

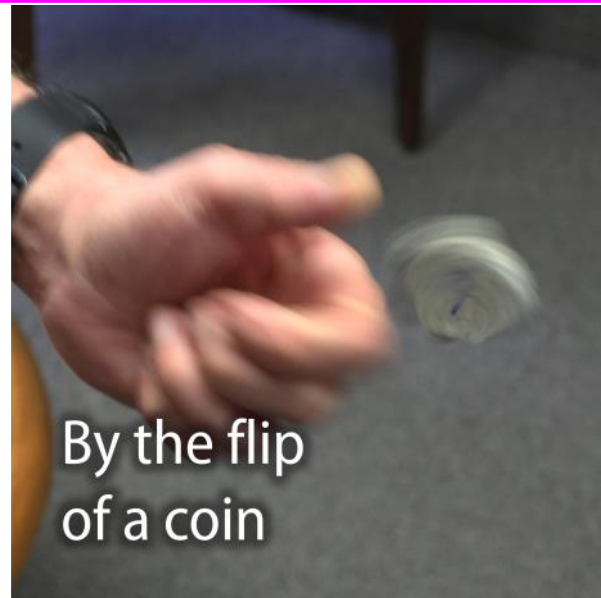
**We are grateful to those who were involved in worship this morning:**

Organist: Martin Bohl  
Greeters: Joanne Waugh  
Beadle: Brenda Holm  
Worship Assistant: Sylvia Brooks  
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  
Wednesday: Bible Study 10:00 am  
Thursday: Hope Clothing Noon—2:00 pm  
Thursday: Foor Bank Noon—2:00 pm  
Thursday: Lunch on Queen Noon—1:45 pm

Next Week's Sermon:



The **Women in the Bible Study** will continue this Wednesday, May 8, at 10 am in the Foyer. We will be turning to the story of Bathsheba and the people her story affected.

**You saw her bathing...  
What were you doing on the roof?**



**DAILY PRAYERS**

The Presbyterian Church in Canada



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

**Sunday, May 5** We pray for the people attending Guidance Conference this week, that the student candidates will experience a Spirit-filled opportunity to reflect deeply on their sense of call to ministry in the church.

**Monday, May 6** We pray for all who support PCC congregations and ministries with gifts of hospitality, helping strangers and seekers find a welcoming place in the church.

**Tuesday, May 7** We pray for renewed relationships with church partners in Cuba as the church there seeks to continue Christ's ministry under the difficult circumstances of the embargo.

**Wednesday, May 8** We pray for the Holy Spirit's leading as Atlantic Mission Society Presbyterians hold annual meetings this month.

**Thursday, May 9 (Ascension Day)** We give thanks for creative faith formation programs that congregations have developed to nurture people's faith

**Friday, May 10** We pray for the Committee on Church Doctrine as it grapples with how Presbyterians respond to Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD).

**Saturday, May 11** We give thanks for the beauty of creation and pray that the people and nations of the world are inspired to protect and care for the earth, as God intended.

**Mission Moment: May 5**

Sydney Nkhata, a 27-year-old from Northern Malawi, is the chair of a youth network made up of 12 clubs. His management journey was significantly influenced by the "Every Youth Empowered" project, which provided valuable leadership training and is funded by PWS&D. Equipped with new skills, Sydney has become a mentor—guiding and nurturing club members. His efforts ensure that youth actively embrace and take ownership of the project, where they learn about sexual and reproductive health rights—turning it into an integral part of the community. As a result, girls and boys are more aware of the risks related to early pregnancies and transmission of diseases and are changing behaviours.



Sydney's story highlights the transformative power of leadership training and showcases his commitment to mentorship and community development.



**St. Andrew's Hespeler  
Presbyterian Church  
May 5, 2024  
6th Sunday of Easter**



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**Office Hours: Monday—Friday 9am-12pm**

**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: Water Music by Handel

Welcome

Call to Worship:

L: Let us sing to the Lord a new song,  
**P: for God has done marvellous things.**  
L: Let us make known the Lord's victory,  
**P: for God's steadfast love covers the whole earth.**  
L: Let us sing joyful praises,  
**P: and join all creation to worship God's holy name.**

Hymn #513 Now there is no male or female

1. Now there is no male or female; now there is no free or slave; now there is no Jew or Gentile in the earth Christ died to save. Christ has set us free for freedom: we no more sing slavery's creed; old submissions cannot claim us: Christ has set us free indeed.

2. Crucified with Christ the Saviour, baptized in his holy death, and as Christ was raised to glory we have new life on this earth. Power of water and God's naming turns from darkness to the light, joins us to those who, before us, ran the race and fought the fight.

