

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

Tuesday: Hope Clothing 9:00—11:30 am  
Wednesday: Mobile Food Market 12:30—1:30 pm  
Thursday: Hope Clothing Noon—2:00 pm  
Thursday: St. Andrew's Pantry Noon—2:00 pm

### Next Week's Sermon:



Little Pitcher, Big Ears

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

Organist: Martin Bohl

Tech Team: Dylan Smith & Alexis Smith

Sunday School: Donald Paddock

Worship Assistant: Joni Smith

### HOLD THE DATE!!

As part of our 169th anniversary celebrations, St. Andrew's Hespeler is hosting a live and silent auction on Saturday October 19th beginning at 7:00 p.m. Dessert and refreshments will be provided and, back by popular demand, Gary Stewart has graciously agreed to be our auctioneer again this year!

Please save the date and invite your family and friends! Lastly, please think about a talent or service that could be part of our live auction - the baking of a pie, the knitting of a sweater, a few hours of fall yard cleanup, preserves you've made from this year's harvest. Be creative!! A signup sheet is at the back of the sanctuary for you to donate your talent or service.

Thanks everyone for your support! Let's pack St. Andrew's Hall and have a great time again this year!

If you have any questions, please contact Joni Smith or Donald Paddock ([dpadd5323@rogers.com](mailto:dpadd5323@rogers.com)).



### DAILY PRAYERS

The Presbyterian Church in Canada



### Prayer Partnership

Engaging in God's Mission Through Word and Action

**Sunday, September 15** We give thanks for congregations like St. Giles Presbyterian Church in St. Catharines, ON that engage in intentional ministry to support children with special needs and their families.

**Monday, September 16** We pray for congregations in transition, and for those who serve as their ministers and interim moderators. May God's Spirit guide them as they continue in their journey of discernment.

**Tuesday, September 17** We celebrate the ways our congregations work together to support Presbyterians Sharing by sharing their gifts, time and talent —serving on committees and participating in advocacy campaigns, learning experiences and other opportunities to serve.

**Wednesday, September 18** We pray for the families of Paul McLean (working with the church in Taiwan), Blair Bertrand (working with the church in Malawi), Joel Sherbino (working with the church in Malawi), and Lora Nafziger (working with United Mission to Nepal).

**Thursday, September 19** We give thanks and pray for those who serve on the Canadian Ministries Grants Committee as they fulfill their responsibilities with wisdom, compassion and discernment.

**Friday, September 20** We pray for members and leaders of the Atlantic Mission Society as they hold their Annual Meeting from Sept. 20–22 in Truro, NS.

**Saturday, September 21 (International Day of Prayer for Peace)** We pray that love and compassion drive out senseless violence around the world and ask God to protect PWS&D partners delivering humanitarian aid to uprooted families.

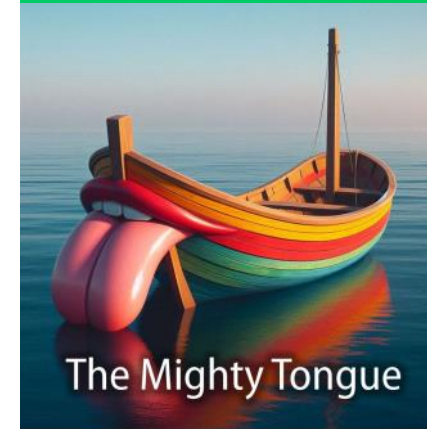
### Mission Moment: September 15

After participating in the New Beginnings program, which guides congregations through a renewal process to discern God's call for their future, St. Giles Presbyterian Church in St. Catharines, ON, is exploring innovative ways to engage with their community. The congregation is turning faith into action by fostering a welcoming and supportive environment for individuals with disabilities and their families. They have created a multi-sensory space where individuals with sensory sensitivities can find comfort and engagement. They hope to offer respite programming and support groups for caregivers who demonstrate a commitment to walking alongside them in their journey. The New Beginnings program receives funding from Presbyterians Sharing.



