

Your help is needed on Tuesday, December 3rd!

We are planning a fun kick off for our annual Giving Tuesday campaign. Help is needed to make and serve hot chocolate, supply cookies, connect with each other and community friends. Our get together will start at 10:00 am, with set up at 9:15 am. Please join us! If you can help out please let Joni know (jsmith@standrewshespeler).

Coming Up at St. Andrew's Hespeler

Sunday, December 1: The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Sunday, December 1: First Sunday of Advent, the start of our Advent Mission project.

Monday, December 2: Child babysit so parents can go shopping
5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Tuesday, December 3: Kick off of our Annual Giving Tuesday Campaign, plan to join us here at 10:00 am

Tuesday, December 12: New Hope Friends group Christmas Social 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Saturday, December 21: Longest Night Service—7:30 pm

+ more Keep watching your bulletins and emails for more events and special dates

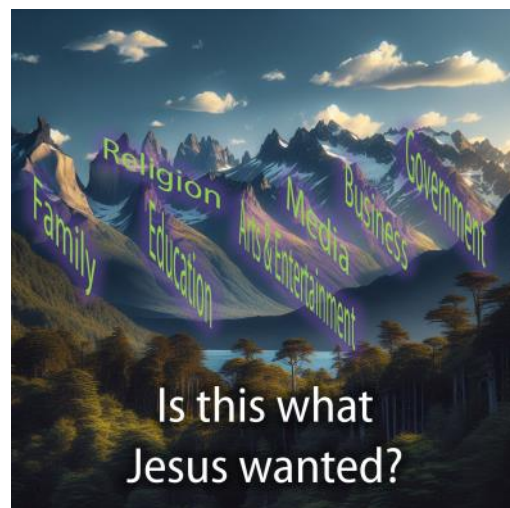
Spotlight on Outreach ...

For many years a goal of St. Andrew's has been to reach out to the community and serve wherever we are needed. Spotlight on Outreach will be a multi week feature highlighting some of the amazing work that is done through St. Andrew's.

This week's highlight is the Mobile Food Market, brought to us by Cambridge Food Bank. The Mobile Market is new to St. Andrew's this year. Each Wednesday Patrick brings the Mobile Market to the parking lot of St. Andrew's. The Mobile Market is for everyone to purchase their fresh vegetables and fruits. All fresh food is sourced by local farmers (when in season). Those who can afford to pay \$10 or more for their bag of fresh foods support others who need some help paying for their groceries. We have two regular volunteers from the Hespeler community who help each week.

Come and check out the Mobile Market on Wednesdays from 12:30—1:30 pm.

Next Week's Sermon:



DAILY PRAYERS

The Presbyterian Church in Canada



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

Sunday, November 17 (Legacy Giving Sunday)

We pray for all the people in congregations who leave a legacy gift—a bequest, a charitable gift annuity, a gift of life insurance—so that we may have vibrant

Monday, November 18 (Restorative Justice Week, Nov. 17-23) We give thanks for the Church Council on Justice and Corrections, and its work to support healing for people and communities harmed by crime, fear and system injustices.

Tuesday, November 19 We pray for those who lack access to proper sanitation and for PWS&D programs that are working to provide water, sanitation and hygiene measures.

Wednesday, November 20 (Trans Day of Remembrance) We remember those who have died because of transphobic violence. We lament the church's role in contributing to prejudice and hatred of transgender people and commit to working for a future where trans people can flourish.

Thursday, November 21 We pray for chaplains in hospitals and long-term care homes as they continue to provide comfort, offer hope, and minister during moments that matter.

Friday, November 22 We pray for the four Women's Missionary Society members travelling to Nepal to learn about the work it supports there.

Saturday, November 23 We pray for PCC staff and committees who help and walk with the leaders of the Indigenous ministries of the PCC.

Mission Moment: November 17

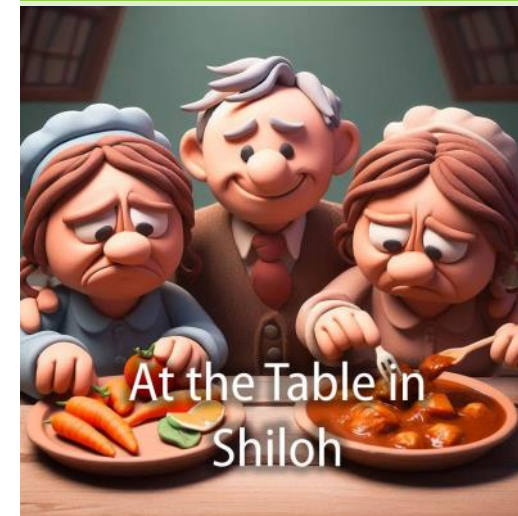
With support from Presbyterians Sharing, Action Réfugiés Montréal



provides hope and assistance to refugees through social programming, sponsorship, and raising awareness of refugee rights. The organization operates the popular "Twinning Program," which pairs newly arrived refugee women with women already residing in Montreal. Through frequent meetings and group activities, these "twins" forge bonds of friendship and solidarity. The program plays a crucial role in mitigating isolation and addressing barriers that these women encounter in their daily lives.



St. Andrew's Hespeler Presbyterian Church November 17, 2024 26th Sunday after Pentecost



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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: Prelude by J.C. Kittel

Call to Worship

L: The God of wisdom calls us to worship;

P: In humility, we gather to offer our thanks and praise.

L: The God of peace calls us to let go of our cares and worries;

P: In faith, we turn to God for hope and guidance.