3. Death has no dominion over him, so for us death holds no power; life's own waters now have marked us born to God this very hour. From this moment and forever dead to sin, alive in Christ, born of water and the Spirit, now in Christ we find our life.

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#### Prayer of Approach

L: Holy God, the power of your love is beyond comprehension, the breadth of your compassion without measure, the depths of your wisdom knows no bounds. In Jesus Christ, you meet us in the midst of life's joys and challenges to show us what it means to love and be loved. And so we offer you our love and loyalty, and our prayers and praise; through the power of your Spirit, draw us closer to you and closer to each other as friends and followers of Christ, our Risen Lord. Amen.

#### Laying Down our Burdens

#### Responsive Psalm 98

L: O sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things.

**P: His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory.**

L: The LORD has made known his victory;

**P: he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.**

L: He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

**P: All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.**

L: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;

**P: break forth into joyous song and sing praises.**

L: Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre,

**P: with the lyre and the sound of melody.**

L: With trumpets and the sound of the horn

**P: make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD.**

L: Let the sea roar and all that fills it, the world and those who live in it.

**P: Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy at the presence of the LORD, for he is coming to judge the earth.**

L: He will judge the world with righteousness

**P: and the peoples with equity.**

Video Reading: John 15:9-17, Read by Joanne Waugh

Acts 10:44-48

<sup>44</sup> While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. <sup>45</sup> The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the gentiles, <sup>46</sup> for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, <sup>47</sup> "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" <sup>48</sup> So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

#### Hymn #471 We are one in the Spirit

1. We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,  
we are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,  
and we pray that all unity will one day be restored  
and they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,  
and they'll know we are Christians by our love.

2. We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,  
we will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,  
and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land,  
and they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love.

3. We will work with each other, we will work side by side,  
we will work with each other, we will work side by side,  
and we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride,  
and they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,  
and they'll know we are Christians by our love.

4. All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,  
and all praise to Christ Jesus, who is God's only Son,  
and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one,  
and they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,  
and they'll know we are Christians by our love.

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#### Family Time

#### Life and Work of the Church

#### Celebration of our Generosity

#### Offertory: How Sweet the Sound by Willan

#### Sermon: Does Anyone Object? Anyone? Anyone?

#### Prayers of the People

#### Hymn: #764 There's a spirit in the air (Tune #96?)

1. There's a spirit in the air, telling Christians everywhere  
"Praise the love that Christ revealed, living, working, in our world!"

2. Lose your shyness, find your tongue, tell the world what God has done  
God in Christ has come to stay. Live tomorrow's life today!

3. When believers break the bread, when a hungry child is fed,  
praise the love that Christ revealed, living, working, in our world.

4. Still the Spirit gives us light, seeing wrong and setting right:  
God in Christ has come to stay. Live tomorrow's life today!

3. When a stranger's not alone, where the homeless find a home,  
praise the love that Christ revealed, living, working, in our world.

4. May the Spirit fill our praise, guide our thoughts and change our ways.  
God in Christ has come to stay. Live tomorrow's life today!

5. There's a spirit in the air, calling people everywhere:  
praise the love that Christ revealed, living, working, in our world.

6. May the Spirit fill our praise, guide our thoughts and change our ways.

God in Christ has come to stay. Live tomorrow's life today!

7. There's a Spirit in the air, calling people everywhere:  
praise the love that Christ revealed, living, working, in our world.

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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: God of Grace by Held

A **big** thank you to all of our Spring Fling workshop leaders: Debbie, Sandi, Jane and Corey for teaching and leading us throughout April.

Many people learned new techniques and were uplifted with music and personal empowerment. And another BIG thank you to everyone who participated in our workshops.



#### Coming soon:

Make sure that you join us for some very special celebrations in the coming weeks!

- May 12 — Christian Family Sunday
- May 19 — Very special celebration (details next week)!

In recognition of The Presbyterian Church in Canada's 150th anniversary in 2025, the Committee on History is preparing a published collection of stories about where we have been, where we are, and where we are going.

Do you have a favourite memory of singing in a choir, attending a youth group, going to a potluck supper, or attending the General Assembly— or anything else that shaped your involvement in church? What are some of the things your congregation is doing today to share the good news of Jesus in your community? And what are your hopes and dreams for the PCC as it approaches 150 years?

We want to hear from you! Please write to Ian McKechnie, project coordinator, at [pcc150book@gmail.com](mailto:pcc150book@gmail.com). Submissions are being accepted through September 2024.