saturday, June 1 We give thanks to God for the faithful service of the Rev. Mary Fontaine as she completes her year as the first Indigenous Moderator of The Presbyterian Church in Canada.

Mission Moment: May 26

Aziza, a mother of four from Pakistan, faced numerous challenges, including a physical disability and the tragic loss of her husband in 2019. Left to support her family as a young widow, Aziza and her eldest son worked tirelessly. Her son earned a small income as a shepherd. Despite their best efforts, the devastating floods of 2022 destroyed their home and village, forcing them to seek refuge in her brother-in-law's house. Aziza struggled to feed her children. In response to the disaster, a local partner, with support from PWS&D and Canadian Foodgrains Bank, began a cash assistance project to ensure families could meet their basic food needs. Aziza used the funds wisely, allocating them for immediate needs like wheat flour and groceries.



St. Andrew's Hespeler Presbyterian Church
May 26, 2024
Trinity Sunday



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Nicodemus came to Jesus by night

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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: Minuet by Handel

Welcome

Call to Worship:

L: Loving God: you call us together

P: To worship God as the people of God.

L: You call us by name and just as we are: you know each of our needs; you know our experiences; you know what rests in our minds and our hearts, and in your love you call us:

P: To worship God as the people of God.

L: We come together, our heads, our hearts and our hands and feet yearning to be remade and redirected to paths of justice, and in ways of love. Help us, Jesus, to walk in the paths of justice and love that you yourself have walked:

P: To worship God as the people of God.

L: God invites us to worship as beloved and loving people! Mold us, Holy Spirit:

P: To worship God as the people of God.

Hymn: Nicodemus sought out Jesus (Tune #248)

1. Nicodemus sought out Jesus at a lonely, quiet hour.
He said, "Teacher, God is with you! For in you we see God's power."
Jesus turned and gave an answer filled with challenge and with love:
"You can never see God's kingdom till you're born from heav'n above."

2. "Born again!" said Nicodemus. "Is that something one can do?"
Jesus said, "Don't be surprised now that you must be born anew.
And it's not by your own doing; wind and Spirit will blow free!
They are not for your controlling; trust in God for what will be."

3. God, your Spirit still surprises like an ever-changing wind,
Bringing life and love and justice where despair and death have been.
May we see your Spirit working as a gift from heav'n above.
Blest, may we then be a blessing to this world that you so love.

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Prayer of Approach

L: God of Creation – everything you have made sings your praises. Let our voices join the song and proclaim your goodness, your grace, your justice, and your fulsome peace. With Jesus as our example, let our words become actions that reflect your will for the thriving of all people, all creation. May your Spirit of love flow abundantly into every corner of the world. Amen.

Laying Down our Burdens

Responsive Psalm 29

L: Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,

P: ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

L: Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name;

P: worship the LORD in holy splendour.

L: The voice of the LORD is over the waters;

P: the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over mighty waters.

L: The voice of the LORD is powerful;

P: the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.

L: The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars;

P: the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

L: He makes Lebanon skip like a calf

P: and Sirion like a young wild ox.

L: The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire. The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

P: The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl and strips the forest bare, and in his temple all say, "Glory!"

L: The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;

P: the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.

L: May the LORD give strength to his people!

P: May the LORD bless his people with peace!

Video Reading: John 3:1-17 Read by Allison

Hymn #631 Jesus' hands were kind hands

1. Jesus' hands were kind hands, doing good to all,
healing pain and sickness, blessing children small,
washing tired feet and saving those who fall;
Jesus' hands were kind hands, doing good to all.

2. Take my hands, Lord Jesus, let them work for you;
make them strong and gentle, kind in all I do.
Let me watch you, Jesus, till I'm gentle too,
till my hands are kind hands, quick to work for you.

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Family Time

Life and Work of the Church

Celebration of our Generosity

Offertory: Thou, Who art Three in Unity by Alberti

Sermon: Nicodemus Came to Jesus by Night

Prayers of the People

Hymn: #690 Fight the good fight

1. Fight the good fight with all your might;
Christ is your strength and Christ your right;
lay hold on life, and it shall be
your joy and crown eternally.

2. Run the straight race through God's good grace;
lift up your eyes and seek God's face;
the way of life before you lies;
Christ is the path and Christ the prize.

3. Cast care aside; lean on your guide;
his boundless mercy will provide;
trust, and your trusting soul shall prove
Christ is its life and Christ its love.

4. Faint not nor fear, those arms are near,
and, changing not, still hold you dear;
hope and believe, and you shall find
Christ is your all: heart, strength and mind.

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Benediction

Choral Response

Go now in peace...never be afraid.

God will go with you each hour of every day.

Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.

Know He will guide you in all you do.

Go now in love, and show you believe.

Reach out to others so all the world can see.

God will be there, watching from above.

Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

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Postlude: Allegretto by Schmid

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

The General Assembly **meets annually to perform specific duties assigned to it by the constitution of the church.** It consists of one-sixth of the whole number of ministers whose names are on the constituent rolls of the presbyteries of the church, together with an equal number of elders. This year both our minister, Scott McAndless, and one of our elders, Vern Platt, will be attending.

This year the Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington is hosting the General Assembly at Wilfrid Laurier University, from Sunday, June 2nd (starting at 7:00 pm) to June 6. Many of the visiting ministers and elders (commissioners) will be arriving Saturday evening and we have been asked to welcome some to our worship service next **Sunday June 2** and to provide lunch. **So let's show them some good St. Andrew's hospitality!**



What do we need?

- Drivers who can pick up people at Laurier and take them back.
- Help buying the bar-b-que supplies, etc.
- Help with salads and desserts: everyone, if able is asked to bring a salad or dessert to share with others. **NO PEANUTS OR SHELLFISH.**
- Help setting up for the lunch, help cleaning up from the lunch. We will have lunch in the hall.
- We need people to host/hostess/welcome our visitors, upon arrival and throughout our time together. Teens, children, families are welcome to help with this!



If you can help in any way, please speak with Joni (jsmith@standrewshespeler.ca).