

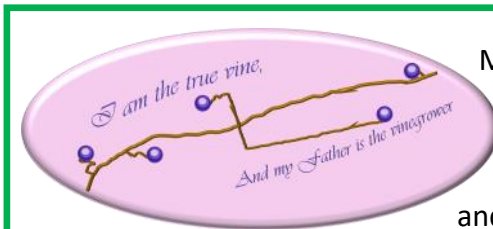
**We are grateful to those who were involved in worship this morning:**

Communion Servers: Jean Godin, Bill Hunter, Donald Paddock,  
Vern Platt, Carol Johnston, Joanne Waugh  
Organist: Martin Bohl  
Soloist: Jane Bennett  
Greeters: Carol Johnston  
Beadle: Elaine McLean  
Worship Assistant: Sylvia Brooks  
Sunday School: Dean Davidson & Joni Smith  
Tech Team: Laura Einwechter, Dylan Smith

**This Week at St. Andrew's Hespeler**

Tuesday: Hope Clothing 9:00—11:30 am  
Wednesday: Hope Clothing 6:00 —7:30 pm  
Thursday: Hope Clothing Noon—2:00 pm  
Thursday: St. Andrew's Pantry Noon—2:00 pm  
Saturday: Hope Clothing 10 am — noon

A BIG thank you to everyone who helped welcome our guest Commissioners today. Many people were needed to provide rides, shop, prepare food, bar-b-que, set up, serve, clean up, etc. Everyone is welcome to join us for lunch after the service whether or not you were able to bring anything to share.



More will be posted next Sunday regarding our Summer Worship Experiment, including the schedule, car pooling sign ups, our Guidebook and passports.

Rev. Scott and our Elder, Vern will be attending General Assembly from Sunday evening until Thursday. If you have any pastoral care needs and can't get a hold of Rev. Scott, you may also call Rev. Aubrey Botha: 519-241-2413.

Next Week our guest preacher will be Elder Steve Marsh. Sermon title: **I Want to Quit**

Saint Luke's Place Walk & Roll Fundraiser for Saint Luke's Place will be held on June 9th.

Please consider sponsoring Patrice Wappler. See her after church.

**DAILY PRAYERS**

The Presbyterian Church in Canada



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

**Sunday, June 2 (General Assembly Sunday)** On General Assembly Sunday we pray for the 2024 General Assembly, where commissioners seek to discern and make decisions for the work, ministry and mission of our denomination this year and in the coming years.

**Monday, June 3** We pray for church secretaries and custodians and all those who support the worship and mission of the church in ways that are often overlooked.

**Tuesday, June 4** We pray for the Committee on Church Doctrine as it works to revise the preambles to the ordination of elders.

**Wednesday, June 5** We give thanks for Sanctuary Mental Health Ministries, recipient of the 2024 Cutting Edge of Mission award, as they equip the Church to support mental health and wellbeing.

**Thursday, June 6** We pray for the weary caregivers who seek respite each month in Dove House Quiet Days hosted by Crieff Hills Retreat Centre.

**Friday, June 7** With PWS&D's support, farmers and families are learning about sustainability, food security and environmental protection. We pray that future generations steward God's creation well.

**Saturday, June 8** We pray for the Archives and Records Committee and the Committee on History as they work to support the preservation and awareness of The Presbyterian Church in Canada's legacy.

**Mission Moment: June 2**

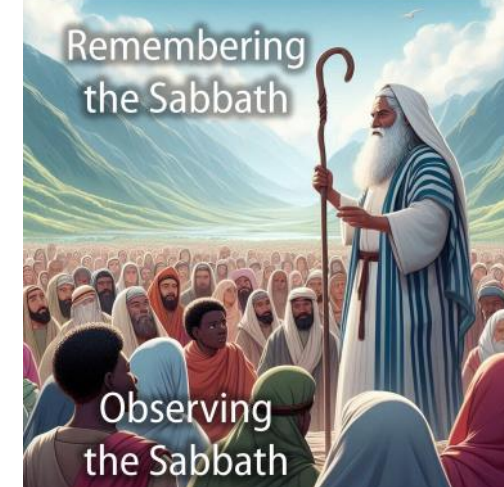


Today is General Assembly Sunday. Gifts to Presbyterians Sharing support the governance structures of The Presbyterian Church in Canada. At General Assembly, representative elders and ministers from congregations across Canada make decisions, set priorities and examine matters of doctrine, worship, discipleship and governance. A vision for national work is set and a budget is passed, capturing the hopes and dreams of the gathered congregations for the future of the church. Together, we are bringing the church's mission and ministry to



Our children will be participating in their Feast this morning in Sunday School. We will be serving apple juice, gold fish and fruit. If there are any food allergies we need to be aware of please speak with Dean or Joni.

**St. Andrew's Hespeler  
Presbyterian Church  
June 2, 2024  
General Assembly Sunday**



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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. This will be a communion service so please prepare elements if you are participating from home.

Prelude: I Need Thee Every Hour by R. Lau

Welcome

Call to Worship:

L: Raise a song of joy and gladness before God.