# St. Andrew's Hespeler Presbyterian Church

## September 15, 2024



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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: "Erhalt uns, Herr, bei deinem Wort" by R. Thompson

Call to Worship

L: Come, people of God, worship the One who listens to our prayers.

**P: We will worship the One who hears us.**

L: Come, people of God, worship the One who watches over us.

**P: We will worship the One who cares deeply for us all.**

L: Come, people of God, worship the One who offered his life for us.

**P: We will offer thanks and praise to the One who gives us life.**

Hymn #375 Fairest Lord Jesus

Prayer of approach:

L: Living God, you are the artist of the changing skies and architect of the steadfast earth, Loving Christ, you were born to walk life's journey with us and show us God's purposes. Spirit of life, you are always moving in us and among us, offering us wisdom for every choice. Creator, Christ and Spirit, we honour you in our prayers and our praise. In this time of worship, show us how we can serve you, for we seek your guidance and your grace now and always. Amen.

Laying down our Burdens

Psalm 19

L: The heavens are telling the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

**P: Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.**

L: There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard;

**P: yet their voice goes out through all the earth and their words to the end of the world.**

L: In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun, which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and like a strong man runs its course with joy.

**P: Its rising is from the end of the heavens and its circuit to the end of them, and nothing is hid from its heat.**

L: The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple;

**P: the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eyes;**

L: the fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

**P: More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.**

L: Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward. But who can detect one's own errors?

**P: Clear me from hidden faults. Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me.**

L: Then I shall be blameless and innocent of great transgression.

**P: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.**

Video reading: Mark 8:27-38, Read by Donald

James 3:1-12

<sup>1</sup> Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will face stricter judgment. <sup>2</sup> For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is mature, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. <sup>3</sup> If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. <sup>4</sup> Or look at ships: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. <sup>5</sup> So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a such a small fire! <sup>6</sup> And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of life, and is itself set on fire by hell. <sup>7</sup> For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, <sup>8</sup> but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. <sup>9</sup> With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse people, made in the likeness of God. <sup>10</sup> From the same mouth comes a blessing and a curse. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. <sup>11</sup> Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh

and brackish water? <sup>12</sup> Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

Hymn #730 O for a world where everyone respects each other's ways  
Family Time

Life and Work of the Church

Celebration of our Generosity

Offertory: Prayer by R. Vierne

Sermon: The Mighty Tongue

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer  
(... forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors...)

Hymn: #769 Lord of light, whose name and splendour

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: Festive Episode by A. Scarmolin

### World Communion Sunday

**World Communion Sunday** is a celebration observed by several Christian denominations, taking place on the first Sunday of every October, that promotes Christian unity and ecumenical cooperation. This year we will celebrate on Sunday, October 6th. To celebrate, we are asking that you share your family origins with us. If you have a flag from your country of origin that you could share with us, please bring it on Sunday, September 29th. Or you could let Joni know which flag you would like to share so that we can print them and share with others. Let's celebrate our unity and connections with others throughout the world.

### We need some help!

We will soon begin recording our video Bible readings that are shared on Sunday mornings.. Please consider joining this team. We have a lot of fun recording the readings together! What you need to do: come to church to be recorded. A Bible reading (one or more) will be assigned to you. While you are reading it, you will be recorded. Joni will turn your reading into a video. Generally Bible readings are shared in advance so you can practice beforehand. If you have any questions, please speak with Joni.

Also, would you consider being a Worship Assistant, Beadle or Greeter this year? Please let Joni know if you can help out with either or all of these important ministries.

### Fall Fun Workshops: Saturday, September 28th

Our Fall Fun Workshops are filling up fast! Please register for each workshop individually and soon to avoid disappointment.



**Details:** You will be provided with a complete kit to put together 8 cards including:  
~ 8 cards (4 designs, 2 of each design) with all of the pieces cut and ready to be assembled.  
~ 8 envelopes.



~ 1 double sided tape runner along with extra/special adhesives (if you have a tape runner, then bring your own if you wish and make the right selection in the drop down below), and  
~ written instructions to help with the assembly process.

Register with Cindy at: <https://thecraftshoppecanada.com/collections/workshops-events/products/fall-fun-christmas-in-october-card-making-workshop>