

**Calling all readers!** We will be recording our Bible readings on Tuesday, October 8, at 10:00 and Wednesday, October 9 at 10:00 am, in the sanctuary. Please let Joni know which time might work for you. If neither time works we can make arrangements for another time. If you are unable to come in, but have a way to record the reading at home and send it to Joni that would also work. Contact Joni to let her know when you will be coming in or if you have any questions, [jsmith@standrewshespeler.ca](mailto:jsmith@standrewshespeler.ca). The readings are available from Joni after the worship service.

Please mark your calendars with **Sunday, October 27**. We will be celebrating our **169th Anniversary!** Plan to stay after the service for a time of fun and food. We will be sharing a potluck lunch together, so if you are able please bring something (finger foods) to share with others. Please remember: no peanuts or shellfish. During our time together we will also participate in a Sharing Circle.

### Dream Auction

As part of our 169th anniversary celebrations, St. Andrews'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.



### Next Week's Sermon:



### DAILY PRAYERS

**Sunday, October 6 (World Communion Sunday)** We give thanks for the global Christian community and all who gather around God's Holy Table this Sunday.

**Monday, October 7** We give thanks for the Pinuyumayan Church District of the Presbyterian Church in Taiwan for 65 years of mission history and the publication of their very first translated New Testament.

**Tuesday, October 8** We pray for the Rev. Dr. George Sabra as he retires after serving faithfully for 38 years as a faculty member, Academic Dean, and President of the Near East School of Theology in Lebanon.

**Wednesday, October 9** We pray for congregations that are envisioning new forms of mission and ministry. May God's Spirit bless their conversations and new visions and give them strength and patience as the ministry grows.

**Thursday, October 10** We pray for international students studying at Vancouver School of Theology. May God bless them with good friends and a sense of welcome and delight in the work.

**Friday, October 11 (International Day of the Girl Child)** We give thanks and pray for PWS&D programs in India that help reduce the incidence of child marriages and advocate for girls' education.

**Saturday, October 12** We pray for good health for ministers and directors of the eight Indigenous ministries of the PCC, and for their families and friends who support them.

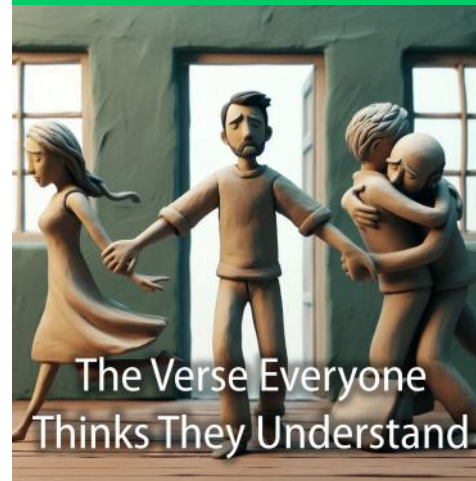
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**Prayer Partnership**  
Engaging in God's Mission  
Through Word and Action

### Mission Moment: October 6

Chandha Kumari is a 16-year-old girl living in a rural village in India. She's the eldest of five siblings and the financial strain weighs heavily on her family. Amid these daily struggles is the threat of child marriage, which remains a common practice in her village. Financial and social pressures led Chandha's parents to consider marrying her off despite her age. This all changed when her mother attended a community awareness session on child marriage hosted by PWS&D's local partner. Chandha's mother shared with her husband what she learned during the session. Armed with knowledge about the legal age for marriage and the detrimental effects of child marriage, they decided to prioritize Chandha's education and seek other financial resources to prevent her early marriage.



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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. Please prepare communion elements if you are joining us from home.

Prelude: Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence by Roger Wilson

Call to Worship

L: The banqueting table is prepared: God calls us to feast together.

**P: We have come from east and west, from north and south, to sit together at the Lord's table.**

L: Compassion, love, and grace pour out like fine wine.

**P: God's Word is bread for our journey.**

L: Let us join Christians around the world to share in God's gifts.

**P: Let us taste and see that the Lord is good!**

Hymn #480 In Christ there is no east or west (to tune of #788)

Prayer of approach:

L: Eternal God, as we come to your table today, we recognize that, here, heaven and earth join hands. Around this holy table, we join with your Church which stretches around the world, and across many generations, to meet you in our midst. As we remember Jesus this day, unite us to those who have served you over the centuries, and to all who serve you in so many different situations today. We praise you for your amazing love which embraces this countless congregation and invites us into a future you are creating. Here, O God, let us join hands with heaven and earth to celebrate your holy name through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Laying down our Burdens

Psalm 8

L: O LORD, our Sovereign,

**P: how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

L: You have set your glory above the heavens. Out of the mouths of babes and infants

**P: you have founded a bulwark because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger.**

L: When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established;

**P: what are humans that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?**

L: Yet you have made them a little lower than God

**P: and crowned them with glory and honour.**

L: You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;

**P: you have put all things under their feet,**

L: all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field,

**P: the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.**

L: O LORD, our Sovereign,

**P: how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

Genesis 2:18-24

<sup>18</sup>Then the LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." <sup>19</sup>So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air and brought them to the man to see what he would call them, and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. <sup>20</sup>The man gave names to all cattle and to the birds of the air and to every animal of the field, but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. <sup>21</sup>So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. <sup>22</sup>And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. <sup>23</sup>Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken."

<sup>24</sup>Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

Hymn: This Little Light of Mine

1. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. (3x)  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

2. Hide it under a bushel - NO! I'm gonna let it shine. (3x)  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

3. Don't let anyone blow it! I'm gonna let it shine. (3x)  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

4. Let it shine til Jesus comes. I'm gonna let it shine. (3x)  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

5. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. (3x)  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

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Family Time

Life and Work of the Church

Celebration of our Generosity

Offertory: Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence by Myron Casner

Sermon: The Verse Everyone Thinks They Understand

Communion Hymn #534 All who hunger, gather gladly

#539 Apostles' Creed

Invitation

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: ...to proclaim your glory in the unending hymn:

**P: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

L: ...we recall the mystery of our faith:

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

Communion of the People

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

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

Hymn: #556 Now let us from this table rise

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: Faith by Felix Mendelssohn

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

Worship Assistant: Joni Smith

Organist: Martin Bohl

Tech Team: Laura Einwechter & Dylan Smith

Sunday School: Dean Davidson

Greeter, Beadle: Carol Johnston

Communion Prep: Linda Inglis

Servers: Laura Einwechter, Carol Johnston, Donald Paddock,  
Vern Plat, Patrice Wappler, Joanne Waugh

The **Women in the Bible Study** will continue on October 16 at 10 am with a look a several mini-stories that tell us a great deal about women in the Bible



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

Tuesday: Hope Clothing 9:30 - 11:00 am

Thursday: Food Bank noon - 1:30 pm

Thursday: Hope Clothing noon - 2:00 pm