**P: We will make music and sing God's praises.**

L: Sing aloud to God, our strength!

**P: We will shout for joy to the God who made us.**

L: Worship God who makes all things new!

**P: We will celebrate God's goodness in prayer and praise.**

Hymn #757 Come sing, O church, in joy!

1. Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!

For Christ the Lord has led us through the ages long!

In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

2. Long years have come and gone, and still God reigns supreme,  
empowering us to catch the vision, dream the dream!  
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!  
3. Let courage be our friend, let wisdom be our guide,  
as we in mission magnify the Crucified!  
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

4. Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!  
For Christ the Lord has triumphed o'er the ages long!  
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

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#### Prayer of Approach

L: God of all life and each life, you created us in love to enjoy your presence in creation. You made us in your image so that we would find purpose and possibility in our lives. You gave us Sabbath rest to breathe in your grace and peace week by week. In Jesus you show us how to share grace and peace with one another. Refresh us in this time of worship, so that we may leave with a deep sense of well-being at our core, for we offer ourselves to you through Christ, our Saviour. Amen

#### Laying Down our Burdens

##### Responsive Psalm 81:1-10

L: Sing aloud to God our strength;

**P: shout for joy to the God of Jacob.**

L: Raise a song; sound the tambourine, the sweet lyre with the harp.

**P: Blow the trumpet at the new moon, at the full moon, on our festival day.**

L: For it is a statute for Israel, an ordinance of the God of Jacob.

**P: He made it a decree in Joseph, when he went out over the land of Egypt.**

L: I hear a voice I had not known:

**P: "I relieved your shoulder of the burden; your hands were freed from the basket. In distress you called, and I rescued you; I answered you in the secret place of thunder; I tested you at the waters of Meribah.**

L: Hear, O my people, while I admonish you; O Israel, if you would but listen to me!

**P: There shall be no strange god among you; you shall not bow down to a foreign god.**

L: I am the LORD your God, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt.

**P: Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.**

##### Deuteronomy 5:12-15

<sup>12</sup> "Observe the Sabbath day and keep it holy, as the LORD your God commanded you. <sup>13</sup> Six days you shall labour and do all your work. <sup>14</sup> But the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, or your son or your daughter, or your male or female slave, or your ox or your donkey, or any of your livestock, or the resident alien in your towns, so that your male and

female slave may rest as well as you. <sup>15</sup> Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm; therefore the LORD your God commanded you to keep the Sabbath day.

Video Reading: Mark 2:23 - 3:6 Read by Jane Bennett

##### Hymn #425 We praise you, O God

1. We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;  
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.

We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;  
we bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.

2. We worship you; God ever-faithful, we bless you;  
through life's storm and tempest our guide you have been.

When perils o'ertake us, you will not forsake us,  
and with your help, O Lord, life's battles we win.

3. With voices united our praises we offer,  
and gladly our songs of true worship we raise.  
Our sins now confessing, we pray for your blessing;  
to you, our great Redeemer, forever be praise.

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#### Family Time

##### Life and Work of the Church

##### Celebration of our Generosity

Offertory: "Not While I'm Around"

Sung by Jane Bennett

Sermon: Remembering the Sabbath, Observing the Sabbath

##### Celebration of Communion

##### Invitation

Communion Hymn #534 All who hunger, gather gladly

1. All who hunger, gather gladly; holy manna is our bread.  
Come from wilderness and wandering. Here, in truth, we will be fed.  
You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food.  
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

2. All who hunger, never strangers, seeker, be a welcome guest.  
Come from restlessness and roaming. Here, in joy, we keep the feast.  
We that once were lost and scattered in communion's love have stood.  
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

3. All who hunger, sing together; Jesus Christ is living bread.  
Come from loneliness and longing. Here, in peace, we have been led.  
Blest are those who from this table live their days in gratitude.  
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

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##### Confession of Faith #539 The Apostles' Creed

#564 The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

L: The Lord be with you.

**P: And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts.

**P: We lift them up to the Lord.**

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**P: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

L: ...we join with the whole creation to lift our hearts in joyful praise.

**P: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

L: ...proclaim the mystery of faith:

**P: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again....**

#### Communion of God's People

##### Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

*(... forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors...)*

Hymn: #467 Praise, my soul, the God who crowns you

1. Praise, my soul, the God who crowns you, crowns with mercy all your days;  
bless the God whose good surrounds you, rescues, heals, forgives,  
reclaims.

Hallelujah, hallelujah, all within me, bless and praise.

2. Praise God's mighty works of justice, for, as far as east from west,  
God removes transgression from us and restores the sore-oppressed.  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, may the Holy One be blest!

3. Mortal days are few in number; soon our place is known no more.  
God eternal will remember, and the faithful will restore.  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, children's children will adore.

4. Praise the Lord in highest heavens, mighty ones who do God's will;  
angels, cry through all dominions, God is sovereign over all.  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, praise your Maker, O my soul.

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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: Postlude on Lauda Anima by R. Powell

Welcome to the General Assembly Commissioners who are worshipping with us this morning! We will be praying for your work this week as you participate in General Assembly.