

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

Worship Assistant: Sylvia Brooks
Organist: Martin Bohl
Tech Team: Dylan Smith & Laura Einwechter
Sunday School: Lori Marsh
Greeter: Lynn Platt
Beadle: Vern Platt

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
Sunday, December 8: Congregational Meeting (re. Amalgamation) following worship.
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

Community Highlight ...

... This week's highlight is on **The House of Friendship**, One of programs at the House of Friendship that St. Andrew's supports is the **Family Outreach Program**.

The Family Outreach Program is a community-based program created to prevent and reduce child poverty throughout Waterloo Region. Found in multiple locations, Family Outreach Workers support parents to meet their families' basic needs by brainstorming solutions together, connecting them with resources and when necessary providing direct supports.

Samantha Allard is the Family Outreach Worker who helps families in Hespeler. Samantha can often be seen here on Thursdays meeting with families. We provide an important central meeting place for Samantha and families. Through Samantha's connections with families in need or in crisis we are often able to provide more families with food and clothing. Working together enables all of us to provide more resources to families in Hespeler.

DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, November 24 (Reign of Christ) Almighty and everlasting God, wrapped in glory; as you are compassionate, make us kind; as you are just, make us doers of justice; as you are one, unite us in the name of Christ who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Monday, November 25 (International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women) We pray for the healing and wellbeing of women who experience violence. May God's unfailing love guide our actions to build more equitable and just communities where all women may flourish and violence is ended.

Tuesday, November 26 We pray for the people, ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Niagara.

Wednesday, November 27 We pray for those seeking God's light and warmth on personal spiritual retreats at Crieff Hills Retreat Centre, that God might meet them in moments of comfort and inspiration.

Thursday, November 28 We pray for the Christian Medical Association of India and for Dr. Priya John, General Secretary, as they work towards building a just and healthy society and serve the church in its ministry of healing.

Friday, November 29 We give thanks and pray for coaches involved in Cyclical PCC and the New Beginnings program who help ministers continue Christ's ministry in new ways.

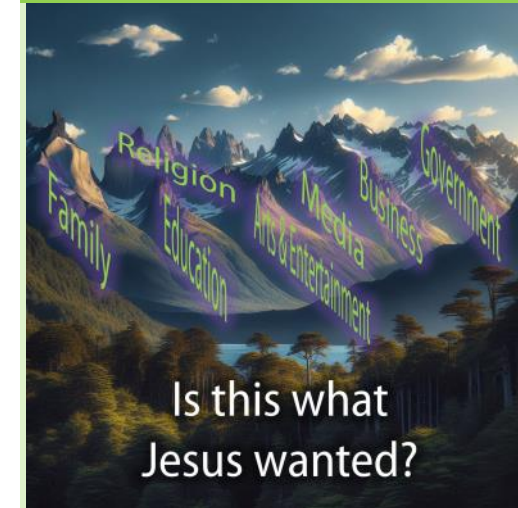
Saturday, November 30 We pray for the Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee as it encourages Presbyterians to understand and appreciate other faith traditions, and to live in good relationship with people of other faiths.

Mission Moment: November 24

In Nicaragua, Urania is a 27-year-old mother who has many goals that she has not been able to achieve since becoming pregnant at the age of 17. Forced to drop out of high school, she dedicated herself to working to give her daughter the best. Now a single mother of two girls, earning an income has become increasingly difficult. With the support of PWS&D's local partner, who is working to empower young women and girls, Urania was able to start a café business. This initiative provides an income, as well as a flexible schedule that allows her to accompany her daughters in school and activities. She resumed her high school studies, improved her self-esteem and feels like an example for many young women.



St. Andrew's Hespeler Presbyterian Church November 24, 2024 Reign of Christ Sunday



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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: Softly and Tenderly by Lani Smith

Call to Worship

L: Say among the nations, God reigns.

P: Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice!

L: The Lord is coming to judge the earth.

P: God will judge the world with righteousness and truth.

L: So let us worship God with praise and honour.

P: We will offer God our gratitude for all that God has done.

Hymn #267 Rejoice, the Lord is King

1. Rejoice, the Lord is King; your sovereign Lord adore;
give thanks, O mortals, sing and triumph evermore.

Lift up your heart; lift up your voice; rejoice, again I say, rejoice.