L: The God of past, present and future welcomes us into this moment;

P: In joy, we celebrate life in God's presence!

L: Let us worship God together.

P: Hallelujah! Let us praise the Lord!

Hymn #410 Joyful, joyful we adore you

Prayer of approach:

L: Lord of goodness and life, we in wonder and awe, eager to praise your name. You are the source of all that is good and true, the essence of your love. You bring gifts of peace and healing into troubled lives. You show us the way to love friend and enemy alike, and how to build a better world together. In this time of worship, inspire us to believe our work in Jesus' name makes a difference. So may we live to bring you glory, O God, for the sake of Christ our Lord, now and always.

Laying Down our Burdens

1 Samuel 1:4-20

⁴On the day when Elkanah sacrificed, he would give portions to his wife Peninnah and to all her sons and daughters, ⁵but to Hannah he gave a double portion because he loved her, though the Lord had closed her womb. ⁶Her rival used to provoke her severely, to irritate her, because the Lord had closed her womb. ⁷So it went on year by year; as often as she went up to the house of the Lord, she used to provoke her. Therefore Hannah wept and would not eat. ⁸Her husband Elkanah said to her, "Hannah, why do you weep? Why do you not eat? Why is your heart sad? Am I not more to you than ten sons?"

⁹After they had eaten and drunk at Shiloh, Hannah rose and presented herself before the Lord. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat beside the doorpost of the temple of the Lord. ¹⁰She was deeply distressed and prayed to the Lord and wept bitterly. ¹¹She made this vow: "O Lord of hosts, if only you will look on the misery of your servant and remember me and not forget your servant but will give to your servant a male child, then I will set him before you as a nazirite until the day of his death. He shall drink neither wine nor intoxicants, and no razor shall touch his head."

¹²As she continued praying before the Lord, Eli observed her mouth. ¹³Hannah was praying silently; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard; therefore Eli thought she was drunk. ¹⁴So Eli said to her, "How long will you make a drunken spectacle of yourself? Put away your wine." ¹⁵But Hannah answered, "No, my lord, I am a woman deeply troubled; I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but I have been pouring out my soul before the Lord. ¹⁶Do not regard your servant as a worthless woman, for I have been speaking out of my great anxiety and vexation all this time." ¹⁷Then Eli answered, "Go in peace; the God of Israel grant the petition you have made to him." ¹⁸And she said, "Let your servant find favour in your sight." Then the woman went her way and ate and drank with her husband, and her countenance was sad no longer.

¹⁹They rose early in the morning and worshiped before the LORD; then they went back to their house at Ramah. Elkanah knew his wife Hannah, and the LORD remembered her. ²⁰In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, "I have asked him of the LORD."

1 Samuel 2:1-10

L: Hannah prayed and said, "My heart exults in the LORD; my strength is exalted in my God.

P: My mouth derides my enemies because I rejoice in your victory.

L: There is no Holy One like the LORD,

P: no one besides you; there is no Rock like our God.

L: Talk no more so very proudly;

P: let not arrogance come from your mouth,

L: for the LORD is a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed.

P: The bows of the mighty are broken, but the feeble gird on strength.

L: Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread,

P: but those who were hungry are fat with spoil.

L: The barren has borne seven,

P: but she who has many children is forlorn.

L: The LORD kills and brings to life;

P: he brings down to Sheol and raises up.

L: The LORD makes poor and makes rich;

P: he brings low; he also exalts.

L: He raises up the poor from the dust; he lifts the needy from the ash heap

P: to make them sit with princes and inherit a seat of honour.

L: For the pillars of the earth are the LORD's,

P: and on them he has set the world.

L: He will guard the feet of his faithful ones,

P: but the wicked will perish in darkness, for not by might does one prevail.

L: The LORD! His adversaries will be shattered;

P: the Most High will thunder in heaven.

L: The Lord will judge the ends of the earth;

P: he will give strength to his king and exalt the power of his anointed."

Mark 13:1-8 Read by Jane Bennett

Hymn #631 Jesus' hands were kind hands

Family Time

Life and Work of the Church

Celebration of our Generosity

Offertory: The Solid Rock by Joyce Jones

Sermon: A Dish with One Spoon

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

Hymn #635 Brother, sister, let me serve you

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: Toccata by G. Frescobaldi

The plant in the sanctuary today is placed by Ken & Patrice Wappler in loving memory of Patrice's mother Olive Aitcheson who passed away 50 years ago November 22 1974

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

Worship Assistant: Steve Marsh

Organist: Martin Bohl

Tech Team: Dylan Smith & Laura Einwechter

Sunday School: Lori Marsh

Greeter: Sylvia Brooks

Beadle: Jean Godin

This Week at St. Andrew's Hespeler

Tuesday: Hope Clothing 9:30—11:00 am

Tuesday: Session/Deacon callout (zoom) - 7:00 pm

Wednesday: Mobile Food Market 12:30—1:30 pm

Wednesday: Sanctuary Decorating group—morning

Thursday: Hope Clothing Noon—2:00 pm

Thursday: Book Club discussion—7:00 pm

Annual Advent Mission Project is about to begin!

Our annual Advent Mission Project will launch on Sunday, December 1st. If you can help us stock St. Andrew's Pantry shelves with canned food items, toilet paper, Kleenex, cleaning supplies, personal hygiene items, etc. we would appreciate it. Last year your contributions lasted until late April! These extra items are very much appreciated by members of our community. If you have questions please speak with Joni (jsmith@standrewshespeler.ca)