2. For Christ the Saviour reigns, the God of truth and love; when Jesus purged our stains, he took his seat above. Lift up your heart; lift up your voice; rejoice, again I say, rejoice.
3. His reign can never fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven: the keys of death and hell are to our Saviour given. Lift up your heart; lift up your voice; rejoice, again I say, rejoice.
4. He sits at God's right hand till all his foes submit and bow to his command and fall beneath his feet. Lift up your heart; lift up your voice, rejoice, again I say, rejoice.
5. Rejoice in glorious hope, for Christ the Judge shall come and take the faithful up to their eternal home. We soon shall hear the archangel's voice; the trump of God shall sound: rejoice.

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Prayer of approach:

L: God whose power is love, In Jesus Christ, you tipped the world upside down. You revealed your strength through compassion, and your power through his surrender to the Cross. In Christ, we trust that no set back or hopeless situation can prevent your glory from shining forth. This day we offer you our love and loyalty in his name. With your Spirit of love, turn the world upside down again, so that mercy prevails over those who would rule by force, and truth triumphs over the world's deceptions. All honour and blessing be yours, Holy One, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, world without end.

Amen.

Laying Down our Burdens

John 18:33-37 Read by Elaine

Psalm 93

L: The LORD is king; he is robed in majesty;

P: the LORD is robed; he is girded with strength.

L: He has established the world; it shall never be moved;

P: your throne is established from of old; you are from everlasting.

L: The floods have lifted up, O LORD, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their roaring.

P: More majestic than the thunders of mighty waters, more majestic than the waves of the sea, majestic on high is the LORD!

L: Your decrees are very sure;

P: holiness befits your house, O LORD, forevermore.

Hymn #266 King of Kings

King of kings and Lord of lords, glory, hallelujah!

King of kings and Lord of lords, glory, hallelujah!

Jesus, Prince of Peace, glory, hallelujah!

Jesus, Prince of Peace, glory, hallelujah!

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Family Time

Life and Work of the Church

Celebration of our Generosity

Offertory: This is my Father's World (Sung by Jane Bennett)

Sermon: Is this what Jesus wanted?

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

Hymn #274 Crown him with many crowns

1. Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon the throne: hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own! Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died to be your Saviour and your matchless King through all eternity.
2. Crown him the Son of God, before the worlds began; let all who tread where he has trod, crown him the Son of Man, who every grief has known that wrings the human breast, and takes and bears them for his own, that all in him may rest.
3. Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave, and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save. His glories now we sing who died and rose on high, who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
4. Crown him the Lord of peace whose kingdom is at hand; from pole to pole let warfare cease and Christ rule every land! A city stands on high; Christ's glory it displays, and there the nations Holy cry in joyful hymns of praise.
5. Crown him the Lord of years, the Source, the End of time, Creator of the rolling spheres in majesty sublime. All hail. Redeemer, hail, for you have died for me; your praise shall never, never fail through all eternity!

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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: Recessional by Gordon Young

Our offices are heated by electric registers which take a long time to heat up the space. Because of this, our staff often use electric space heaters to keep their feet warm. One of those heaters died this week. Before shopping for a replacement, we thought we would ask if anyone has a space heater that they are not using that they would be willing to donate.

This Week at St. Andrew's Hespeler

- Tuesday: Hope Clothing 9:30—11:00 am
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 Wednesday: Mobile Food Market 12:30—1:30 pm
 Thursday: Hope Clothing Noon—2:00 pm
 Saturday: Hope Clothing 10 am—Noon

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)

Orders for Fundscrip cards for November need to be handed in today. November specials include Winners, HomeSense, Marshall's and Petro Canada.

There will be another opportunity order gift cards in mid-December for Christmas giving.



Come Celebrate with Us!

We will be kicking off our annual Giving Tuesday campaign on Tuesday, December 3rd at 10:00 am.

You are warmly invited to join us for hot chocolate & cookies. You'll have a chance to tour Hope Clothing and our Food Bank Room, learn about St. Andrew's Pantry, the Mobile Food Market, Cambridge Food Bank, the House of Friendship's Family Outreach Program, Kinbridge and more. Come out and talk with representatives from all of these organizations. You might even meet one (or more) of our amazing volunteers, without whom none of these programs would be possible here.

We also need some help! Are you able to help make hot chocolate, supply cookies, help set up, serve, welcome guests, etc? Please speak with Joni if you can help. Thank you!

Next Week's Sermon:

